

C O L L A G E

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What is a Collage

A collage is a form of visual art in which visual elements are combined to create a new image that conveys an idea or message.

Collage comes from the French word “*Coller to Glue*”.

This technique started in France in the early 1900's

There are four types of Collage

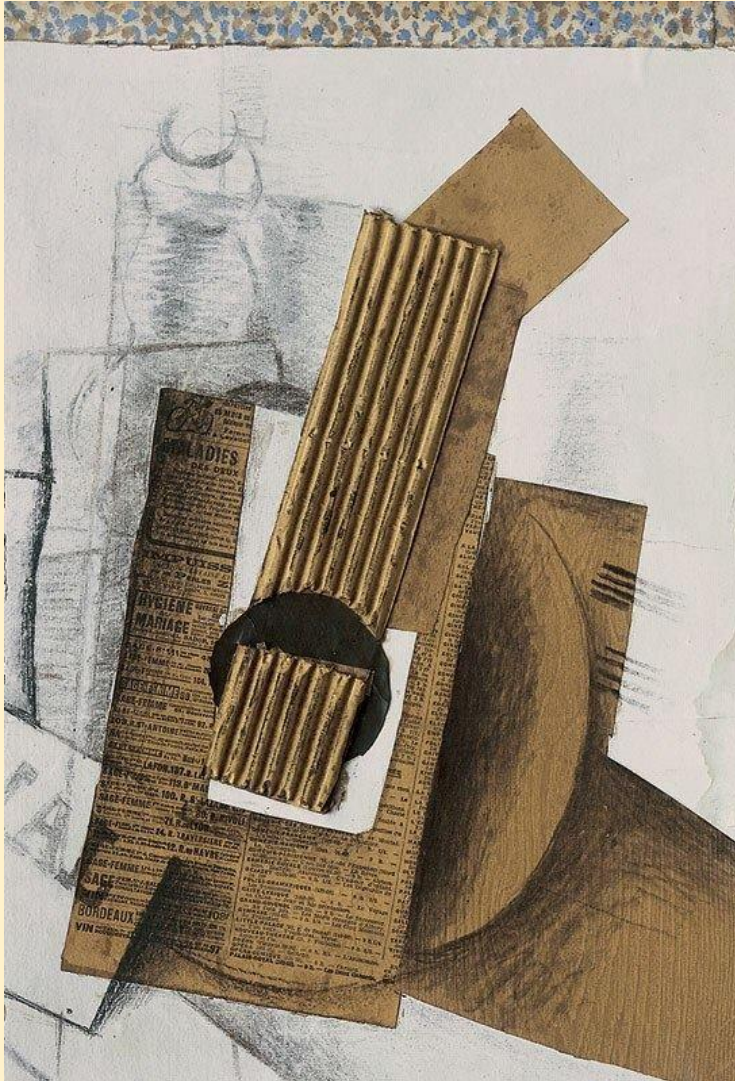
Papier colle - Decorated paper shapes glued on a background

Decoupage – 17th Century technique of arranging paper shapes on furniture then varnishing it.

Photomontage – Photographs are cut and glued together

Assemblage - Three dimensional images created by adding objects to a flat surface

Papier Colle - Examples



La Mandolina

Georg Braque

Papier colle & gouache



Retroactive
1964

Robert
Rauschenberg

Papier Colle - Examples



David Hockney – Peachblossom Hwy - 1986



Decoupage – Applying paper transfer before glazing



Decoupage – The doors are covered with wallpaper



Garden Waltz
Decoupage

Décor paper

By redesign
with
Prima New
Etsy

First Victorian and most famous montage 1857



“Two ways of life” by Oscar Rejlander – Vice on left – Virtue on Right

Photomontage - Examples



Man Ray, Dora Maar- 1936



John Stezaker, Muse (Collage) XVIII, 2012



Hannah Höch – 1936
Made for a Party

Photomontage - Examples



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Films and film stars

Who can you identify in this photomontage?

