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Beccles U3A  
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

# Digital Photography Group 2 – welcome !!!

**A warm welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Beccles U3A Photo Group 2 !**

**I hope you will enjoy the meeting today. I want the Group to be a happy place, where you can feel welcome, enjoy photography and meet new friends.**



# Digital Photography Group 2 – about me

**I'm John and I've been convenor of Digital Photography Group 1 for 4½ years.**

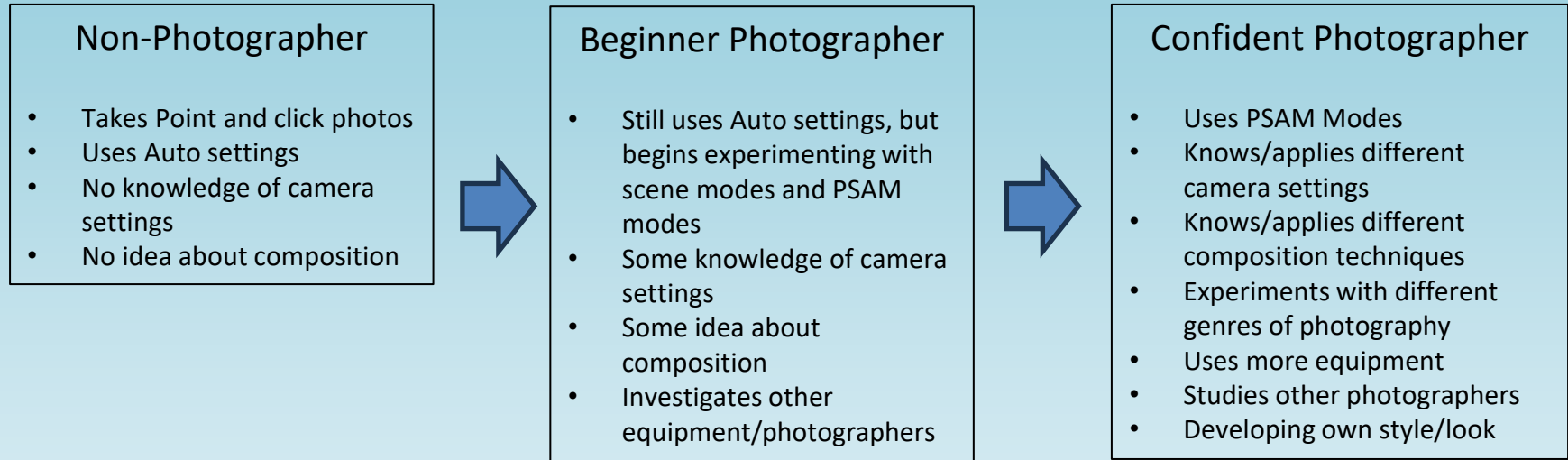
**I'm largely self-taught and have been using a camera off/on since my teens.**

**I'm happy to share my knowledge and experience with you, but please do the same !**

**If you need to get hold of me, my new email address for this group is :**

**[jsdpg2@gmail.com](mailto:jsdpg2@gmail.com)**

# Photography Progression with Beccles U3A



**This is just a rough idea of how people progress in Photography.  
Everyone is different and will progress at different rates and in different areas.  
Photography progression continues beyond the Confident stage, but this is up to you.....**

# Health & Safety and the facilities

There are 2 fire exits – the door you came in and the double patio doors to the side.  
**If the fire alarm sounds, please exit the building.**

**There is a first aid box in the kitchen for minor cuts etc.**  
**If a more serious incident occurs, please call an ambulance.**

There is 1 toilet in the entrance hall, plus another upstairs.

Refreshments (tea/coffee) will usually be provided, but if you are concerned about any food allergies, please could you bring your own refreshments ?

# Beccles U3A Membership

Membership of Beccles U3A offers a chance to participate in over 60 groups and allows free entry to the monthly meeting, with free refreshments and interesting speakers. The meeting is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Public Hall.

Membership costs £16 per person per annum and £8 if you join 1/2way through the year.

Membership year runs from April to March.

