

Dear Member,

The meeting was well attended with 15 members in the Hall, 2 on Zoom, and 5 apologies.

Announcements

1. Announcements

- 1.1 Our August Photoshoot will be "**Portebello Road**" on Friday 29 August
On Fridays there is an antique market in the Portebello Road
The meeting point and venue for lunch will be announced in the week before.
If anyone can recommend a venue for lunch please let me know.
If you cannot attend on Friday 29 August, please try to go there either before or after.
- 1.2 There is a change of rules - Competition entries can no longer be photos of the TV or pictures. Whilst these images are interesting the committee would like members to go out and photograph suitable subjects.

2. Presentation - "*Animals and Wild-Life*" by Ian Brown

- 2.1 First, Ian ran a short photos quiz to test our knowledge of Wild-Life
- What is National Bird of UK - Robin
 - Identify this flower - Bird of Paradise
 - Which animal has this head - Meerkat
 - When do berries ripen in the UK - Autumn
 - What breed is this baby bird - Coot
- 2.2 Ian listed preparations for a photo shoot,. some are listed below
- Ensure camera batteries are charged and SD Cards available
 - Pre-search the area using Google maps
 - Get there early, Lighting is better, fewer people, place in the car park
 - Take Sun-Cream, Ian forgot this only once and required it during that sunny day
 - Perhaps wear a sun-hat
- 2.3 Taking the photo, some of the advice is
- Use a monopod for heavy lenses or cameras, tripods are too awkward to use
 - When Ian first bought his Canon DSLR canon would advise all use AUTO and Ian did so for many years, but now Canon advise SEMI-AUTO which would be Aperture or Speed priority.
 - Use Auto-Focus as because animals move too swiftly for manual focussing.
 - Frequently, birds will take a small dip before they take flight be ready to shoot.
 - When taking photo, use a sequence of 5 or 10 frames, then it is likely that all of the animal will be photographed and a pleasing crop can be made

4. Competition Results - "Street Photography"- 23 Entries

All the photos entered were of a very high standard.

When there are not enough votes for every photo entered those that did not receive any votes are just listed in alphabetical order

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group 28 July 2025			
Photographer	Street Photography	Pos	Total
Brian Hillier	Dopplegangers	1	15
Sue Finch	Chinatown	2	13
Brian Place	Birds Eye View	3	10
Susan Madigan	Horses and carriage	4	9
Andrew Longhurst	St Albans night	4	9
Margaret Dorigan	Hoping for a catch	5	8
Steve Binysh	Busy day in the City 2	5	5
Denise Buckingham	Out for a stroll	6	5
Karol Schlachter	VE Day - Sutton Court Road	7	4
Susan Madigan	A corner of Bruges	8	3
Norma Shirley	I Hope the brakes are on...firmly	8	3
Sue Finch	Red Buses	8	3
Jackie O'Dowd	Hugh Town, St Mary's	8	3
Brian Place	Watford	8	3
Jackie O'Dowd	Getting around the streets of St Mary's	9	2
Denise Buckingham	Ready when you are	9	2
Margaret Dorigan	Time for a chat	9	2
Steve Binysh	Waiting for a Train_2817	9	2
Andrew Longhurst	The Lime Scourge	10	1
Mike Briskman	Guimaraes Street		0
Karol Schlachter	KRAKOW STREET SCENE B		0
Mike Briskman	Salamanca Spain Heat of Day		0
Brian Hillier	Stop & Go in High Street		0
			102

4.1 Doppelgangers - How I produced this photo

You may be interested to know how I created the photo "Doppelgangers"

I stood outside Uxbridge Station and from the same place I photographed the lady in blue trousers, four times as she walked across the concourse. These are photos 1,2,3,4.

Then from photos 2,3,4 I cut the lady out of the photo and put them into three layers as in No 5. Notice that I have included shadows and there is a bit of surround on each cut.

I applied the portions to photo 1, and carefully erased unwanted areas around each cut.

You may notice that the cut portions are not in exactly the same location as in their original photo and I had to clone bits of the station up to each cut figure.

1



2



3



4



5 Cut from 4 - 3 - 2



6



5. Competition - Shot of the Month - 23 Entries

All the photos entered were of a very high standard.

When there are not enough votes for every photo entered those that did not receive any votes are just listed in alphabetical order

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group 28 July 2025			
Photographer	Shot of the Month	Pos	Tot
Margaret Dorigan	Around Custom House	1	19
Denise Buckingham	Play us a tune	2	13
Andrew Longhurst	Under the Jetty	3	12
Margaret Dorigan	Sailing By	4	11
Susan Madigan	Proud parent	5	8
Jackie O'Dowd	Sunset Cruise	6	7
Norma Shirley	No time to admire the view below	7	6
Jackie O'Dowd	Low tide - St Mary's Island	8	5
Susan Madigan	Canal scene	9	4
Mike Briskman	Decorative vinyard	9	4
Andrew Longhurst	The Path Not Taken	10	3
Karol Schlachter	A Mighty Oak	11	2
Denise Buckingham	Every pebble tells a story!	11	2
Sue Finch	Match Point Tart	11	2
Karol Schlachter	A Denham Glade	12	1
Mike Briskman	Guimaraes Portugal	12	1
Steve Binysh	Red bus on Tower Bridge	12	1
Brian Place	Jigsaw		0
Sue Finch	King Charles		0
Brian Place	Reclining Tree		0
Steve Binysh	Shapes on a Ceiling		0
Brian Hillier	UXBRIDGE		0
Norma Shirley	Water Lilies		0
			101

6. Competitions for 28 August, when there is NO group meeting - It is a Bank Holiday6.1 Main Theme - "***Animals & Wild-Life***"6.2 And "***Shot of the Month***"

- 6.3
- Each member can put two entries into each competition
 - Entries by midnight Sunday 17 August
 - Votes by midnight Saturday 23 August
 - The results will be emailed to members shortly after 25 August

7. Technical Considerations

7.1 It is better to use the same Laptop for each meeting, as it needs the following setup

- Password to connect to the Internet using the Baptist Church router
- Bluetooth to connect to the ANKER Sound-Core external speaker
- Microphone device to be the TONOR External microphone
- Connect to the projector by HDMI cable
- The presentation is on a PowerPoint file in a USB stick
- It is too time-consuming to prepare a different laptop for each meeting.

7.2 Zoomers cannot hear what question a member in the hall has asked

- The question is usually asked quietly and is not detected by external microphone
- The presenter would need to repeat the question for Zoomers to hear it.
- We will have to try and improve our presentation skills for future meetings.

8. Here is a list of our future presentations and competitions

For the themed competition it can be any photo in the year up to the date of the competition.

- 25 Aug - Photo shoot - *Portebello Road*"
 - Comps - "*Animal Photography & SotM*"
- 29 Sep - *Street Photography* - Repeated - Previous was spoilt by technical difficulties
 - Comps - "*Portebello Road & SotM*"
- 27 Oct - Shortlands Art Centre and HillingdonVision - uest Speaker
 - These organisations encourage photography and other media activities in the Borough of Hillingdon
 - Comps - "*T.B.A & SotM*"
- 24 Nov - "*Artificial Light*" - By Brian Hillier
 - Comps - "*T.B.A & SotM*"

8. Thank you to

- Brian Place for setting up Projector and computer
- Mick Madigan for taking the Register
- Ian Brown for his excellent presentation
- Andrew Longhurst for presenting the Competitions
- Susan Madigan and Steve Binysh for making teas and coffees
- Tony Kemp for maintaining our website with winning photos and presentations

Kind regards,
 Brian Hillier,
 Photography Group Leader

