

Dear Member,

The meeting was attended with 8 members in the Hall, 2 on Zoom and 3 apologies.

Announcements

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Tony Kemp has already put the winning photos on our U3A Website page, and will add this Presentation and Meeting Report in the next couple of days.

2. Presentation - Movement - by Steve Binysh

How to capture the impression of speed in your photographs, achieved by setting the appropriate shutter speed, ISO and aperture for the desired effect.

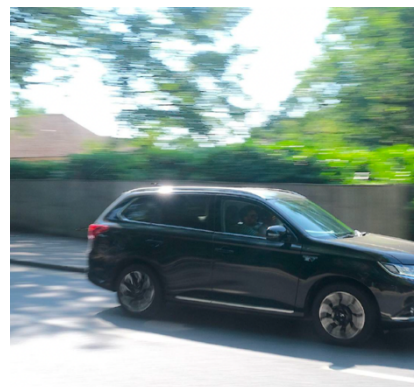
Steve presented a variety of subjects and the settings used. *(Speed - ISO - Aperture - Other actions)*

Freeze a subject - Min 1/1000 - 3200 - f11

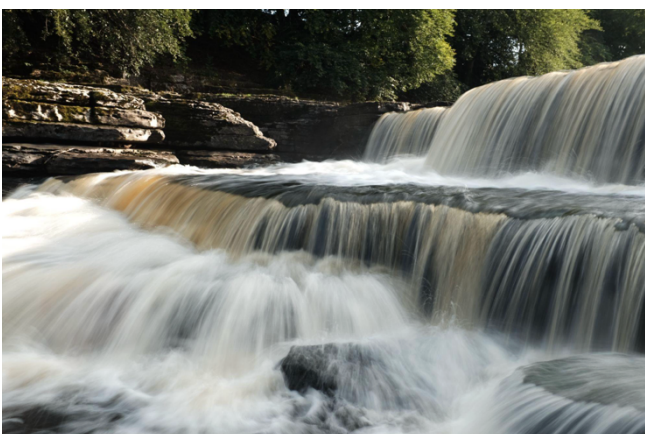


Motion Blur - 1/6 - 400 - f11

- Autofocus, burst mode, panning smoothly



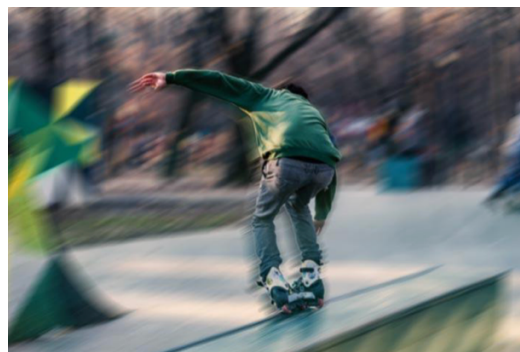
Water Blur - 1/5 - 100 - f8



Zoom Blur - change Zoom while taking photo

- Hold camera still, tripod perhaps

- Create an acceleration effect



Camera phones - High end phone, with ability to change speed, tracking, and burst mode

Possible Android Apps - Proshop - Camera FV-5, Open Camera, there are others available

iPhone apps - Photon £19.99 /yr - Luxa.org - free or make a donation

Photoshop Elements - Speed Effects

3. Competition Results - "Round Things"

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - July 26			
Photographer	Round Things	Pos	Tot
Margaret Dorigan	Vodaphone Wimbledon.clever advertising	1	17
Gary Cooper	In To The Spiral	2	11
David Easton	Objects in the mirror.....	3	9
Denise Buckingham	A pound of pick & mix	4	7
Mark Buckingham	Cycling Around	4	7
Ian Brown	Naked Clock	4	7
David Easton	Buoy Racers	5	6
Brian Atkinson	Logs	5	6
Brian Hillier	A wall with nice balls	6	5
Ian Brown	Macaw	7	3
Brian Atkinson	Round Houses	7	3
Gary Cooper	Big Gulp	8	2
Carol Mitchell	Three Balls.	8	2
Andrew Longhurst	60 Cogs in a Wheel	9	1
Mike Briskman	At Regents Park	9	1
Mark Buckingham	How to reduce your waistline	9	1
Margaret Dorigan	All for a Good Cause		0
Steve Bynish	CircularDream		0
Carol Mitchell	I do like to be beside the seaside		0
Norma Shirley	Mushrooms		0
Sue Finch	Olympic Rings		0
Sue Finch	Sunflowers		0
Steve Bynish	The Sleeping Circle		0
Denise Buckingham	Wigwam Dome		0
	Total votes		88

