

Dear Member,

The 23 January meeting was well attended with 20 in the Hall, 5 on Zoom and 6 Apologies.

1. Welcome

We welcomed new members, Denise and Mark Buckingham, Norma Shirley

2. Cloud Usage for Photographers - by Brian

- Photographers' PCs have a limited storage capacity and need backup
- Cloud can provide extra storage, backup and security for photographers
- Cloud storage can only be accessed via an Internet connection
- Photographer uploads photos to Cloud, which has automatic back-ups
- The photographer or colleagues can work on photos in Cloud from any location
- Photos can be viewed by those invited to do so
- Also, do back-up your photos to personal external hard disk or USB memory.

3. Competition Results - JOY - 27 Entries

Here are the photos with their position, votes and comments made by members.

JOY	Photographer	Pos	Tot	Comments
Grandpa gets his orders!	Andrew Longhurst	1	25	Charming photo of a child showing love for Grandpa
My first panto	Alan Stack	2	17	Child is enjoying the panto and the lights add a magical glow
David with his Christingles	Brian Hillier	3	6	A much older child enjoying the occasion with lovely colour of the oranges and sweets
Yummy	Ralph Watson	3	6	This lady is really enjoying this ice-cream and in winter too.
Toucan and friends	Ian Brown	3	6	This child is really engrossed with playing with her Toucan glove puppet to an audience of gnomes.
A Joy to Hug	Brian Hillier	4	4	Two appealing cuddly toys appear to be enjoying each-others company
Christmas Morning	Andrew Longhurst	4	4	The two children are clearly expressing delight, joy and surprise when opening their presents.
One for Sorrow Two for Joy	Karol Schlacher	4	4	Karol has used the the Magpie rhyme, one for sorrow, two for JOY , Rest is 3-girl, 4-boy,5-silver, 6-gold, 7-storey, 8-wish, 9-kiss, 10-bird, you must not miss
The Joy of an Early Spring	Karol Schlachter	4	4	A splendid array of colourful plants. By the way the Robin is stuffed.
Christmas lights, Blenheim style	Mick Madigan	5	3	The Son et Lumiere at Blenheim Palace has lovely changing colours.
The Joy of Christmas	Karol Schlachter	5	3	These two older lads are certainly enjoying Christmas Spirit and making a spectacle of themselves.
Yum yum	Margaet Dorrigan	5	3	Nicely composed, well-lit night scene, with three people waiting to enjoy one of France's favourite snacks.
All Good Fun	Susan Madigan	6	2	The spectators face show Joy as they watch the ceremony of crossing the Artic circle.
Homes under the window	Alan Stack	6	2	Alan enjoyed arranging all these houses into a housing estate. Where did he get them all from?

Christmas Beadwork (by one of us)	Andrew Longhurst	6	2	Good colourful composition. The colours are tiny beads sewn onto the fabric.
The Joy of Motherhood	Ralph Watson	7	1	Shows a tender moment when the pup is bonding with its mother.
The joy of understanding F stops & ISO + shutter speed	Ian Brown	7	1	Ian enjoyed experimenting with f-stops, and found that f29 gave a Depth of Field where all the scene was in focus.

JOY - Those scoring no points	
A Bird's Joy	Mina Bibi
Crossing the Arctic Circle 1	Susan Madigan
Crossing the Arctic Circle 2	Mick Madigan
Fun for all in Windsor Great Park	Margaret Dorrigan
Grand Children	Ian Brown
Joy of innocence	Mina Bibi
JOY-Ho-HO-HUM	Brian Hillier
Oh...deer	Margaret Dorrigan
Through the window	Alan Stack
Wow, is that really a Christmas tree?	Mick Madigan

4. Competition Results - Shot of the Month - 27 Entries

Here are the photos with their position, votes and comments made by members.

