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Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 1st April 2025

Tea- Break !



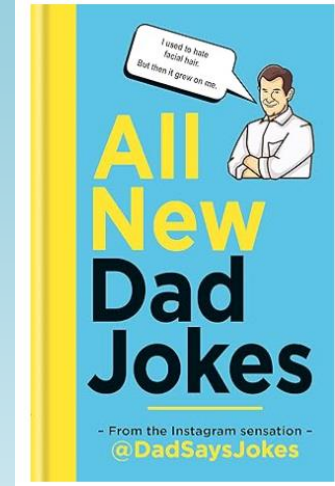
Dad Jokes...

Why is the word “Dark” spelt with a K and not a C ?

You can't C in the dark !! 😄

My new car is so advanced, it can drive itself....

The problem is, it went off and now I don't know where it is !! 😄



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 sea-side resort in the North East of England

Clue 2 : The town, founded by the Danes in the 10th Century is the largest town on the Yorkshire coast and was the first seaside resort in England.

Song Clue : This 1966 record is a cover of a traditional English song by a famous American duo. The song describes a series of impossible tasks for someone to prove their love.



It was “Scarborough” and “Scarborough Fair” by
Simon & Garfunkel

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

15th April – Pixels, image sizes and printing

6th May – Colour Theory and White Balance

20th May – John away; Macro photography by Peter

3rd June – Point & Shoot Nature Photography

17th June – RAW vs JPG files

1st July – Les – some of my images

15th July – Lens Filters

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 walk

Visit to Snetterton Race Circuit NR16 2JU for a Track Day with Howard and Group 1 on Monday 14th April.

Meet outside the entrance to the cafe at 11am (this is on the circuit, so drive through the entrance gates).

**Please let John know if you're able to come.
As the circuit is quite a distance from Beccles, please share cars if you can.**

This is a non-race track day, where people pay to drive their own car. This means there is free admission to view the event. Lunch is available at the track café.

Many thanks to Howard for arranging this visit !



Digital Photography Group – future walk

Friday 16th May – visit to Banham Zoo NR16 2HE with Vince and Group 1. Meet outside the entrance to the zoo at 11am.

Vince has secured us a discounted entry price of £15 per person. Pre-payment is required – pay Vince directly.

Please pay and book your space with Vince by Weds 15th April. This is to give Vince time to make arrangements with the zoo.

NB – this is a non-u3a event, so you can bring partners, friends etc - but attendance is at your own risk.

So...no climbing in the tiger enclosure ! 😊

Many thanks to Vince for arranging this visit !



Digital Photography Group – future walk

Thursday 12th June – visit to Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham IP14 6AT with John and Group 1. Meet in the car-park at 11am.

Flying displays at 11:30am and 2:30pm, weather permitting.

Entry is £9 per person, for concessions.

Please let John know by the 6th May, if you're coming, as I will be booking us in as a group visit.

NB – this is a non-u3a event, so you can bring partners, friends etc - but attendance is at your own risk.



Digital Photography Group – future walk

Tues 22nd July – visit to Brick Kiln House Gardens Shotesham NR15 1UJ with Sue. Meet in the paddock behind the house at 11am.

The gardens are open as part of the National Garden Scheme. Entry is £6 per person, or £10 including tea and cake !

This is a private group visit, which Sue has arranged.
Please let Sue know by the 6th May if you're coming.

Many thanks to Sue for arranging this visit !



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 - 14th April

Banham Zoo / Africa Alive with Group 1 – 16th May

Suffolk Owl Centre with Group 1 – 12th June

Brick Kiln House Open Garden with Sue – 22nd July

Redwings Horse Sanctuary nr Fritton

Flixton Air Museum / Adair Nature trail

Felixstowe Landguard Fort with Group 1 – 25th Sep

Norwich Bug Parc with Bernard

Suggestions for local walks

Lowestoft Ness Point

Beccles Quay

Carlton Marshes

Snape Maltings

Beccles Railway Station

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

Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

“Steps and Staircases” - 2 Photos Please submit a maximum of 2 photos !

Please take 2 photos of set of steps, or a staircase. Think about light and shadow, symmetry, leading lines. You may also want to take a photo showing people on the staircase, to add human interest.



Please return your photos to me by Sunday 13th April to 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 April)

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 4th May.**

Digital Photography Group – exhibition

This year's exhibition is taking place at the Waveney Centre on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th August, between 10am and 4pm each day.

