

Dear Member,

The meeting was well attended with 18 in the hall, 2 on Zoom and 5 apologies.

1. Presentation - "Artificial Light" by Brian Hillier

Brian presented the following topics.

Natural Light is Day Light or Moon light, Artificial Light is man-made.

In early times artificial light would have been from fires or lamps with wicks and oil.

The major developments have been

- 1802 - Humphrey Davy, the Electric Arc lamp, two carbon rods connected to a battery.
- 1820 - Thomas Drummond, Limelight Oxy/acetylene flame on Calcium oxide
- 1879 - Thomas Edison, incandescent filament light bulb
- 1938 - First Fluorescent lamps
- 1962 - First LED (Light Emitting Diode).

There are three sets of Primary colours

- Subtractive - RED, YELLOW, BLUE - Used for Paints and pigments
- Additive - RED, GREEN, BLUE - Used for Display screens, e.g. TV's
- Subtractive - CYAN, MAGENTA, YELLOW - used for printing

Light is a thermal radiation measured in Kelvin units

- 1800K - 2000K - Candle light, a yellowish colours
- 2800K - 3200K - Tungsten bulb
- 2500K - 3500K - Sunrise/Sunset
- 6000K - 7000K - Overcast daylight
- 5500K - 6000K - Midday sunlight

White Balance - Considerations

- White balance compensates for the colour temperature of the light by adding an opposite colour to the image. This neutralizes a colour cast and makes white appear white.
- Our eyes and brain are very good at adjusting for different light sources
- But digital cameras record the exact colour temperature, so a white balance setting is needed for accurate colours.



2. Competition Results - "My Hillingdon" - Entries 14

The aim of this competition was reportage of the area of Hillingdon.

A magazine article could describe the many benefits and areas of interest where we live.

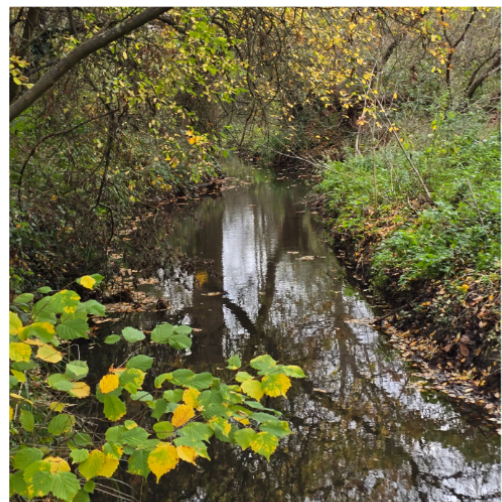
The centre of Uxbridge is well illustrated by "Fruit and Veg with the Old Market Hall in the background. The vibrant Red Lion" is where many residents will have held celebrations.

There are many attractive walks and parklands "Celandine Way", "Autumn Woods". "The Oak Tree", "Swans at Little Britain",

The historical landmarks, "Ickenham Pump", the Grade 2 listed building "Three Tuns" pub, built in 16th century and the rear built in the 17th century.

The war memorial "Remembrance Sunday" at the RAF Battle of Britain Bunker built in 6 months by MacAlpine and a key military command centre in WW2.

Ickenham station shows one of the many excellent communication links, Heathrow, M25, Metropolitan and Central lines. We are all very fortunate to live Hillingdon.



| U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - Nov 24 | | | |
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| Photographer | My Hillingdon | Pos | Tot |
| Sue Finch | Fruit and Veg in Uxbridge | 1 | 13 |
| Karol Schlachter | The Red Lion Hillingdon Hill | 1 | 13 |
| Karol Schlachter | A Court Park Oak | 2 | 10 |
| Denise Buckingham | Remembrance Sunday | 3 | 9 |
| Jackie O'Dowd | Fun on 'the beach' - Ruislip Lido | 4 | 8 |
| Brian Place | Swans at Little Britain Lake | 5 | 6 |
| Carol Mitchell | Autumn | 6 | 5 |
| Andrew Longhurst | Fox on Pavilion Way | 7 | 4 |
| Andrew Longhurst | The Celandine Way Ickenham | 7 | 4 |
| Margaret Dorigan | Ickenham Pump | 8 | 3 |
| Margaret Dorigan | Ickenham Station | 8 | 3 |
| Sue Finch | The 3 Tuns Uxbridge | 8 | 3 |
| Jackie O'Dowd | An Autumn run through Ruislip woods | 9 | 2 |
| Brian Place | Little Britain Lake | | 0 |
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3. Competition Results - "Shot of the Month" - 23 Entries

All the photos entered were of a very high standard.



Days Gone By - Dickens's "Pickwick Papers" has stories of coach travel to these places



Beginning to appreciate nature - This shows children's curiosity in their surroundings



These "Ships in the desert" - near Luxor, Egypt, will end their days in an abattoir for their meat and bones. Oh dear!.



In Kew Gardens a beautiful house and gardens. Seems so elegant.

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| Denise Buckingham | Days gone by | 1 | 13 |
| Gary Cooper | Ships of the desert | 1 | 13 |
| Margaret Dorigan | Kew Gardens | 2 | 11 |
| Norma Shirley | Beginning to appreciate nature | 3 | 9 |
| Jackie O'Dowd | Not a bad view from our holiday lodge | 3 | 9 |
| Margaret Dorigan | The Blues | 3 | 9 |
| Brian Hillier | Windsor Castle seen from BA1341 | 4 | 8 |
| Gary Cooper | Photography from a sunlounger | 5 | 7 |
| Karol Schlachter | Autumn Leaves | 6 | 5 |
| Gowan Clews | Autumn Colours | 7 | 3 |
| Denise Buckingham | Framed | 7 | 3 |
| Sue Finch | Patterned Floor | 8 | 2 |
| Jackie O'Dowd | The view was worth the effort | 8 | 2 |
| Sue Finch | Ketchup anyone | 9 | 1 |
| Norma Shirley | Peaceful trot in The Forest | 9 | 1 |
| Carol Mitchell | Almshouses | | 0 |
| Brian Place | Berries | | 0 |
| Gowan Clews | Bread pudding | | 0 |
| Brian Hillier | Halloween in Arbroath | | 0 |
| Brian Place | Lake with swans | | 0 |
| Andrew Longhurst | The Beaver Pool Ealing | | 0 |
| Andrew Longhurst | The Black Tower | | 0 |
| Karol Schlachter | We will Remember Them | | 0 |
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4. No Meeting in December 2025

4.1 Competitions for 22 December

- Themed competition -> "**Artificial Light**" and "**Shot of the Month**"
- Entries by midnight Sunday 14 December
- Votes by midnight Saturday 20 December
- Results emailed to members a few days later

5. Our next meeting 26 January 2026

5.2 Presentation - "**Pictures from the Stone Age to the Digital Age**" by Andrew Longhurst

5.3 Themed competition -> "**Bottles**" and "**Shot of the Month**"

6. Our sympathies to and hope they improve soon

- Gowan Clews who fell and broke his wrist which is slow to heal.
- Ian Brown who has a sinus and chest infection.
- Andrew Longhurst who lost his voice which is gradually returning.

7. Our thanks to

- Brian Place and Malcolm Barwick for setting up Projector and computer
- Sue Finch for taking the register
- Carol Mitchell and Susan Madigan for making teas and coffees
- Tony Kemp for maintaining our website with winning photos and presentations

8. Christmas Greetings

- Ian Brown asked that his best wishes be passed on to fellow Members.
- The Photography Group Committee would like to thank all Members who have participated in our meetings, and also to wish all Members "A Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year".

Kind regards,
Brian Hillier
Photography Group Leader