

Tea- Break !





Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 1

Meeting Wednesday 26th March 2025

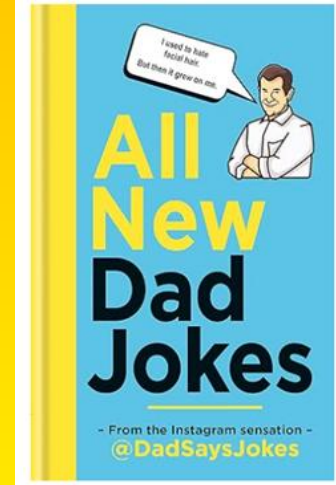
Dad Jokes...

What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter ?

An Irrelephant !! 😊

How does Darth Vader like his toast ?

On the Dark Side !! 😊



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 West of England

Clue 2 : The city is famous for its tower and illuminations.

Song Clue : This 1937 record was written by a famous northern entertainer and movie star. Some of the lyrics in the song were banned by the BBC !



It was “Blackpool” and “With my little stick of Blackpool Rock” by George Formby

Digital Photography Group – looking ahead

9th April – Madagascar – David

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

Digital Photography Group – next walk

Thursday 27th March (tomorrow !) – visit to **Blythburgh Church IP19 9LP**

Meet at the church car-park **at 10.30am**. Free parking on site. Free Tour at 11am.

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 it's too late to join us !

Digital Photography Group – future walk

Visit to Snetterton Race Circuit NR16 2JU for a Track Day with Howard and Group 2 on Monday 14th April or Tuesday 22nd 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.

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 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 - April

Banham Zoo / Africa Alive with Group 2 - May

Suffolk Owl Centre/ Stonham Barns with Group 2 - June

City of Norwich Aviation Museum

Woodbridge & Tide Mill

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

Felixstowe Landguard Fort with Group 2 - 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

“Looking up” - 1 Photo

Please take 1 photo of anything above head height.

This includes clouds, birds, tree tops, chimneys, moon, moon, stars etc



Please return your photos to Graham by Monday 7th April

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 5th April.

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

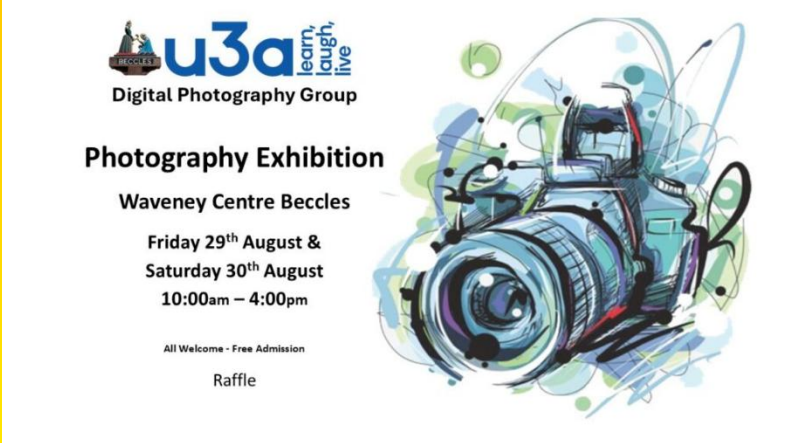
Natural World

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.



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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 !



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 ! 😊

Your photos.....

Spring challenge



Photo Challenge
March 2025

SPRING

Video....if time

Cloud Photography (12 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWRGWLhP5sM>

The next meeting.....

The next meeting will be held on Weds 9th April, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

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