

Dear Member,

The meeting was attended with 12 members in the Hall and 5 apologies.

My apologies to Brian Place who tried to attend by Zoom. I had problems with Zoom on my laptop that prevented Brian from joining the meeting.

Announcements

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- We have a new member Peter White who enjoyed our meeting.
- Our next competitions are - Theme "**Round Objects**" and "**Shot of the Month**"

2. Presentation - Cabinet Cards - by Andrew Longhurst

- The Story of Cabinet Cards - Photography, Culture, and Visual History
 - A cabinet card is a photo usually of a family scene and displayed on a cabinet.
 - It would have been 4 x 6 inches approximately (108 by 165 mm)
 - Preceding Cabinet cards were "Daguerrotypes" which could not be duplicated
 - The Albumen print process enabled many prints to be made from one negative.
 - Rise of "Carte-de-Visit", small affordable portraits became more popular
 - Photographic studios, became brand names
 - Victorian Portrait Culture was extremely popular
 - There were Celebrity Cabinet cards of singers and actors
 - Many photos were charming and had elaborate backdrops
 - Hand-colouring could be applied to the black and white photos
 - Cabinet cards came to an end with the availability of mass produced "Box Cameras"
- Cabinet cards has provided a Window into the Victorian world of Fashion and Life



This presentation can be viewed on the Hu3A-Website - under Photography Group

3. Competition Results - "Chiltern Open Air Museum"

About 14 members went and enjoyed the warm weather and photographing the exhibits.

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - June 26			
Photographer	Chiltern Open Air Museum	Pos	Tot
Margaret Dorigan	By hammer and hand, all arts do stand	1	23
Andrew Longhurst	Back in the Day	2	11
Denise Buckingham	Kettles on the boil	3	10
Andrew Longhurst	The Little Tin Church	3	10
Brian Hillier	Inside a Nissan Hut	4	6
David Easton	Oh deer!	4	6
Mark Buckingham	Take the picture and Buzz Off!	5	5
Mark Buckingham	Pegged out	6	4
Susan Madigan	At the Farm	7	3
Gary Cooper	Wicker	7	3
Susan Madigan	At the Smithy	8	1
Gowan Clews	Don't Sit On Sign	8	1
Margaret Dorigan	Nissen Hut	8	1
Gary Cooper	Scarecrow	8	1
Denise Buckingham	Told you this jumper was too big	8	1
Gowan Clews	Another World		0
Brian Atkinson	Iron age house		0
Brian Atkinson	Old Manor house		0
Brian Hillier	Pre-Fab accom for volunteer		0
David Easton	Staying in control		0
Malcolm Barwick	Time for a break		0
Malcolm Barwick	Plantman		0
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1st - By hammer and hand, all art do stand

Guild of Blacksmiths motto - founded 1299

Photo by Margaret Dorigan



2nd - Back in the Day

Photo by Andrew Longhurst

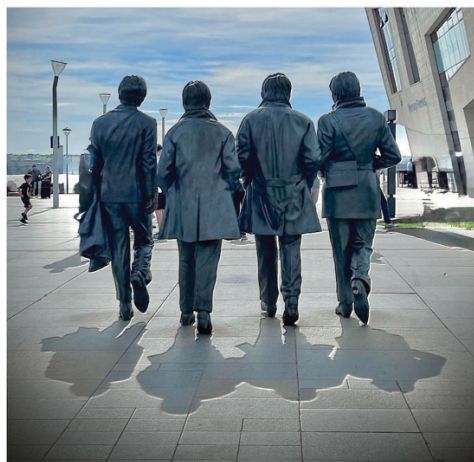
4. Competition results - "Shot of the Month"

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - June 26			
Photographer	Shot of the Month	Pos	Tot
Mark Buckingham	Mr Brightside	1	17
Denise Buckingham	The FabFour	2	11
David Easton	Feeding Time	3	9
Susan Madigan	100,000 tulips	4	8
Andrew Longhurst	Return to Nature	5	7
Ian Brown	Stoke row steam rally	5	7
Margaret Dorigan	A Painted Lady	6	6
Margaret Dorigan	Carcassonne at Golden Hour	7	5
Brian Hillier	S_H Tyres - with Cast Iron Guarentee	7	5
Mark Buckingham	Last Matchday	8	4
Susan Madigan	The girl in pink	8	4
Denise Buckingham	Liverpool docks	9	3
Jackie O'Dowd	It's about to get wetter	10	2
Brian Hillier	Oi-Git off my veg	11	1
Andrew Longhurst	Eastcote House Garden		0
Malcolm Barwick	Out for a Walk		0
Karol Schlachter	Reach for the Sky		0
Ian Brown	Red Kite		0
David Easton	Sentry Duty		0
Karol Schlachter	The Mighty Willow		0
Malcolm Barwick	Wembley		0
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1st - Mr Brightside - by Mark Buckingham

Lovely colours and full of interest



2nd - The Fab Four - by Denise Buckingham

The contre-jour and vignette effect suggest that this photo is taking one back in time

5. An editing suggestion using "Cloning"

Rallies and Shows present many interesting photo opportunities, however frequently the background is not attractive. However, sometimes it is possible to remove the background by cloning over it, though it might take half an hour.



Affinity photo software was used to clone over the unwanted backgroundl, one might have continued to remove other vehicles

6. Zoom sessions occasionally fail

Reason 1 - Operator lacks the necessary skills

- Zoom screen layout changes with updates
- Control buttons initially appear at top and bottom of screen, then disappear
- Then it is no longer obvious how to access these buttons again

Reason 2 - Viewers who attempt to join during presentations

- The presenter joins Zoom but no others have yet joined
- The presentation begins, but presenter forgets to Share.

Reason 3 - Presenter not aware of viewers comments sent via zoom

- The presenter is in the middle of a presentation and does not see Zoomer's request

Actions

- If Zoomer has a problem then ring Brian on 07710 413726
- Committee will contact Tony Kemp for advice.

7. Next competitions Theme -> "Round Objects" and "Shot of the Month"

- Submit entries by midnight Sunday 19 July 2026
- Submit votes by midnight Saturday 25 July 2026

8. Date of next meeting - Monday 27 July 2026

- Presentation -> "**Movement**" by Steve Binysh

8. Thank you to

- Andrew Longhurst for his presentation
- Carol Mitchell for taking the register and making teas and coffees
- Steve Binysh for chairing the competitions
- Tony Kemp for maintaining our website with winning photos and presentations

Kind regards,
Brian Hillier,
Photography Group Leader