



Beccles U3A  
Digital Photography Group 1

Meeting Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025

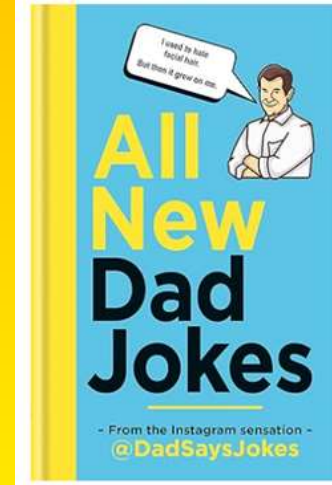
# Dad Jokes...

I once went to a haunted B&B hotel in France .....

The place gave me the crêpes !! 😊

I've just written a book about falling down the stairs....

It's a step-by-step guide !! 😊



# 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 – looking ahead

12<sup>th</sup> March – My Travels – Doug

26<sup>th</sup> March – Macro/Close-up practical – help needed !

9<sup>th</sup> April – Madagascar – David

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Pixels, image sizes and printing – Graham

14<sup>th</sup> May – John away; help needed !

28<sup>th</sup> May – Leading Lines, Framing and Symmetry refresher

# Digital Photography Group – next walk

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – visit to Blythburgh Church IP19 9LP**

**Meet at the church car-park at 11am. Free parking on site.**

**This church is famous for its angels in the rafters.**



**Lunch afterwards at the Old Hall Café, near Southwold, IP18 6SG**

**Pre-booking is essential, so please let me know if you're coming !**

# 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 2

Suffolk Owl Centre/ Stonham Barns with Group 2

City of Norwich Aviation Museum

Banham Zoo / Africa Alive with Group 2

Woodbridge & Tide Mill

Norwich Castle Museum (Castle Keep re-opens later this year)

Felixstowe Landguard Fort with Group 2

Another walk with professional photographers Lucy Kane or Dominic

## 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 Graham by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

# 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 **Graham** by Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

# Digital Photography Group – projector update

**Beccles U3A Steering Committee have offered us another £100, making £300 in total.**

This is because Group 2 have not yet used their £100 grant allocation for this year.

We would have to raise the difference, through surplus funds arising from member subscriptions. Currently, we have raised £150.

As discussed, 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.

# Beccles U3A - membership



U3A Membership renewal packs are now being sent out.

<https://beccles.u3asite.uk/membership-2/#Membership-Renewal>

Please could you join / renew your U3A membership by the end of April ?

Once you have received your new membership card...

Please could you bring it with you to the meeting or

Email me a photo of the front of the card, with your name and number visible

Let me know if you have any problems.

Thanks everyone ! 😊

Talk .....

**Now for my talk on Sharpening and De-Noising**

# Tea- Break !



# Your photos.....

**F.E.B. challenge**

**Norwich Guildhall walk**

# The next meeting.....

**The next meeting will be held on Weds 12th March, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.**

Website : [https://beccles.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/digital-photography/](https://beccles.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/digital-photography/)