Assemblage - Examples



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Each image in a collage strengthens message

Collages are used for

- Advertising
- Club literature - Photography, Ukulele
- Social gatherings – Birthdays, Parties
- Elections - Posters – Leaflets

How would one make a collage

Manually - using paper shapes or photos

Photomontage

- Photographer manipulates and positions images

AutoCollage software

- Select template for final picture
- Run application with 5 - 20 source images
- Software positions images automatically

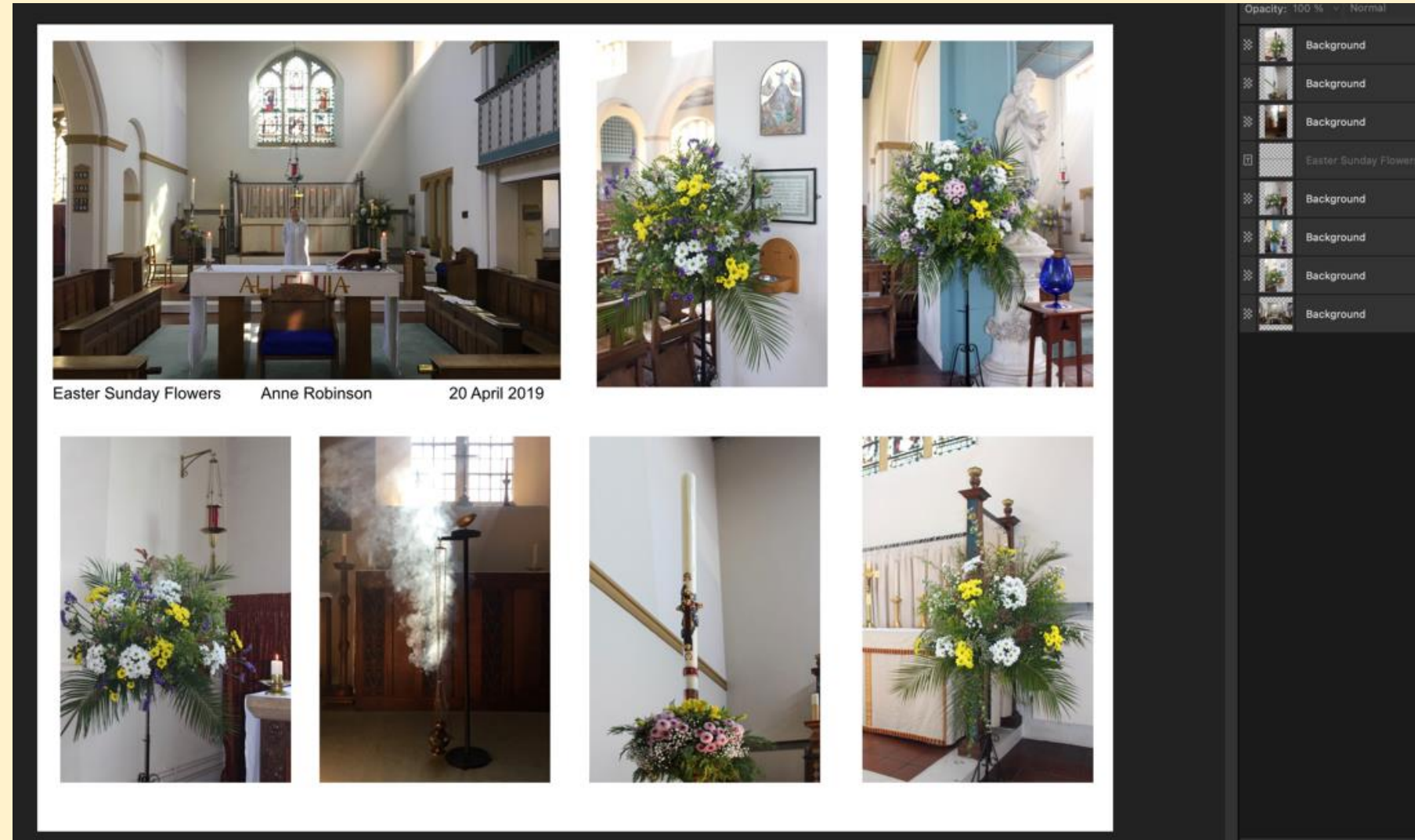
Photomontage – Church Interior



Easter Sunday Flowers Anne Robinson 20 April 2019



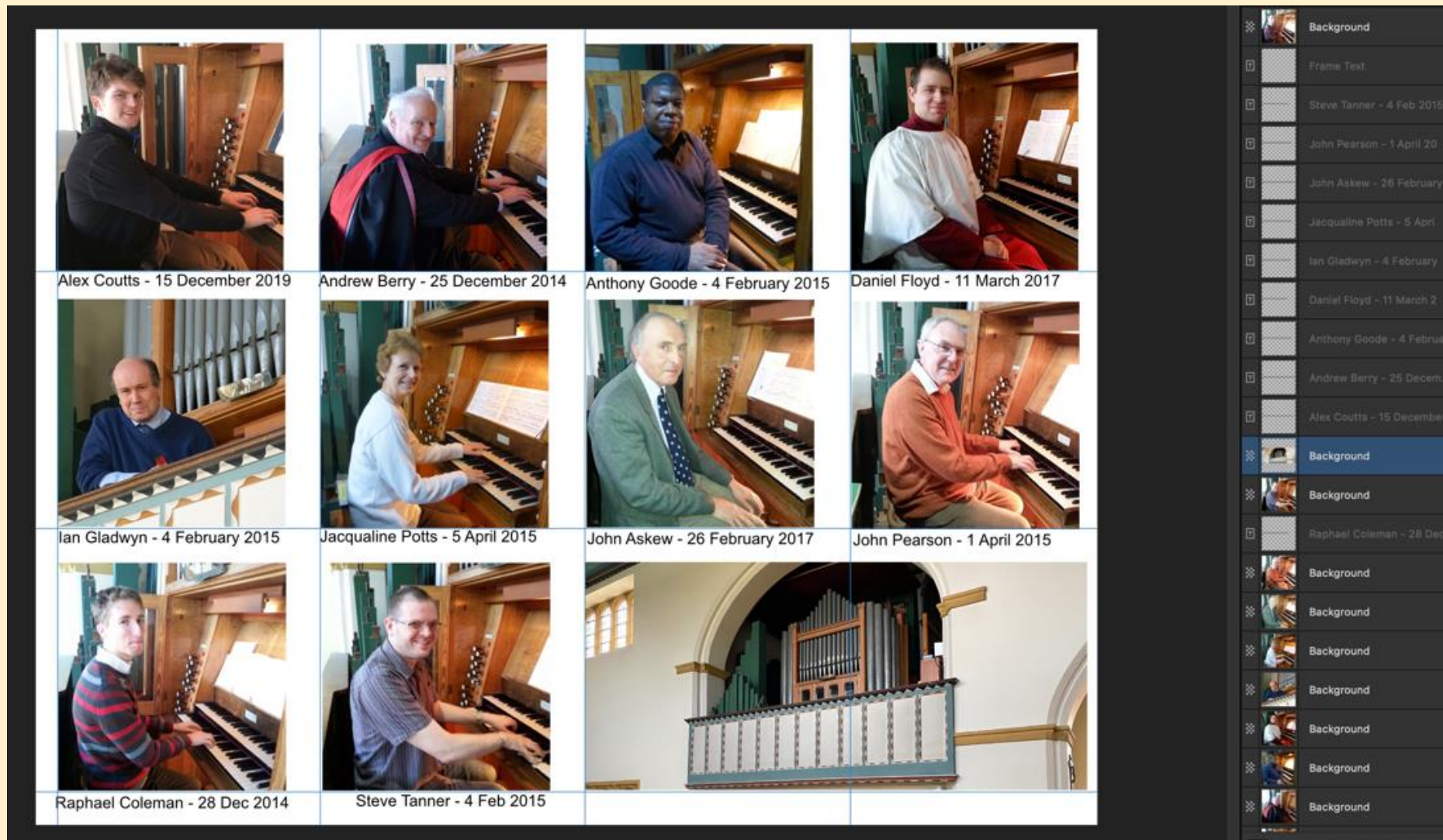
Photomontage – Church Interior – With layers shown



