



Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 1

Meeting Wednesday 9th April 2025

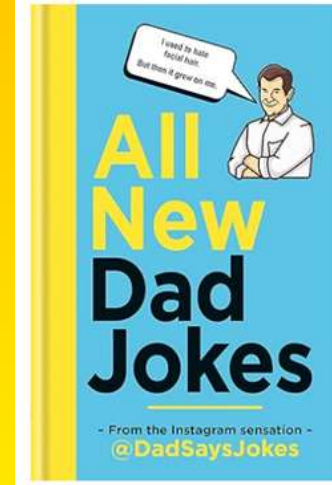
Dad Jokes...

What do you call a guy with kids in Holland ?

An Amersterdad !! 😄

What's blue and smells like red paint ?

Blue Paint !! 😄



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 – looking ahead

23rd April – Pixels, image sizes and printing – Graham

14th May – John away - Panorama - Graham

28th May – Leading Lines, Framing and Symmetry refresher

11th June – Point & Shoot Nature Photography

25th June – RAW vs JPG revisited

9th July – Jo’s recent travels

23rd July – Doug’s Green travels – part 2 !

13th August – “Old Photo” Practical around Beccles Town Centre with Bob

Digital Photography Group – next walk

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

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

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.

Please let John know **today** if you're able to come.

As the circuit is quite a distance from Beccles, please share cars if you can.

Lunch is available at the “Pit-stop” café.



Digital Photography Group – future walk

Friday 16th May – visit to Banham Zoo NR16 2HE with Vince and Group 2. 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 23rd 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 ! 🙄



Digital Photography Group – future walk

Thursday 12th June – visit to Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham IP14 6AT with John and Group 2. 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 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 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 2 - 14th April

Banham Zoo / Africa Alive with Group 2 – 16th May

Suffolk Owl Centre with Group 2 – 12th June

Brick Kiln House Garden with Group 2 – 22nd July

City of Norwich Aviation Museum

Woodbridge & Tide Mill

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

Felixstowe Landguard Fort with Group 2 – 25th Sep

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

“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 Graham by Sunday 20th April

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 **Graham** by Sunday 11th May.

Digital Photography Group – IT update

We have purchased a second-hand projector for £100.

We tested it and we think it is better than our old one.

The money we have saved will be used to support the costs of our exhibition.

There is a small amount of tinkering needed to optimize the picture – we're working on it !

Vince has created a Facebook group : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/9300215653395602>

Please contact Vince if you would like to join the group.

Vince's email is vsneath54@gmail.com

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 2024 and July 2025.

The closing date for entries is 23rd 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 a committee member ! 😊

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.

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

You may have noticed the group status has changed on the u3a website, in that we have re-opened the Group to new members.

Nick, Philip Broadley and Tony Dawes have decided not to renew their u3a membership, for personal reasons.

I have offered their spaces to Group 2. If no-one takes up the spaces, we can then accept new members from the wider u3a.

Dave Howson has joined us today from Group 2, taking Sue Boccock's space.

Sue has transferred to Group 2, as Tuesdays suit her better and Wednesday's suit Dave better.

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 some of David's images of Madagascar.....



Tea- Break !

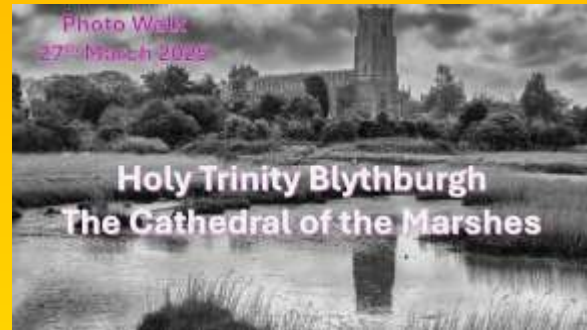


Your photos.....

“Blythburgh Church” photos

“Looking Up” challenge

“March” photos



Video....if time

Photographing staircases (12 mins)

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

The next meeting.....

The next meeting will be held on Weds 23rd April, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

Website : https://beccles.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/digital-photography/