

Dear Member,

The 24 June meeting had 14 members in the Hall, 1 on Zoom, and 4 apologies.

## 1. Announcements

### 1.1 RAF Northolt - Night Shoot - 3 Oct 2024 - 19:30 to 21:30 - £30 Tickets now available

- Available from -> phillip.dawe@btinternet.com
- Search internet for more details on RAF Northolt Night Shoot

### 1.2 Important Dates - 22 July 2024 - Group Meeting

- Presentation "**Graphic Design**" by Andrew Longhurst and Brian Hillier
- Themed comp will be> "**Z - the letter or shape of subject**" - and "**Shot of the Month**"
- Submit entries by midnight Sunday 14 July
- Submit votes by midnight Saturday 22 July

## 2. Presentation - "**Artificial Intelligence in Photography**" - by Steve Binysh

*My summary below indicates some of what Steve presented in his excellent presentation*

AI systems are computer systems that;

- Have been trained to learn and solve problems almost like a person
- Have analysed enormous amounts of data and identified patterns.
- Can carry out spoken commands, e.g. Alexa or Siri
- Can respond as "Call centre agents"
- Can act as Teachers, students can follow the course at their own pace
- Can identify objects in photographs, or facial recognition
- Can be commanded to generate Reports, presentations, pictures
  - AI carries out the "spade work"
  - The author then adjusts the AI work for emphasis
- And allow the development of driver-less vehicles
- Improve the performance of cameras, and machines

I tried "Google Gemini AI" and it gave a satisfactory results

- Typed in "Write a report on Graphic design" - It generated 6 slides
- Typed in "Photo of dog driving a car"



Why not search for other free AI apps e.g. Copilot, PicsArt, Craiyon, and try some of them

**3. Competition Theme - Black and White-** chaired by Andrew

<b>U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - 24 June 2024 - 20 Entries</b>			
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Title - Black &amp; White</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Tot</b>
Brian Hillier	St Marys Church Princes Risborough <i>Brian thought it depicted a fictional English village of the 1920's where the "Just William" stories took place.</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>
Ian Brown	Can you tell I'm in black and white <i>Members thought it matched very well the title of the competition.</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
Brian Hillier	Hope Sprigs(Springs) Eternal <i>The tree had been very heavily pruned yet the little sprigs showed the powerful force of life.</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
Margaret Dorigan	Wind Power <i>An excellent photo of a Dutch pillar wind mill that appeared to adjust the water levels in the dykes.</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
Gary Cooper	Stonehenge	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Andrew Longhurst	Galleon Andalucia bw	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Denise Buckingham	Penny for your thoughts	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Denise Buckingham	Street Art - Portugal Art Festival	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Margaret Dorigan	Those Were the Days	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Mike Briskman	Yarborough Monument IOW	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Andrew Longhurst	Nice Trip	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
Sue Finch	Zebra	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
Mark Buckingham	Picasso's Chicken Wire	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
Karol Schlachter	The Polish Cavalier	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
Mike Briskman	Carisbroke Castle IOW	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Ian Brown	Corfe Castle	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Norma Shirley	Mallard Taking Refuge	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Sue Finch	Number 7	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Norma Shirley	Parakeet and Plum Buds	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Gary Cooper	St Mary The Virgin Hayes	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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4. Competition results - Shot of the Month - Chair by Andrew

<b>U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - 24 June 2024 - 24 Entries</b>			
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Title - Shot of the Month</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Tot</b>
Margaret Dorigan	A Haarlem Landmark <i>Beautiful colours, with the eye drawn to this wind mill. Andrew said that carts laden with grain arrived at the door we can see. Grain was hoisted to top of mill. Milled flour was bagged and loaded onto the cart which had gone round to the other side of the mill.</i>	1	14
Karol Schlachter	GET IN I'M DRIVING <i>Very funny, the dog looks like it could actually drive the car. Though passengers ride at their own risk.</i>	2	7
Gary Cooper	Mute Swan <i>The ripples in a blue light looked lovely.</i>	2	7
Denise Buckingham	Flying the flags <i>An extremely colourful scene with flags in Greenwich by the Trafalgar Arms pub.</i>	3	5
Norma Shirley	I had to stop and stare - Cliveden <i>A stunning and very eye-catching photo of another type of flag.</i>	3	5
Sue Finch	Proteas	3	5
Mike Briskman	Mottistone Manor garden IOW	4	4
Andrew Longhurst	Why didn't you tell that bird was a fake?	4	4
Sue Finch	Chelsea Pensioner. 53	5	3
Margaret Dorigan	No Buyers	5	3
Ian Brown	Clematis	6	2
Gary Cooper	Salisbury cathedral	6	2
Karol Schlachter	WE'RE TOUGH	6	2
Andrew Longhurst	Gas Field Runabout	7	1
Janet Nicholas	Old Windmill on Pico (the Azores)	7	1
Janet Nicholas	Rosy Rose	7	1
Denise Buckingham	Anybody up there	0	0
Dave Swan	Beautiful Zakinthos	0	0
Dave Swan	Bougainvillea	0	0
Brian Hillier	Father Ted's Scooter	0	0
Mike Briskman	Needles Battery IOW	0	0
Norma Shirley	Roof top - Cliveden	0	0
Ian Brown	Screen shot of Nature group quiz	0	0
Brian Hillier	Wasp Nest in Garden Shed	0	0
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## \Photography Group - Meeting 24 June 2024 - Report

### 5. **August 28 Photo shoot venue** - Result of show of hands

- 4 Windsor (*the original suggested venue*)
- 2 Trafalgar Square
- 2 Princes Risborough (*Photogenic old town accessible by Chiltern Rail*)
- 5 Don't mind

The Committee will announce the Venue by our next meeting 22 July 2024

### 6. **Thanks to**

- Steve Binysh for his excellent and informative presentation
- Tony Mitchell for taking the register
- Anna Hillier and Judy Peddie for making teas and coffees
- Andrew Longhurst for chairing the competitions
- Tony Kemp for maintaining our website with winning photos and presentations

Kind regards,  
Brian Hillier,  
Photography Group Leader