



Beccles U3A  
Digital Photography Group 1

Meeting Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

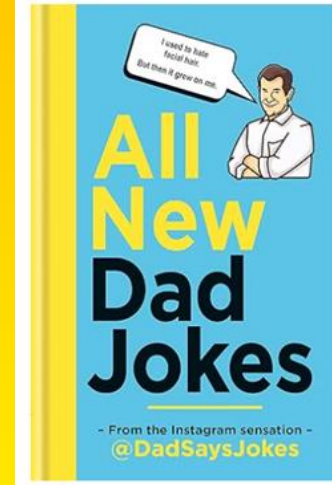
# Dad Jokes...

Why did the Invisible Man turn down the job ?

He couldn't see himself doing it !! 😜

A storm blew away 25% of my roof.....

“Oof” !! 😜



# 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 – looking ahead

11th June – RAW vs JPG revisited - Graham

25<sup>th</sup> June – Point & Shoot Nature Photography - John

9<sup>th</sup> July – Jo's recent travels

**23<sup>rd</sup> July – Doug's Green travels – part 2 ! – John away**

13<sup>th</sup> August – “Old Photo” Practical around Beccles Town Centre with Bob

27<sup>th</sup> August – Exhibition Prep & chat

10<sup>th</sup> Sept – Post Exhibition chat

# Digital Photography Group – next walk

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**I've 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 me know today if you're coming. I will pass on your details to Sue.**

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 2 – 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Brick Kiln House Garden with Group 2 – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 25<sup>th</sup> 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

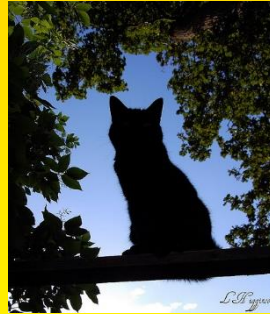
## “Lines, Frames & Symmetry”- 1 Photo

Please submit just 1 photo !

For this challenge, I want you to take a photo using either a leading line, a frame or a symmetry in its composition.

If you're not sure what these are, we're be covering these concepts in today's talk.

Next meeting will have the monthly photos to review, so please just enter 1 photo.



Please return your photo to Graham by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

# 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 **Graham** by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

# Digital Photography Group – exhibition

This year's exhibition is taking place at the Waveney Centre on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

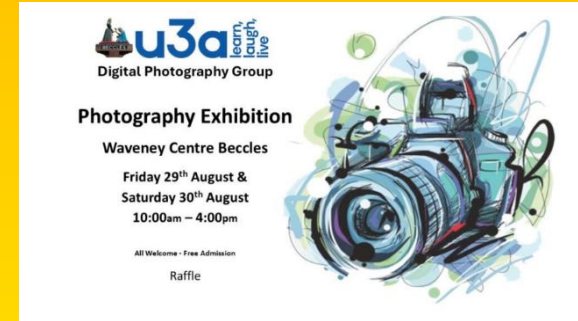
Close-up

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 2024 and July 2025.

The closing date for entries is 23<sup>rd</sup> July.



Link to frames :

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Link to printers :

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

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 !*



Talk.....

**Now for my talk on Leading Lines, Framing and Symmetry**

**[2\\_Leading Lines, Framing and Symmetry 2025.pptx](#)**

# Tea- Break !



# Your photos.....

**“Panorama” challenge**

**“Banham Zoo” walk**

# Video....if time

**Lines and Leading Lines (7 mins)**

**[5 Lines And Leading Lines.mp4](#)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYDGvTLIUqk&list=WL&index=9>

# The next meeting.....

**The next meeting will be held on Weds 11<sup>th</sup> June, 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/)