As we are close to the renewal date and the status of this group is not yet finalised, **please don't join the U3A now.**

However, assuming we continue, you would be expected to join from April 2025.

# Beccles U3A Membership & Walks

As a U3A member, you would also be covered by U3A insurance at any U3A event.

However, I am planning to run “Photo walks” where...

- We would visit an external venue
- Have a short walk (1 mile or so), whilst taking photos and sharing photo tips
- Have refreshments afterwards

**Please be aware that participation on a “Photo walk” is at your own risk.**

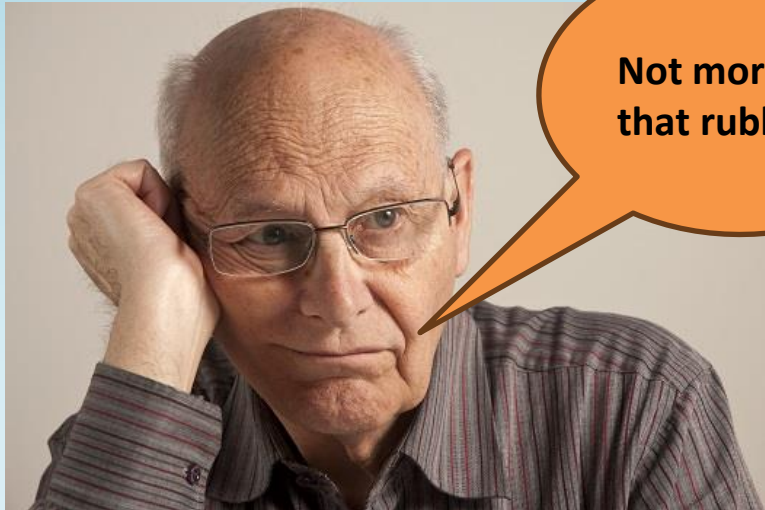
You are not covered by U3A insurance, as to do so would require me to complete a pre-walk inspection and risk assessment for each walk we undertake.

So that everyone has been formally informed of the risk, I will also be emailing this statement after the meeting.

# Digital Photography Group 2 – meeting

For today's meeting, I will use the same meeting format as Group 1.

The Group 1 members like it. However, if you would like me to change anything, **or if you have any suggestions**, please let me know !



**Not more of  
that rubbish !**

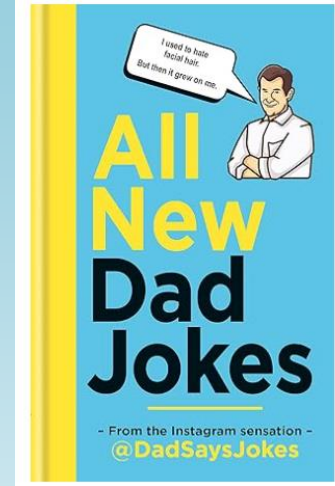
# Dad Jokes...

An oracle told me once that it was fate that I had banged my leg into a table at school....

She said it was desk to knee (destiny) !! 😁

Dad always said “The first rule of theatre is to leave them wanting more”.....

He was a great bloke, but a terrible anaesthetist !! 😁



# Guess the place and the song !

See if you can guess where this is. Bonus mark if you also identify the song

Clue 1 : This is a city in the North of England, with a cathedral and a university

Clue 2 : The city was founded by Anglo Saxon monks in 995, fleeing the Vikings. The river Wear flows through the city. It was surrounded by coalfields once.

Song Clue : This easy listening single was in the charts for 18 weeks in 1969, peaking at no. 12. The male artist was known for his tuneful whistling, as well as singing.