Photomontage – Organists who have played at All Saints Church



Photomontage – Organists – With layers shown



Jubilee Lunch – Left hand side of hall



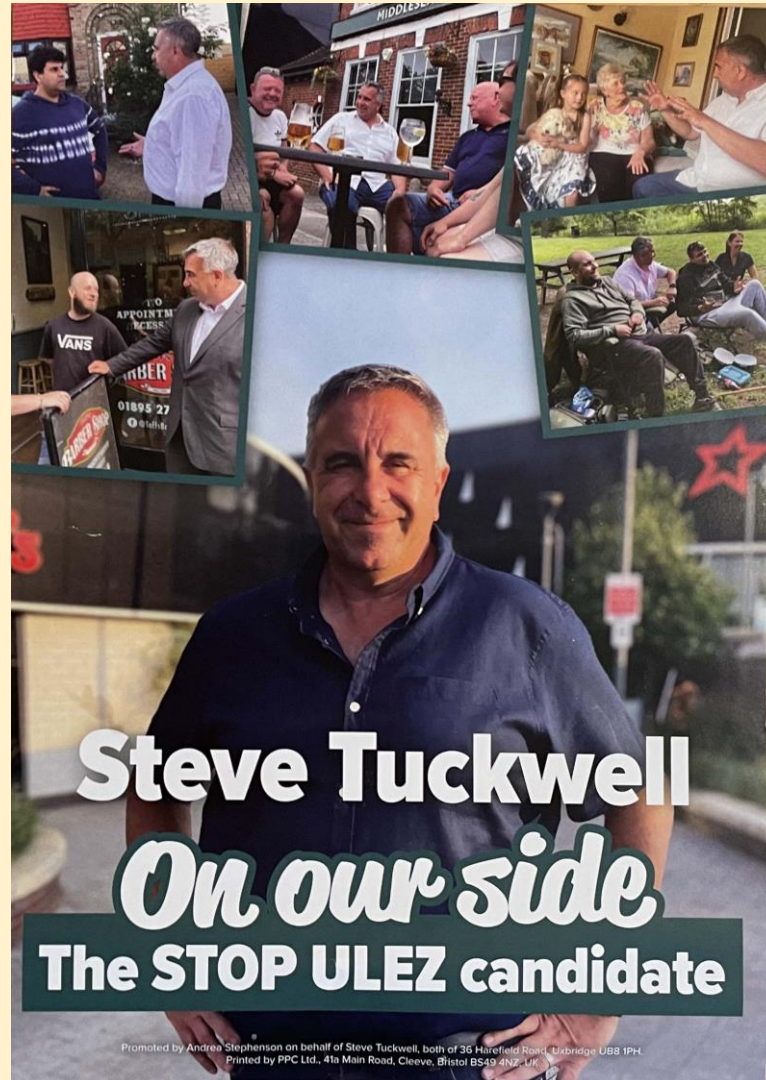
Jubilee Lunch – Right hand side of hall



Jubilee Lunch – All merged with Microsoft AutoCollage



Elections – Two Political party leaflets



Promoting a feature in the newspaper



This collage has a selection of different dishes.

Perhaps, different readers would be tempted by one of the photos to make that dish.

This photomontage is more appealing than a single photo.

Promoting a TV Program



The photomontage contains images that might be the answer to the questions posed in a quiz show.

Are these images used to appeal to those who like quiz shows, many people do.

Photomontage – Automatic Collage - Software

Software is available – Free 30 Days the £6 to £10 a month

- Price justified only if one produces many collages.

Photopad gave pleasing result – again only 30 days

MS Research – Autocollage software – Interesting result

Is no longer sold and seems no way to get a licence key

Some disadvantages

- Limited range of Templates - Producing a “Contact sheet of photos
- Source photos limited to 8, 10 or perhaps 20

In Summary

I would recommend that you do it manually
with Photoshop Elements or Affinity

- Merge them
- Select your photos, crop or shape them
- Then able to reposition them if required

Suggestions for Collage competition entries

- Invitation Card
- An event, such as a birthday party, sports day
- Photograph plant leaves and position them into an “Art” picture
- Try a mosaic with tiny coloured squares or dots
- A family member through the years
- Advert for a club event
- Look on the internet for inspiration

Finally

I wanted to give you an introduction to collages
and how they can be used.

Good luck when you produce them.

I hope you found the presentation interesting
and thank you for looking and listening