

Dear Member,

The 22 January meeting was well attended, 16 in the Hall, 3 on Zoom and 1 Apology.

## **1. Welcome and Announcements**

### **1.1 Simple Membership email system**

The Committee are using the email addresses held by the SIMPLE membership system to send Photography Group communications to members.

Neither the committee or member will see the email address of other members.

If a member finds our Photography Group emails going into their trash, add the sender of these emails to their Safe Senders list.

### **1.2 Competition Photos entries reduced from 3 to 2.**

Each member may submit up to 2 photos into each competition.

Each member will still have 3 votes for each competition.

### **1.3 Connecting via Zoom to our Group meetings**

The Zoom link is the same for all our meetings

If the Zoom Link printed in the email or document does not work, then join our meeting using Meeting ID: **832 8794 9373 b**

## **2. Presentation**

### **2.1 "Photographing water in its many forms". by Andrew Longhurst**

*"Water is all around us, how do we stop it being boring" - said Andrew.*

Andrew show many examples of water and how its forms might be photographed.

- Rivers, canals, framing with trees or bridges, ripples on the surface of water
- Early morning or late at night, reflections, raining, puzzle pictures
- Action perhaps a water skier
- Shutter speed setting
  - 1/160 moving water seems natural
  - 1/640 captures single drops of water
  - 1/6 merges water into streaked curtains
- Waterfalls need not be large, small ones are also good
- Rain and mist requires back-lighting to show their appearance
- Dawn and evening reflections on water
- Snow with pets and animals
- Steam from kettles, Spectrum splitting in soap bubbles
- Effect of water on surfaces and animals

Andrew summarized his presentation with

- Have a subject or point of interest
- Capture movement
- Use light effects
- Get outside when most people are indoors
- Spectrum splitting
- Complimentary backgrounds
- Look for secondary effects of water, on animals for instance

**3. Competition Results - Festivals - 33 Entries**

Photographer	Title - Festivals	Pos	Tot	Comments
Steve Binysh	It never snows at Christmas	1	8	Very true. Captures valiant attempts at Christmas festivities. Good reflections show the effect of rain
Margaret Dorigan	Follow the Leader	2	7	Has an of mystery. lovely areas of colours
Steve Binysh	Raindeer	2	7	Very good viewpoint - Sparkle of reindeer enhanced when viewed through out-of-focus figure
Karol Schlachter	Windsor at Christmas	3	6	Good composition. St Edwards Crown, Windsor castle, Christmas tree and people enjoying evening
Mark Buckingham	Santa Run	4	5	Scene at Brighton. Many are needed at Christmas to deliver all those presents.
Andrew Longhurst	Big Ted, Small Girl	5	4	Very sharp Ted, and small girl is delighted
Margaret Dorigan	Blenheim Light Trail	5	4	One's eye likes to linger on these lights, going from right to left and then repeating
Andrew Longhurst	Field End Farm Lights	5	4	Lovely bold display.
Janet Nicolas	London Arcade	5	4	Sharp delicate lines, harmonious array of light and pillars.
Karol Schlachter	Waiting for Lunch	5	4	An attractive dining table a scene repeated in many homes repeated
M Bibi	Childhood Christmas	6	3	A cute scene viewed through a window.
Denise Buckingham	Getting Ready for Christmas Day	6	3	Looks like a horde of Santa racing towards their sleighs and reindeer to deliver presents.
Janet Nicolas	Christmas Spirit	6	3	Fun idea for a photo. Drink that lot and one would have to crawl up the stairs
Janet Nicolas	Fortnum and Mason's Xmas Window	6	3	Colourful display
Margaret Dorigan	Reflections	6	3	Lovely colours and reflections
Steve Binysh	Starry Lovers_Of_Newman	6	3	Good composition
Mark Buckingham	The Churchill at Christmas	6	3	Very colourful
Norma Shirley	Welcome 2024	6	3	Very topical

Norma Shirley	Where is the Snow	6	3	Good point, where is it
Sue Finch	Happy 2024 Hats	7	1	Very appropriate entry. Sue spent some time arranging the hats on their shelf
Sue Finch	Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays	7	1	Scene inn a New York Hotel
Jothy Rainbow	Tree decoration	7	1	A Very sweet decoration
Ian Brown	Christmas Gallopers		0	
Ian Brown	Christmas in Norfolk		0	
Sue Finch	It's Panto Time .. Oh no it isn't		0	
Elizabeth Curran	Nutcracker 23		0	
Jothy Rainbow	Nymans at christmas		0	
Jothy Rainbow	Nymans christmas table decorationb		0	
M Bibi	Open Invitation		0	
M Bibi	Racing Festival		0	
Norma Shirley	Smile		0	
Ian Brown	Thursford Christmas Spectacular		0	
Karol Schlachter	Windsor Childrens Art		0	

