

ILKLEY MAYOR DRAWS U3A PHOTO EXHIBITION BOOK TOKEN PRIZE WINNERS

At last Monday's Town Council meeting (14 June 2021) Ilkley's Mayor, Cllr Mark Stidworthy, drew the winners of Ilkley & District u3a's Photographic Exhibition prize draw. All those who visited the u3a's online Photographic Exhibition and voted for their favourite photo were automatically entered into the draw and three lucky voters won a £20 book token each.



Alan King, one of the winners said, "What a pleasant surprise. I'm a sucker for a landscape and there were some excellent examples in this year's entries. The prize will possibly be spent on maps or an atlas."

Another winner, **Fiona Taylor** commented, "What a wonderful surprise! I thought the online Photographic Exhibition was superb and the quality of the pictures was outstanding, but for me it was Mary Podesta's "Lines in the Landscape" that stole my heart. It simply transported me back to my early 20's when flying back home after working in America for three months, I was overwhelmed with the beauty of our landscape, and Mary captured that scene perfectly." Fiona works in an NHS nursery where the book budget is small and says she will enjoy letting the children pick some new books.

The third winner wishes to remain anonymous.

Members of the u3a's photographic groups submitted photos for the recent successful online exhibition. Photography is only one of many activities that are open to u3a members. There are over 140 different groups, including sports, music, languages, creative writing, science and technology, arts and crafts, local history, dancing, and walking. Membership is only £13.50 a year and is open to those in the area who are retired or semi-retired. Information on how to join is found on the website at ilkleyu3a.org.

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