

Dear Member,

The meeting was well attended with 21 members in the Hall, 3 on Zoom.

## **Announcements**

### **1. Ralph Watson has passed away**

We received the sad news that Ralph died very suddenly in November.

Ralph was a much talented photographer whose photos frequently featured in the list of competition winners and he gave very interesting presentations to our group.

He retired from our group about 2 years ago in order to concentrate on photography to become a member of the Royal Photographic Society, and when a member of the RPS he intended to return and give us a talk on his experiences.

He was a very well-liked man who will be missed by many.

### **2. Ian Brown saved the day.**

When the projector failed at the start of our meeting, Ian Brown kindly went home and returned with his projector.

Whilst Ian was away Andrew presented the competition "Abandoned Building" with a laptop balanced on top of a chair on a table, and members on Zoom would have been able to see the competition photos though they had problem hearing Andrew.

Then Ian's projector was used for Steve's presentation "Filters and their uses" and Andrew presented the results of the "Shot of the Month".

The projector failed while it was switched on and being moved, probably the air intake was partially blocked and the projector overheated. After the meeting Brian tested the projector which worked OK. The Bulb has an estimated life of 10,000 hours, and the projector has only been used for 390 hours.

### **3. Photos of U3A events for Tony Kemp**

Tony would like to have some photos of U3A events to publicise the U3A.

Perhaps when our members attend other U3A events or meetings they may have an opportunity to take some photos of that event , and these photos would be appreciated by Tony.

#### 4. Competitions for 21 December 2024

There is NO meeting in December, however there are two competitions

##### 4.1 Main Theme - *"Photos showing filter effect"*

- The filter can be physical, i.e. attached to the lens, or a photo editing filter
- Each member can put two entries into the competition
- Each entry will consist of two photos
- First photo is original – Second photo with the filter effect applied

##### 4.2 And *"Shot of the Month"*

- Each member can put two entries into the competition
- Submit entries by midnight Sunday 15 December 2024
- Submit votes by midnight Saturday 21 December 2024

#### 5. Date of next meeting - Monday 27 January 2025

- Presentation for 27 January 2025
- *"Creative Photography / The camera never lies"* by Brian Hillier
- Themed comp will be *"Toys and Board Games"* - and *"Shot of the Month"*
- Submit entries by midnight Sunday 19 January 2025
- Submit votes by midnight Saturday 25 January 2025

#### 6. Presentation - *"Filters and their uses"* by Steve Binysh

Steve said that Filters were used to adjust exposure, Enhance Colours and Create Effects.

First he described physical filters which are attached to the front of the camera lens. Some of the useful/essential filters were;

- UV filter - Enhances the image by limiting the effect of Ultra-Violet light
  - and is extremely useful to protect the camera lens from scratches.
- Polarizing - Enhances the appearance of clouds and colours
  - When photographing through windows, it can eliminate reflections.
- Diffuser - The centre of the image is sharp the edges are out of focus or dark
  - Useful for portraits
- Graduated - Filters that reduce the amount of light passing through the lens
- Prism - Will bend colours and can be used to create several images of the subject or add a dreamy effect - a bit like a kaleidoscope.

Physical filters are made in a range of shapes and diameters to fit a range of lenses. Buy quality filters, then image is not degraded before entering the good lens on your camera.

Steve then described some photo-editing filters

- The most important rule is - Do not adjust the original image, always work on a copy
- Understand the purpose of the filter
- Start with Global adjustments
- Experiment with Creative filters
- Save and re-use filter pre-sets.

7. **Competition Theme - "Abandoned Buildings"** - chaired by Andrew Longhurst



1st - Homes fit for Heroes - by Mark Buckingham

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - Nov 25			
Photographer	Abandoned Buildings	Pos	Tot
Mark Buckingham	Homes fit for Heroes? <i>RAF Uxbridge, houses awaiting demolition</i>	1	17
Susana Crosby	"7" <i>Certainly an excellent photo of an abandoned building, and we are intrigued by its title "7"</i>	2	11
Susan Madigan	Church Ruin	3	9
Susan Madigan	Abandoned Castle	4	8
Karol Shlachter	Gun Emplacement	5	7
Steve Binysh	Lineside Hut	5	7
Denise Buckingham	Comes with garden	6	6
Brian Place	Old engine house	7	5
Andrew Longhurst	All Along the Watchtower	8	3
Paula Bullent	Germ in Action	8	3
Denise Buckingham	Homes under the hammer!	8	3

Karol Shlachter	Lookout Post	8	3
Norma Shirley	Gunnersbury Park - West Stables	9	2
Mike Briskman	The Soldiers Return pub	9	2
Andrew Longhurst	Welsh Hill Farm	9	2
Steve Binysh	No trespassing at the Manor	10	1
Ian Brown	Abandoned for only 4 years copy		0
Ian Brown	Abandoned Garage at Great Missenden		0
Gary Cooper	Dendera		0
Mike Briskman	Dr Jenner Smallpox inoculation area		0
Sue Finch	Dusseldorf Castle.		0
Norma Shirley	Gothic Boathouse Tower West London		0
Margaret Dorigan	Has Seen Better Days		0
Gary Cooper	Hayes		0
Susana Crosby	MAZ		0
Margaret Dorigan	Nature Takes Over		0
Sue Finch	Old Dog Kennels		0
Mark Buckingham	Overhead Storage		0
Brian Place	Up in the air.		0
	Total		89

**8. Competition Theme - Shot of the Month - chaired by Andrew Longhurst**



*1st - After the Match - by Denise Buckingham*

<b>U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - Nov 25</b>			
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Title - Shot of the Month</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Tot</b>
Denise Buckingham	After the match <i>What is so striking is the white "contre-jour" effect about the heads</i>	1	19
Susan Madigan	Blue mushroom	2	7
Andrew Longhurst	Bum Warmer?	2	7
Karol Shlachter	Langley Park in Autumn	2	7
Janet Nicholas	Valetta	2	7
Andrew Longhurst	Now you see me, Now you don't	3	6
Norma Shirley	The Last Bowl	3	6
Brian Hillier	Autumn is round the corner	4	5
Ian Brown	Sparrow	5	4
Mark Buckingham	Autumn Leaves in the Sun	6	3
Janet Nicholas	Halloween	6	3
Susana Crosby	American History	7	2
Mike Briskman	Fox	7	2
Wendy Rogers	Mermaid Landing	7	2

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Denise Buckingham	Walk on the Wild Side	7	2
Susana Crosby	Windows	7	2
Margaret Dorigan	A Windsor Sunset	8	1
Karol Shlachter	Autumn Web	8	1
Gary Cooper	Flamingo	8	1
Margaret Dorigan	Santa's Suit Fitting	8	1
Norma Shirley	Autumnal colours		0
Sue Finch	Bracket Fungi		0
Brian Hillier	Fox and badger in wood		0
Ian Brown	Great Tit on the feeder		0
Susan Madigan	Illuminated walkway		0
Steve Binysh	Money makes the tower burn down		0
Paula Bullent	Mossy bank after no rain		0
Mark Buckingham	Seagull Train Spotting		0
Sue Finch	Virginia Creeper		0
Steve Binysh	Would you be so happy on £10 per hour		0
			90

## 7. Thanks to

- Ian for providing a replacement projector
- Steve for his presentation of "*Filters and their uses*"
- Karol 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