Click to play song excerpt

It was “Durham” and “Durham Town by Roger Whittaker”

# Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

**21<sup>st</sup> January – Exposure**

**4<sup>th</sup> February – “Rules” of Composition**

**18<sup>th</sup> February – Camera Mode / Command dial – from Auto to Manual**

**4<sup>th</sup> March – Leading Lines & Symmetry in compositions**

**18<sup>th</sup> March – Drive modes & Focus modes**

**1<sup>st</sup> April – Practical camera session**

**If you have a topic you would like me to cover, or even better, something you can share with the group, please let me know !**

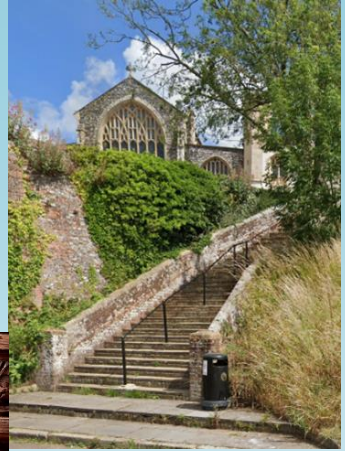
# Digital Photography Group – next Photowalk

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> January – St Michaels church, Beccles**

A local place to get us started ! Meet inside the church at 11am, NR34 9HE.

If weather is fine, we can also look around the churchyard.

Otherwise...it will be just the church and a coffee afterwards ! 😊



**NB – this walk is dependent on the church being free on this date, so I will confirm beforehand.  
Please could you let me know if you're able to come !**

# Digital Photography Group – future walks

## Suggestions..

**Raveningham Gardens Snowdrops – open during February**

**Lowestoft Ness Point**

**Snape Maltings**

**Pakefield church and beach**

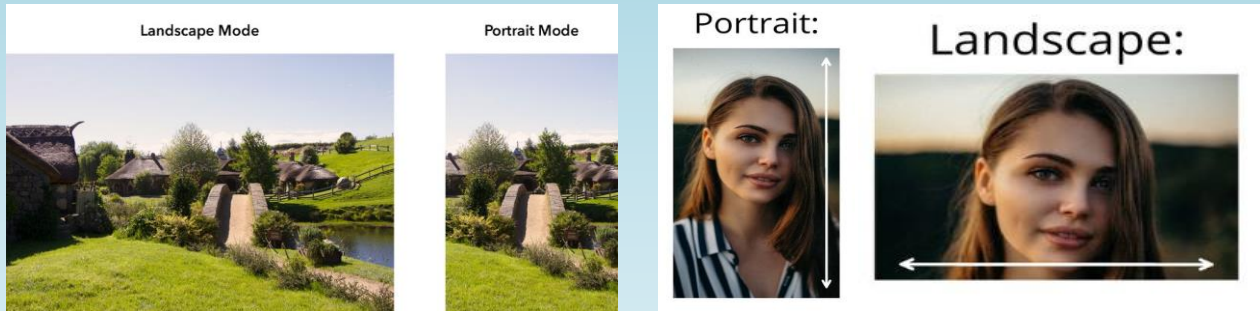
**Walk with professional photographers Lucy or Dominic (extra charge involved)**

# Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

## “Portrait vs Landscape” - 2 Photos

Please submit 2 photos, 1 in Portrait and 1 in Landscape Orientation.

You can shoot anything, but it must be the same subject in both photos. You must take new photos ! Please don't submit photos from your back catalogue. You are allowed to shoot the subject from different angles. The point of the exercise is to make you consider orientation when shooting.



Please return your photos to me by Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January to [jsdpg2@gmail.com](mailto:jsdpg2@gmail.com)

Please reduce the filesize of your images to 2Mb or less, or use WeTransfer <https://wetransfer.com/>

or PicDrop transfers <https://www.picdrop.com/web>

# Digital Photography Group – monthly challenge

**There are 4 categories – You can enter 1, 2 or more categories, but only 1 photo per category**

**(Challenge runs during all of January)**

**The categories are...**

- 1) Human World** - any photo with a person, or where the subject has been created by a person or persons.
- 2) Natural World** - any photo where the subject is from the natural world, including landscapes.
- 3) Monochrome** - any photo in a single colour, or black and white, of any subject.
- 4) Close-up** - any photo where you have focussed on part of an object.

Please send your photos to me by **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

Talk .....

**Now for my talk on basic composition ideas for all cameras...**

# Tea- Break !



# Members Photos .....

**Some monthly challenge images for November & December**

# Video.....

**Taking photos from different perspectives... (8 mins)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbW6mlITXAw&list=WL&index=13>

# The next meeting.....

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.**

**Hope to see you then !! 😊**