SHOT OF THE MONTH	Photographer	Pos	Tot	Comments
Icy No Fly Zone	Brian Hillier	1	10	No flies will be caught in this tangled icy web
Tromso	Susan Madigan	2	9	A high viewpoint shows very well the extent of Tromso surrounded by mountains
Aspiring	Ralph Watson	3	8	The wide range of tones gives this photo impact. Its title suggests a pun is involved
Boiling Fungus	Andrew Longhurst	3	8	This fungus certainly appears to be a boiling seething mass.
Frosty Rose Hips	Andrew Longhurst	3	8	The frost covered rose hips are thrown into focus by the background of bokum.
Frost on Euonymus	Brian Hillier	3	8	A pleasing image that could be found in any garden during icy weather.
Kestrel	Ian Brown	4	7	The Kestrel is well placed in the photo, with a glint in its eye and great detail in the feathers.
Cromer-Seal-Pup	Ralph Watson	5	5	This seal pup has great appeal, with the face in sharp focus and a good crop.

Friendly Garden Parakeet	Andrew Longhurst	5	5	Lovely colours with very good detail in the feathers
Heads up (grey Heron)	Ian Brown	5	5	Excellent detail of this heron, with a pleasing background of muted browns
Cromer-Pier	Ralph Watson	6	3	A very good photo of the pier with strong clouds above and powerful wave crests below.
In a lavvu with the Sami people	Mick Madigan	6	3	Visitors experiencing the hospitality of a traditional Lapland lavva. Apparently they did not stay the night.
Lofoten Islands	Mick Madigan	6	3	Very dramatic photo. The kayakers and houses are overlooked by huge towering mountains.
A Sunny Winters Day	Karol Schlachter	7	2	A strong image that shows how powerful waves are eroding the groynes and low cliffs
Christmas Tree!	Tony Mitchel	7	2	An intriguing ghostly photo. White lights appear to have been sprayed on the tree.
Winter Welcome	Alan Stack	7	,	A good welcome sign, appropriate for the wintery conditions
Winter Sunshine 2	Alan Stack	7	2	Pleasing well composed photo showing that it can be sunny in Winter. Shadows draw one into the phorto
Christmas lights	Susan Madigan	8	1	Lovely colourful scene for visitors to Blenheim Palace
Dereliction	Karol Schlachter	8	1	Karol has captured a variety of textures in this rotting beach hut that perhaps was once a successful airbnb
Ferry from Cowes	Carol Mitchel	8	1	Pleasing composition. The eye is drawn to the Red Funnel ferry.
Reine	Susan Madigan	8	1	Strong image, huge mountains, rough rocks in foreground, Reine present but not dominating the scene

SHOT OF THE MONTH - Those scoring no points	
Downhill	Janet Nicholas
Fall-y-down building in Tromso	Mick Madigan
Reflections (Barrows Golden Eye)	Ian Brown
The Cold Table	Brian Hillier
Windy Shore	Karol Schlachter
Winter Sunshine 1	Alan Stack

6. Technical problems at the meeting

6.1 The Projector Mode had been set for back projection

When we switched it ON, the display was upside down and from right to left

We had to change to **Front projection** by;

- Press Menu
- Select Main Option - Extended
- Select Second Option - Projector
- Select Third Option - Front

7. Google Photo Album and How to Resize Photos to fill the Google Album Frame

It may be useful to become familiar with Google Albums and how to create them then you can;

- Test how your competition photos fill the screen
- Create albums for family events or a club's activity
- Invite your friends to see the album
- There is no need to print photos or email to friends.

On 21 March 2021 there were two presentations about these topics

7.1 Using "Google Photos" "Photo Albums" by John Allen

This can be viewed using the link

- <https://u3asites.org.uk/files/h/hillingdon/docs/google-photo-albums-v5.pdf>

7.2 Cropping and Sizing Photos for Google Photo Album - By Brian Hillier

This can be viewed using the link

"<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/h/hillingdon/docs/cropandresizeforcompetitionuse.pdf>

8. To see past presentations and competitions

Tony has updated the U3A Website with the Presentation and winning photos.

To see these on the U3A web site, follow these links

- <https://u3asites.org.uk/hillingdon/>
- Then-> Groups -> Photography
- Competitions - 2016 to 2023 Gallery
- Photography Meetings
- Photography Presentations
- Shot of the Month - 2018 to 2023 Gallery

9. Our next Photography meeting will be Monday 27 February 2023

Presentation will be "*What Judges look for when judging Photos*" by Ralph

The Main competition theme is "**THREE**"

Also there will be "*Shot of the Month*"

10. Finally, thank you to Judy and Malcolm for preparing Teas and Coffees.

The meeting ended promptly at 4pm.

Kind regards,

Brian Hillier

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