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Beccles U3A  
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025

# Dad Jokes...

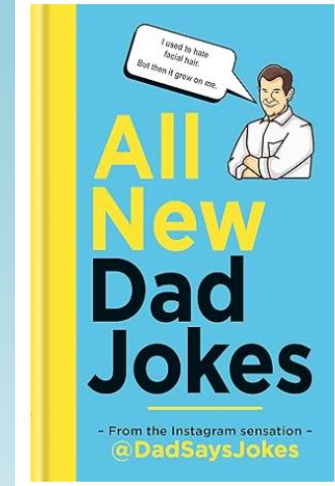
Husband : I still feel rough. I need to call the doctor today..

Wife : Which doctor ?

Husband : No, the regular kind !! 😊

Don't use double negatives....

They're a big no no !! 😊



# 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, on the South Coast of England, dating from Roman times.

Clue 2 : The city is very famous for its Royal Naval heritage and is home to the oldest dry-dock in the world.

Song Clue : This 1976 record is a version of a traditional English folk-tune, first printed in 1701. The artist is a famous instrumentalist. The song reached no.3 in the charts.



It was “Portsmouth” and “**Portsmouth**” by **Mike Oldfield**

# Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

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 – bring in your camera/phone !**

15<sup>th</sup> April – Pixels, image sizes and printing

6<sup>th</sup> May – Colour Theory

20<sup>th</sup> May – John away; Macro photography by Peter

**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

**Snowdrops !**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Raveningham Gardens**

Post code NR14 6NS

Meet at the Gardens at 11am. Entry £6 for over 65s, otherwise £7.50

Option for refreshments afterwards at Ravenous Café, NR14 6NU ?

There is a tea-hut at the Gardens, which should be open.

**Walk is weather dependent ! John will confirm beforehand.**

**Please could you let me know if you're able to come !**

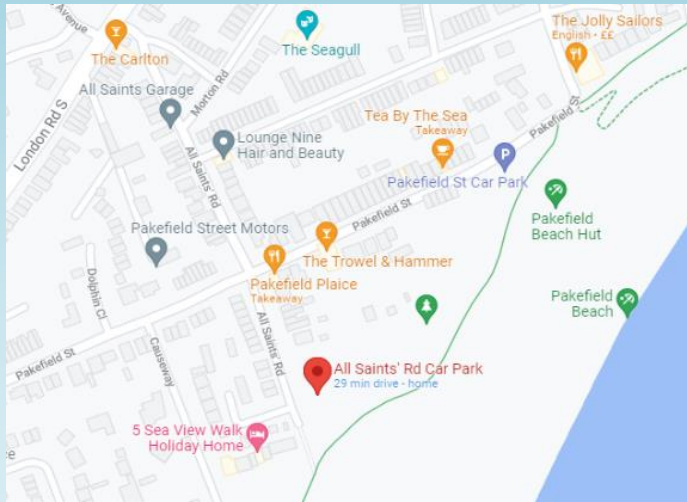


# Digital Photography Group – future Photowalk

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Pakefield church and beach**

**Meet in All Saints Road free car-park, NR33 0JY at 11am**

**Option for lunch / coffee afterwards in Jolly Sailors Pub**



**This walk is weather dependent ! John will confirm beforehand.**

**Please could you let me know if you're able to come !**

# Digital Photography Group – future walks

As I'm now running 2 groups, I'd like to offer just 1 "big walk" once per month, when we would visit a proper venue. If anyone would like to lead a local walk at other times in the month, this would be very helpful.

## Suggested "Big Walks"

Snetterton Race Circuit with Group 1  
Suffolk Owl Centre / Stonham Barns with Group 1  
Flixton Air Museum / Adair Nature trail  
Banham Zoo / Africa Alive with Group 1  
Felixstowe Landguard Fort with Group 1  
Norwich Bug Parc with Bernard  
Redwings Horse Sanctuary nr Fritton  
Walk with professional photographers Lucy Kane or Dominic (extra charge involved)

## Suggestions for local walks

Lowestoft Ness Point  
Beccles Quay  
Carlton Marshes  
Snape Maltings  
Beccles Railway Station

# Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

## “Good Old British Food” - 1 Photo

Please submit only 1 photo !

An indoor challenge for you. As it's winter, please take 1 colour photo of a typical British meal (Cooked Breakfast, Fish'n'Chips, Pie and Mash etc). Try to make the meal look as appetising as possible ! You can use your own cooking, or food from a restaurant.



Please return your photos to me by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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 February)**

**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 **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

# Digital Photography Group – projector update

**The U3A Committee have offered us £300 towards the cost of a new projector.**

This is made up of 3 x £100 grants. 1 grant for Group 2 for the current financial year and 2 grants for both groups for the next financial year, starting in April.

We would have to raise the difference, through surplus funds arising from member subscriptions.

Currently, we have raised £150.

The projector would become a Beccles U3A asset, which means it would be covered by U3A insurance. However, it also means other U3A groups could use the projector, if they required it.

I'm currently reviewing different projector specifications, but my current favourite is the **Epson EB-FH52**, costing a little over £600. We are on track to have enough money to buy this in April.

# Digital Photography Group – exhibition update



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## Photography Exhibition

Waveney Centre Beccles

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August &  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
10:00am – 4:00pm

All Welcome - Free Admission

Raffle



Talk .....

**Now for my talk on the Command / Mode dial ...**

# Tea- Break !



# Members Photos .....

**Your images for the “Rules” challenge**

**Your images for the “Langley Snowdrops” walk**

# Videos....if time

What do Camera Auto Modes do ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSqSCv6UWKM>

Smartphone Photography Ideas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNqzCs5bYbl>

# The next meeting.....

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.**

**Hope to see you then !! 😊**