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Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 3rd June 2025

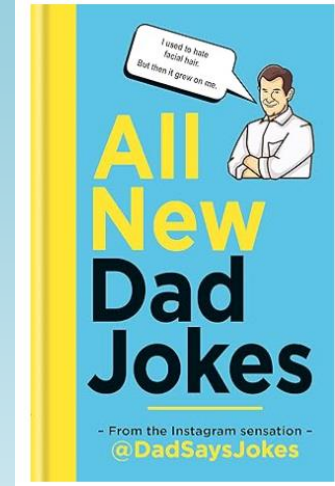
Dad Jokes...

How do you get a farm girl to like you ?

A tractor !! 😄

I was against organ transplants.

Then I had a change of heart !! 😄



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 large city in the North-East of England

Clue 2 : The city began around a Roman settlement called Pons Aelius and was originally called “Monkchester”. It changed its name in Norman times.

Song Clue : This 1971 record about the city’s river, is by a famous folk group, who themselves are named after a nearby island and religious centre.



It was “Newcastle Upon Tyne” and “Fog on the Tyne” by Lindisfarne

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

17th Jun – RAW vs JPG files - Graham

1st Jul – some of my images - Les

15th Jul – Lens Filters – John

5th Aug – Reflection, Refraction and Distortion practical

19th Aug – Exhibition prep and chat

2nd Sep – some of my images – Steve C

Weds 10th Sep- post-exhibition feedback with Mike Lloyd

7th Oct – Smartphone Zoom practical with Jeanette Lendon – pre-booking required

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. Please be there for 11am, so we can enter as a group !

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

**Thursday 26th June – visit to Peter Beales Roses, Attleborough
NR17 1AY, with John**

The gardens are usually at their best in June.
There's free parking and free entry to the site.
As it's a long way from Beccles, please car-share if you can !

Peter Beales only has a small café on site, so I'm suggesting we
have lunch afterwards at the Breckland Lodge, 5 mins away.

Please let me know if you'd like this, as advance booking is
recommended.

As usual, this walk is at your own risk and is weather permitting.



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.

If you haven't already informed Sue, please let me know today if you're coming, so Sue can finalise the numbers.

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

Peter Beales Roses – 26th 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

“Cold drink”- 2 Photos

Please submit only 2 photos !

This challenge is all about making your drinks look attractive. Imagine you are shooting images for a glossy magazine. **To make it harder, please submit 1 x Portrait Orientation and 1 x Landscape Orientation.**

You will need to control what appears next to your drink – hint use shallow depth of field/focus to blur background distractions. Try misting the glass to make it look cooler !



Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 15th 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 June)

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 **Monday 30th 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 :

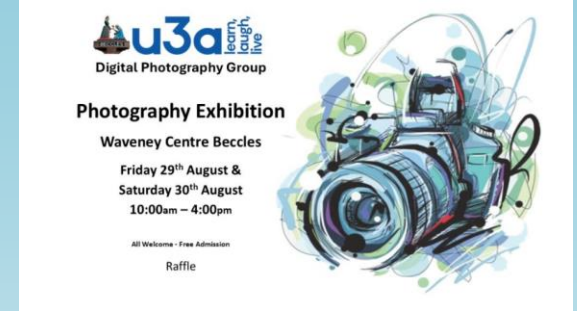
**Human World
Natural World
Monochrome
Close-up**

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_
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Link to printers :

<https://www.dscourlabs.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 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 !



Talk

Now for my talk on Point and Shoot Nature Photography

Tea- Break !



Members Photos

May monthly images

Secondary colour challenge

Macro / Close up challenge

Banham Zoo walk

Videos....if time

Nikon P1000 – Zooming in on the moon (2 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fkWMPUoxBc>

Tips for photographing cold drinks (8 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFW9jAZBBHI>

One to watch at home.....

Point and Shoot Nature Photography

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kg-8brFqHhM&list=WL&index=9>

The next meeting.....

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th June, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

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