\Hu3a-Photography Group - Meeting Report - 23 November 2026

Dear Member,

The meeting was attended by 13 members in the Hall, 1 on Zoom and 3 apologies.

1. Presentation - W/A & Tele Lenses and Panoramic Photos - by Brian Hillier

Brian's presentation was in two parts, firstly the range of lenses and their use
Then a presentation on Panoramic Photos

2.1 Lenses available and their main uses

Category	Focal Range	Key Advantage	Primary Use Case
Wide-Angle	14mm - 35mm	Expansive field of view	Landscapes and Architecture
Standard Prime	35mm - 50mm	High Sharpness & Speed	Street & Everyday Shots
Portrait Telephoto	85mm - 135mm	Bokeh & Compression	Portraits and Fashion
Super Telephoto	200mm - 600mm+	Extreme Magnification	Sports & Wildlife
Standard Zoom	24mm - 70mm	Rapid Framing Flexibility	Events, Travel & News

1.2 Panoramic Photos

- Interest in Panorama photos started in 1840's, the first cameras took film between 5-16 inches wide and up to 20 feet long
- There are two ways to take panorama photos
    - Camera takes a series of adjacent photos which are then stitched together
        - This requires practice to get good results
    - The Camera option **PANO** uses panning to records a continuous image
        - This is perhaps the simplest way to record a panorama photo

- One needs a printer capable of printing a longer than say A4
    - The Epson ET8500 can print 210mm high and up to 2 metres long
    - One has to add into the Printer's list of paper sizes
      the required Print size say 1500mm x 210mm

- One can buy paper in sheets or rolls with various finishes
- Companies are available to print a panorama on paper, acrylic or metal

- Brian showed how to use the **PANO** option to make a mini Bayeux Tapestry
    - The source image came from the "Times booklet - The Bayeux Tapestry
    - It was printed on lining paper that had been cut into 210mm by 1500mm.

2. Competition Results - Happy Holidays

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - November 26			
Photographer	**Happy Holidays**	**Pos**	**Tot**
Andrew Longhurst	That Ice Cream Was Fab!	**1**	**18**
Jolanta Gaj	A smile for the photojournalist	**2**	**8**
Margaret Dorigan	I Spy	**2**	**8**
Susan Madigan	Cruising through ice	**3**	**6**
Denise Buckingham	What colour should I take today	**3**	**6**
Gary Cooper	2 Day of the Dead 2	**4**	**5**
Denise Buckingham	Swimsuit competition	**4**	**5**
Andrew Lonbghurst	Not a Care in the World	**5**	**4**
Brian Hillier	Guten Tag in Jersey War Tunnels	**6**	**3**
Susan Madigan	In the slow lane	**6**	**3**
Mark Buckingham	Regency Reflection	**6**	**3**
Gary Cooper	1 Day of the Dead 1	**7**	**2**
Brian Hillier	Gorey bay, Jersey	**7**	**2**
Norma Shirley	Over the hill and faraway	**8**	**1**
Steve Binysh	3 pictures in one		**0**
Margaret Dorigan	A Peaceful Protest (1)		**0**
Mark Buckingham	Brighton		**0**
Sue Finch	Friendly Moose		**0**
Margaret Dorigan	Friendly Moose		**0**
Sue Finch	Nativity Scene		**0**
Jolanta Gaj	The Nile, the longest river in the world		**0**
Norma Shirley	Two Chimneys and a Steeple		**0**

2.1 Winners of Happy Holidays



1st - That Ice Cream was Fab! by Andrew Longhurst



2nd - A Smile for the photojournalist by Jolanta Gaj



2nd - I Spy. by Margaret Dorigan

3. Competition Results - Shot of the Month

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - November 2026			
Photographer	**Shot of the Month**	**Pos**	**Tot**
Mark Buckingham	Autumn Palette	**1**	**12**
Mark Buckingham	Lest we Forget	**1**	**12**
David Easton	Low Flying Heron	**1**	**12**
David Easton	A Resting Stag	**2**	**7**
Denise Buckingham	Twilight by the river	**3**	**6**
Andrew Longhurst	I won't park here again	**4**	**5**
Denise Buckingham	Surfs Up	**4**	**3**
Elisabeth Curran	Vision in Pink	**4**	**3**
Susan Madigan	Where is my bike	**4**	**3**
Elisabeth Curran	Chains	**5**	**2**
Margaret Dorigan	A Peaceful Protest (1)	**6**	**1**
Sue Finch	Yellow Autum Crocus	**6**	**1**
Norma Shirley	Autumn Colours		**0**
Jolanta Gaj	Autumn is walking through the park		**0**
Sue Finch	Beret anyone		**0**
Margaret Dorigan	Halloween		**0**
Susan Madigan	Looking for lunch		**0**
Jolanta Gaj	Metal and brick: echoes of the old port		**0**
Brian Place	Reflections in a pond		**0**
Brian Place	Reflections in river thames		**0**
Norma Shirley	The lights of Autumn		**0**
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3.1 Winners of Shot of the Month



1st - Autumn Palette by Mark Buckingham



1st - Lest we Forget by Mark Buckingham



1st - Flying Heron by David Easton

4. NO meeting in December, though there are competitions

Theme = "Bridges and Viaducts" and "Shot of the Month"
Entries by: Midnight Sunday - 20 Dec 2026
Votes by: Midnight Saturday - 26 Dec 2026
Results sent to members in week commencing 28 Dec 2026

5. Next Group Meeting

- Monday 25 January 2027

6. Thanks to

- Brian Place - Technical setup
- Mick Madigan - Taking the register
- Carol Mitchell and Susan Madigan - Making teas and coffees
- Andrew Longhurst - Preparing and presenting Competition results
- Tony Kemp for maintaining our web-site

Kind regards,
Brian Hillier
Photography Group Leader