**4. Competition Results - Shot of the Month - 43 Entries**

Photographer	Title - Shot of the Month	Pos	Tot	BH-Comments
Elizabeth Curran	All lit up	1	13	Has impact. Detailed, sharp, in dark background
Karol Schlachter	A Tubingen morning	2	12	Lovely scene, excellent reflections
Janet Nicolas	Late Leaves in Ruislip	2	12	Good lighting, leaves look so realistic
Sue Finch	Andalusian View	3	8	Has impact. Gives a strong sense of Andalusia
Denise Buckingham	The Gardian	4	7	Good composition, details and reflection
Margaret Dorigan	A 'Novel' Tree	5	4	"Christmas Tree" of 3,800 books" built by Hatchards in Kings Cross station
Andrew Longhurst	Auria Model Glider	5	4	Has impact with only two main colours.
Karol Schlachter	Evening Reflections	5	4	Well-lit night time scene.
Steve Binysh	Double Rainbow	6	3	Good riverside scene. The Rainbows frame a very detailed river frontage
Mark Buckingham	Night Pathway	6	3	Very atmospheric. Would you walk alone through here?
Karol Schlachter	The Tubingen Kingfisher	6	3	Striking and colourful photo.
Steve Binysh	Sense of Humour	7	2	Makes one smile. A bit different from the normal snowman
Sue Finch	Spanish Cat	7	2	Hola gata español. Good detail in the eyes, catchlight and fur
Jothy Rainbow	Sunset in Nottingham	7	2	Lovely colours in this sky
Elizabeth Curran	Bridged	8	1	Unusual. This bridge will slide to one side to allow boats to sail through.
Sue Finch	Linford Christie 100m Gold Medalist	8	1	Shows Linford Christie to have a welcoming personality
Elizabeth Curran	Mansion House	8	1	Bright clean colours, looks a very nice place to live
Brian Hillier	Oak leaves hanging on	8	1	Simple, bright colours, I did remove some unwanted twigs
Norma Shirley	Red Rose 2023	8	1	The rose petals have a lovely velvet texture, and leaves are out of focus
Margaret Dorigan	A Winter Walk		0	

M Bibi	Abandoned street		0	
Denise Buckingham	Animals of the Woods		0	
Norma Shirley	Astroemerias - Peruvian lillies		0	
Brian Hillier	Autumn Carpet		0	
Ian Brown	Big Ben Tower		0	
Steve Binysh	Bird Lady		0	
M Bibi	Black Beauties		0	
Margaret Dorigan	Blenheim Christmas Market		0	
Dave Swan	Collage of Kefalonia Greece		0	
M Bibi	Dark Shades		0	
Jothy Rainbow	Dry Flowers Arrangement		0	
Mark Buckingham	Elephant and Castle		0	
Brian Hillier	Fox coming out of the wood		0	
Janet Nicolas	Frameless		0	
Denise Buckingham	Getting ready for Christmas Day		0	
Ian Brown	Houses of Parliament		0	
Norma Shirley	I Feel Good		0	
Jothy Rainbow	Ice Sculptures		0	
Mark Buckingham	Just off Centre		0	
Denise Buckingham	Memorial to Miners		0	
Janet Nicolas	Poppies Expanded		0	
Ian Brown	Public Opinion		0	
Andrew Longhurst	Run for Fun		0	

**6. Agenda for our meeting on 26 February**

Presentation-> "**Portraiture**" by Brian Hillier

Competition -> "**Water in any of its many forms**"  
and -----> "**Shot of the Month**"

**7. Important Dates**

- *Mon 12 Feb - Committee meeting 3pm*
- *Sun. 18 Feb - Submission of up to 2 entries for each competition*
- *Sat. 24 Feb - Submission of 3 votes for each competition*
- *Mon 26 Feb - Photography Group Meeting*

**8. To see past presentations and competitions**

Tony Kemp updates our U3A Web pages very quickly .  
Follow these links top view them

- U3A Hillingdon -> Groups -> Photography -> then
  - Competitions - 2016 to 2023 Gallery
  - Photography Meetings
  - Photography Presentations
  - Shot of the Month - 2018 to 2023 Gallery

**9. Thank you to**

- Andrew Longhurst for his excellent presentation
- Andy Austin for taking the attendance register
- Anna and Judy for Teas and Coffees

The meeting ended promptly at 4pm.

Kind regards,  
Brian Hillier  
Photography Group Leader