

Dear Member,

The meeting was well attended with 20 members in the Hall, 2 on Zoom, and 5 apologies.

Announcements

- 1. Southlands Art Centre - Annual Exhibition and Competition - 28 April to Sunday 5 May**
 - It promises to be very interesting - For full details visit - <https://www.southlandsarts.co.uk/>
 - You may wish to visit this local event and enter the competition
 - Comp entry by 25 April - £100 top price - Cost from £1 per photo entered
 - Sponsored by Susan Wynne in memory of Richard Wynne former chair of Southlands.
 - Southlands Art Centre, Southlands House, The Green, West Drayton, UB7 7PW
- 2. Presentation - Food Photography - By Andrew Longhurst**

Photographing Food

- Cooked
- Raw
- Growing



Andrew made the following significant points in his presentation

- Food is photographed to be appealing
e.g. Publishers believe that photos are more important than recipes
- The food may have to be 'supported or propped up' in the photos
e.g. Carrots will become invisible when they sink to the bottom
- The food has to look well-presented and not a mucky sludge
e.g. Choose a pleasing background and add colours to the meal
- Raw food needs colour, careful lighting and arrangement
e.g. Side lighting perhaps diffuse, and not flash, results in a pleasing look
- Colour green with food promotes the meal as a safe and healthy to eat
- Food can also be photographed in its growing environment



Andrew gave us plenty of food for thought (*sorry, I could not resist writing that*)

3. Competition Results - "Still Life" - 28 Entries

All the photos entered were of a very high standard.

There are not enough votes for every photo entered in our competitions and those that did not receive any votes have not been judged they are just listed in alphabetical order

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - March 25			
Photographer	Still Life	Pos	Total
Andrew Longhurst	Strawberries and Blush - Very pleasing composition, colours, wallpaper background	1	35
Tony Mitchell	Red Red Wine elegant and witty, Tony may have seen this scene at his wine society	2	14
Robert Green	Jugs in Greenery - Directional light give a very good 3d appearance	3	9
Margaret Dorigan	Five a Day - The colours are so true to life	4	7
Karol Schlachter	Ready for Easter - Very appropriate for this time of the year	4	7
Denise Buckingham	Every picture tells a story - Narrative still life that tells a story	5	6
Mick Madigan	Like 2 peas... -Simple and effective photo. The horse chestnuts look real but they ceramic!	5	6
Sue Finch	Wine and Cheese - Lucious, how many glasses required before taking photo, left handed drinker perhaps	5	6
Susan Madigan	Apfel Strudel - Perhaps a continental presentation	6	5
Ian Brown	Ready for a summer shoot - Ian has all the essentials to get a good photo	6	5
Margaret Dorigan	At the Market - Delicious selection of lemons, nuts, olives, etc	7	4
Mark Buckingham	Flower Power - Intriguing pottery design and background	7	4
Denise Buckingham	An eery silence - Certainly exudes an scary atmosphere	8	3
Brian Hillier	Gross Indulgence	8	3
Norma Shirley	In The Meadow -Gorgeous splashes of colour. How did Norma take this picture?	9	2
Robert Green	Jugs on Bench - Very pleasing display of jugs that appear to be designer pieces.	9	2
Karol Schlachter	Christmas Decoration - An attractive ornament, and perhaps has led lights.	10	1

Steve Binysh	Still life with cool drink - Attractive display of pottery, perhaps mediterranean	10	1
Sue Finch	Eau Sauvage After Shave _ Packshot		0
Wendy Rogers	Fabric Tulips		0
Anna Hillier	Fruit Bowl		0
Ian Brown	Getting ready for a bird shoot		0
Mark Buckingham	It Started with a Kiss		0
Carol Mitchell	Lots of Pots		0
Mick Madigan	No more jam, then...		0
Brian Hillier	Soon be time for Tea		0
Steve Binysh	Still Life With Cakes		0
Susan Madigan	Strawberry pavlova_1		0
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5. Competition - Shot of the Month - 28 Entries

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - March 25			
Photographer	Shot of the Month	Pos	Total
Margaret Dorigan	Modern Dining - What a comment on Social life today	1	16
Margaret Dorigan	The Winter Garden - Excellent colours	1	16
Denise Buckingham	Anyone for a paddle - Great coastal scene - but I would give paddling a miss looks too cold me	2	9
Denise Buckingham	Have a good day - Intriguing and an appealing drawing. Perhaps with a hint of menace	2	9
Steve Binysh	Its not quite what you think it is - All of us wondered how this photo was taken	2	9
Carol Mitchell	Singing Starling - Well spotted, seems very friendly, was about a metre away	3	8
Mick Madigan	Spot The Penguin - Somewhere in the Antarctic perhaps, I could not find the penguin. Where is it?	3	8
Mark Buckingham	Could be Pete Seeger - Great composition, and good colour from the umbrella	4	7
Susan Madigan	Having a Natter - Full of action and interest	5	6
Andrew Longhurst	Above the Lido - Interesting Black and White, reminds me of early photography	6	5
Andrew Longhurst	Green Stand - The green colour of algae is striking and caused me to take a similar photo	6	5
Mark Buckingham	Mr Tash - Good composition, simple colours. He could wipe his soup bowl with that beard	6	5

Robert Green	Tiger - Very majestic pose, one's view is constantly drawn to the head	6	5
Susan Madigan	Follow the leader - Good scene of seashore, stones, plants says, "Follow me"	7	3
Mick Madigan	Scottish Inula - Medicinal plant to treat lung diseases and swellings caused by too much fluid	7	3
Norma Shirley	The Photo - everyone wants to capture - Yes it is and with classic red London bus	7	3
Karol Schlachter	Outlook - Nice reflections, where was it?	8	2
Karol Schlachter	Find the Bee - Well lit clump of primroses, to have a bee is bonus	9	1
Carol Mitchell	A Host of Golden Daffodils		0
Steve Binysh	Arm_Study		0
Robert Green	Cheeta		0
Sue Finch	Colombian Bird		0
Brian Hillier	First and Second, Aquadrome		0
Sue Finch	Iguana		0
Brian Hillier	Miss Scarlett, Perhaps from Cluedo		0
Norma Shirley	RSPB Pulborough - R Arun bursting its bank		0
Jothy Rainbow	Tasty nut		0
Jothy Rainbow	Wooden seat in the woodland		0
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5. Cont. Steve Binysh - It is not quite what it seems - How it was done

Steve's competition entry - looks so unusual



Steve had turned original photo upside down



- 6.1 Main Theme - "**Food Photography**"
- 6.2 And "**Shot of the Month**"
- 6.3
 - Each member can put two entries into each competition
 - Submit entries by midnight Sunday 20 April 2025
 - Submit votes by midnight Saturday 26 April 2025

7. **Date of next meeting - Monday 28 April 2025**
 - Presentation for 24 March 2025 - "**Black and White**" by Steve Binysh

8. **Thank you to**
 - Malcolm Barwick for setting up Projector
 - Wendy Rogers for taking the register
 - Andrew Longhurst for his presentation
 - Anna Hillier and Carol Mitchell for making teas and coffees
 - Tony Kemp for maintaining our website with winning photos and presentations

Kind regards,
Brian Hillier,
Photography Group Leader