4. Competition results - "Shot of the Month"

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - July 26			
Photographer	Shot of the Month	Pos	Tot
David Easton	Close to the Edge	1	14
Brian Atkinson	Between two peaks	2	12
Tony Mitchell	Durham Cathedral	3	10
Andrew Longhurst	Eastcote Darter	4	6
David Easton	Grabbing some Grub	4	6
Mark Buckingham	Ickenham not Ascot	4	6
Mark Buckingham	Is it Me or is it Hot !	4	6
Norma Shirley	Poppies Galore	4	6
Andrew Longhurst	Nectar Refueling Queue	5	5
Margaret Dorigan	Mist rolling in...	6	4
Margaret Dorigan	Off to the IOW Music Festival	6	4
Norma Shirley	Waterfall	6	4
Brian Hillier	We've taken £95-Great!	7	3
Denise Buckingham	Going to the Butterfly ball	8	2
Sue Finch	Driverless Taxi	9	1
Carol Mitchell	Poppies and Daisies	9	1
Sue Finch	Black crowned night heron		0
Brian Atkinson	Chillon Chateau		0
Denise Buckingham	Come on England		0
Mike Briskman	Statue at Symond Yat		0
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	Total votes		90

5. A discussion about use of AI by our Photography Group

5.1 Photography Competition Rules and Ethics - Found by Andrew Longhurst

- **Banning Generative AI:** Organizations like the [Photographic Alliance of Great Britain](#) (PAGB) strictly prohibit generative fill, text prompts, or adding artificial elements (like skies or birds) not captured by the photographer.
- **Permitting Traditional Enhancements:** Basic AI features like noise reduction, sharpening, and dust/spot healing using only original pixels are generally allowed.
- **Enforcing Authorship:** Societies require that the final image entry must be entirely derived from the photographer's own original camera capture

5.2 Comments from members

- What should be OK is minor manual editing of photos, e.g. remove bits of littler
- The entry should be created by the photographer
- If AI used then photographer did not take final picture, it was commissioned.

5.3 Photos enhanced with AI - by Andrew Longhurst

Original old photos of kitten



Which been enhance with AI



Chat-GPT was
asked to create
a Round Thing



6. Technical problems encountered

- The presentation Laptop 1 would not read the USB stick with presentation
- A second Laptop 2 would read the USB with presentation
- Laptop1 was connected to internet by cable
- Laptop 1 was connected to Projector and showed the presentation
- laptop 2 was connected to internet by wifi and showed presentation to Zoomers.
- Laptop 2 lost signal once during the meeting

In future all presentations will be sent by Wetransfer to the presenter's laptop and a rehearsal will take place before the meeting

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

- Submit entries by midnight Sunday 16 Aug 2026
- Submit votes by midnight Saturday 22 Aug 2026
- Results emailed to members in Week commencing 24 Aug

If in London Steve suggests starting from Tower Bridge and going West on the South Bank
You may also photograph the River Thames from outside London

8. The is NO Meeting in the Hall on 24 Aug

- Instead there is an outdoor Photo-Shoot of the River Thames

9. Meeting 28 Sep - Presentation - " The Exposure Triangle" by Gowan Cowen

9. Thank you to

- Sieve Binysh for his presentation
- Malcom Barwick for taking the register
- Anna Hillier and Denise Buckingham 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