This year, each member can enter up to 4 photos.

1 image for each of the 4 categories :

Human World

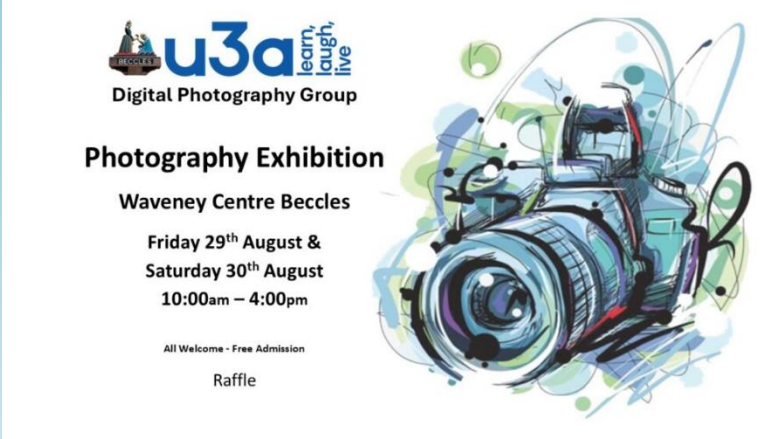
Natural World

Monochrome

Close-up

You don't have to enter photos which you have submitted before, but they must have been taken within between July 2023 and July 2025.

The closing date for entries is 16th July.



u3a learn, laugh, live
Digital Photography Group

Photography Exhibition
Waveney Centre Beccles

Friday 29th August &
Saturday 30th August
10:00am – 4:00pm

All Welcome - Free Admission
Raffle

Please put these dates into your diary !
If you can also help with the event, please speak to Vince ! 😊

Digital Photography Group – raffle entry

We will be holding a raffle at the exhibition again.
One of the prizes of offer will be a photo from one of the group,
on the theme “Minimalist*”

If you would like to take part, please send 1 image to Graham by
Weds 11th June. The file name should be “yourname_minimalist”.

Graham will collate the entries and members will be asked to pick
their favourite, which will take place around the end of June.

Contact Graham at photography.becclesu3a@gmail.com

Thank you !

**Minimalist photography is a style that uses simplicity and sparsity to create striking images. It's often characterized by clean lines, geometric shapes, and a limited colour palette.*

It doesn't have to mean a monochrome image !



Photo Group 1- membership

Due to ill health, several members of Group 1 have decided not to renew their u3a membership.
So, I now have 3 spaces available in Group 1.

Group 1 meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, at 10am-12 noon in the Quaker Meeting House.
They will be following a similar program to Group 2.

If you would like to switch to Group 1, please speak to me at break, or send me an email.

If any spaces remain, I will make Group 1 open to new members from the wider u3a.

Thank you,
John

Beccles U3A - membership



Thank you everyone for your support of Group 2. It is much appreciated !

I am pleased to tell you we have sufficient members to continue with the group beyond March.

With the Group's future secure, it is appropriate for me to tell you that U3A Membership renewal packs are 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 ! 😊

Beccles Town Council – Send in your Photos

Beccles Town Council would like help from the U3A Photo Groups and Beccles Camera Club to update their library of images of Beccles. Wanted - **Good quality, attractive photos** to be used to promote the town, on social media and in paper and digital formats

By taking part, you are agreeing that the images are your own work and that you are happy to donate them to the Council, free of charge.

They would like to build up a library of images of....

- Beccles Quay, the Marsh Trail, Beccles Town Centre and Beccles Common, not just in summer, but at different times of the year.
- Beccles tourist attractions : the Bell Tower, Public Hall, Lido, Canoe Man etc
- Photos from Beccles events : Food Festival, Carnival, Antiques Market, Soapbox Derby, Christmas Light switch-on, Open Gardens and the Duck Race.

Please could you title each image with the place and date taken and your name.

Please send your images to Helen.Lower@becclestowncouncil.gov.uk

Members Photos

Your images for the “Looking up” challenge

Your images for the “March” challenge

Video....if time

Photographing staircases (12 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g46YD3OgfDU>

The next meeting.....

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th April, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

Hope to see you then !! 😊

Web-page : https://beccles.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/digital-photography-2/