

# U3A Digital Photo Group Meeting Report – August 2020

Good afternoon.

Unfortunately, no-one has been able to volunteer to organise an off-site photo-shoot and I am still unable to do myself due to the issues with my knee (*I had a cortisone injection in it last week and the inflammation & pain are now slightly reduced, but I don't yet feel capable of leading an excursion like that*).

Therefore, I regret to announce that the **anticipated shoot next week now has had to be cancelled**, but it is hoped that we can organise the next “normal” meeting via Zoom on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**.

Nevertheless, the August competitions are still going ahead as follows:

## **August On-line Competition – “Post Lockdown Adventures”**

Now that members are getting “out and about” more (hopefully, a lot more), opportunities for shooting photos outside your houses and gardens should be getting more frequent and wider – therefore take the opportunities to get shots to send in.

*(BTW: please try not to send in “very similar” shots for this competition and the one below!)*

## **August “Your Shot of the Month”**

“Normal rules” – “anything goes” as long it is well composed and executed.

However, I would like to remind you that, due to the “problems” that some members’ emails with entry shots have been causing me, I’m asking some of you to change how you send shots to me & thus:

1. **3 (max)** entries for each competition, no file size limits, & please give the titles for each shot – preferably as parts of the file names - **in the emails with the shots**.
2. **NEW: IF** you forget to include ***EITHER*** the **image files** ***OR*** the **titles** in the first email, then please **RESEND the WHOLE email with BOTH the image files AND the titles in it**.
3. **NEW: SEPARATE emails for the entries in each competition**, i.e. **ONE** email for your entries in the monthly “themed” competition, and **ANOTHER ONE** for entries in “Your Shot of the Month” = **2 emails!**
4. **NEW:** If you submit entries for other people as well as yourself, then **SEPARATE emails for the entries from each person** – thus, **if two people are submitting shots for both competitions then that’s 2x2= 4 emails!**

Sorry about having to “impose” these “rules”- but they are to try to avoid the issues encountered in previous months (*e.g. wrong titles shown on Google Photos &/or Voting Forms, photos in the wrong competitions – or even completely missing – all of which resulted in complaints from yourselves, and a lot more work for me to try correct the issues and send out new Voting Forms etc.!*).

**NB: The entry deadline for both of the August competitions is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Thanks in advance.

John

**And on behalf of the other members of the Steering Committee: Brian Hillier, Judy Peddie and Andrew Longhurst!**