



Beccles U3A  
Digital Photography Group 1

Meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025

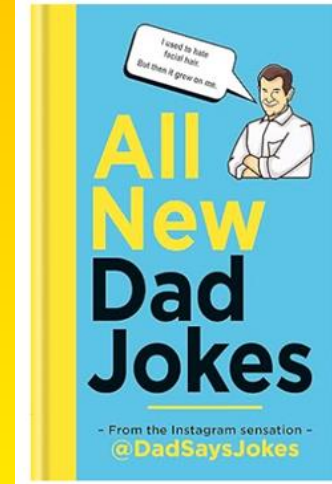
# Dad Jokes...

What do you get if you cross a melon with a cauliflower ?

Melancholy !! 😜

My car isn't safe to drive at present....

But hey, bad brakes won't stop me!! 😜



From Jo ...



# 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 popular seaside place on the south coast of England

Clue 2 : An ancient fishing village, the town went into decline, but emerged as a health resort in the 18th century and grew into one of the largest towns in England. Popular with an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Prince Regent, who built a pavilion here.

Song Clue : This 2013 ballad from a famous Scottish male signer is about a summer romance when he was a teenager. It didn't perform well as a single, but was on a number 1 album.



It was “Brighton Beach” and “Brighton Beach” by  
Rod Stewart

# Digital Photography Group – looking ahead

9<sup>th</sup> Jul – Jo’s recent travels

23<sup>rd</sup> Jul – Doug’s Green travels part 2 ! – John away

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

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

10<sup>th</sup> Sep – Post Exhibition feedback with Mike Lloyd

24<sup>th</sup> Sep – Filters – John

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Smartphone Zoom practical with Jeanette Lendon; pre-booking required

# Digital Photography Group – next walk

**Tomorrow – visit to Peter Beales Roses, Attleborough  
NR17 1AY, with John. Meet in the car-park at 11am.**

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 a light lunch afterwards at the Breckland Lodge, 5 mins away. I'm going to try for their Coffee Lounge, which offers snacks and light bites.

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



# Digital Photography Group – “Click & Chat”

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – visit to Beccles Quay. Meet in the Quay car-park NR34 9BB at 11am. This is the big car-park off Fen Lane.**

Some of you have told me that you find it difficult to join the walks, due to other commitments.

So, I’m suggest we have a monthly meet-up on a Friday, at Beccles Quay, which is local to most of us.

See it as a chance to have a coffee and chat together – with optional photography ! (NB – there won’t be any challenges!)

Please feel free to bring friends/family/dogs etc - whatever would help you attend.



# 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.  
**If you haven't notified Sue, 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"

**Peter Beales Roses – 26<sup>th</sup> June**

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

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 photographer Lucy Kane

## Suggestions for local walks

**Click & Chat – 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Lowestoft Ness Point

Beccles Quay

Carlton Marshes

Snape Maltings

Beccles Railway Station

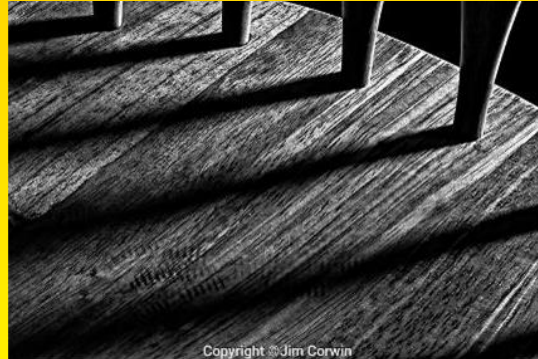
# Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

## “Benches and Chairs” - 2 Photos

Please submit only 2 photos !

Please take up to 2 images, in colour or B&W, of a chair(s), or a bench(es), or part of it.

Try to come up with an original composition, by using light and shadows, or get in close for an intimate view, or try a different angle.



Please return your photo to Graham by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

# 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 **Graham** by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

# 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

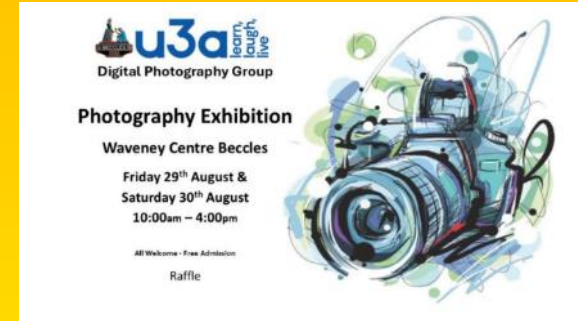
Close-up

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/>

# “Minimalist” Challenge

**Congratulations to Bernie for winning our “Minimalist” challenge !!!**

**Pat & Steve from Group 2 were joint-runners up.**

**Thank you to everyone who entered or voted !**



Talk.....

**Now for my talk on Point & Shoot Nature Photography**

# Tea- Break !



# Your photos.....

**“Cold drink” challenge**

**“Suffolk Owl Sanctuary” walk**

# Videos....if time

**Cheap Chair challenge (6 mins)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIpl73OwSSY&list=WL&index=13>

**Chair & Bench ideas (8 mins)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97QGkktHH3o&list=WL&index=12>

**One to watch at home.....**

**Point and Shoot Nature Photography (30 mins)**

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

# The next meeting.....

**The next meeting will be held on Weds 9<sup>th</sup> July, 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/)