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Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 20th May 2025

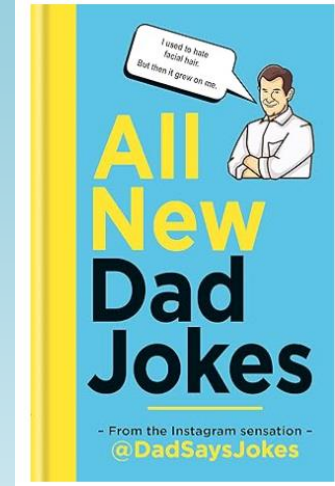
Dad Jokes...

I had a bar installed on my roof.

Just so I can say to guests, the drinks are on the house !! 😄

I have a Russian friend who's a sound technician.

And I have a Czech one too. A Czech one too !! 😄



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 Welsh town, near the border with England, on the River Usk.

Clue 2 : The town's name means "River of the Smiths" and it has been an area of iron-smelting for centuries.

Song Clue : This 1968 record is by a famous London Rock and Roll singer of the 50s & 60s. The song never charted in the UK, but had success in the US and in Europe.



It was "Abergavenny" and "Abergavenny" by
Marty Wilde

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

3rd June – Point & Shoot Nature Photography - John

17th June – RAW vs JPG files - Graham

1st July – Les – some of my images

15th July – Lens Filters – John

5th August – Lens Practical – Vince

19th August – Exhibition prep and chat

2nd September – Steve C – some of my images

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

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.

John has now notified them of the group numbers, but you can still turn up on the day.

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 today 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"

Suffolk Owl Centre with Group 1 – 12th June

Brick Kiln House Open Garden with Sue – 22nd July

Norwich Bug Parc with Bernard

Redwings Horse Sanctuary nr Fritton

Flixton Air Museum / Adair Nature trail

Felixstowe Landguard Fort with Group 1 – 25th Sep

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

“Macro / Close Up” - 2 Photos

Please submit a maximum of 2 photos !

Please take up to 2 images, in colour or B&W, which are a close-up of something found in your garden/park.

It could be a flower, bug, garden tools, furniture etc. Try to isolate your subject from the background /surroundings. Tip – You want an aperture small enough that all details are sharp, but wide enough to blur the background. Try f4 or f5.6



Please return your photo to John by **Sunday 1st June** 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 May)

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 1st June**

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.

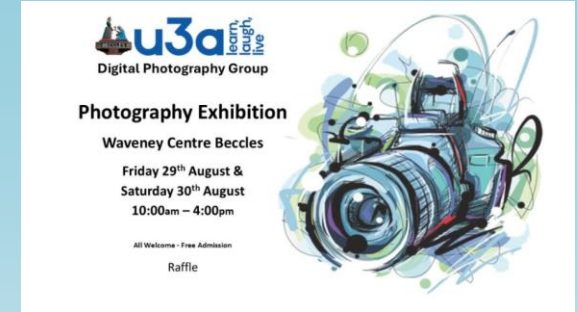
1 image for each of the 4 categories :

Human World
Natural World
Monochrome
Close-up

Please write your name, photo title, the category you are entering and the location of the photo on the back of the frame.

Write in pencil, so you can rub this out after the exhibition and re-use the frame next year.

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.**



Link to frames :

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B004V3PQZG?ref_=p_px_hzsearch_conn_dt_b_fed_asin_title_2&th=1

Link to printers :

<https://www.dscolourlabs.co.uk/photo-prints/>

Main Contact (Vince) : vsneath54@gmail.com

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 !



Beccles U3A - membership



U3A Membership renewal packs are being sent out.

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

If you haven't already, please could you join / renew your U3A membership as soon as possible ?

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 Peter's talk on Moths and Macro Photography

Tea- Break !



John's away so it's Non-Members Photos !!



Recent winners of the World Nature Photography Awards 2025

Website : <https://www.worldnaturephotographyawards.com/winners-2025>

Videos....if time

Macro photography on your phone (6 mins)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_kJjBR9x_k&list=WL&index=7

Or this one....

Macro Mindful Photography in your Garden (16 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8om5IVOkArQ&list=WL&index=6>

The next meeting.....

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd June, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

Be good for Vince whilst I'm away !! 😊

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