

u3a

Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 20th January 2026

No Dad Jokes : here's a sign and a cartoon.....



Guess the year (between 1960-1989)

See if you can guess which year this is. Bonus mark if you also identify the song !

Clue 1 : First human heart transplant performed in South Africa

Clue 2 : Sir Francis Chichester sails around the world single-handed

Song Clue : The best selling single was a ballad by male British singer, who has the most unusual name in Pop ! His record was number 1 for six weeks, sold 1.4m copies and prevented the Beatles "Strawberry Fields" from reaching number 1.



It was "1967" and "Release Me by Engelbert Humperdinck"

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

3rd Feb – Members Photos session

17th Feb – presentation by Lucy Kayne, professional photographer

3rd Mar – Members Photos session

2026 – Practical - Portrait Photography Workshop

2026 – Photo Editing Software

2026 – Use of space and light (high-key/low-key) in compositions

2026 - Abstract & Intimate Landscapes

Digital Photography Group – next walk

Thursday 5th February. A visit to Thornham Walks with Vince. Post code IP23 8HH

Meet in the car-park at 11am. Cost £2.50 for all day parking.

Lunch/snack in the café afterwards.

Link : <https://www.thornhamestate.com/>

Please let John & Vince know if you're coming !



Digital Photography Group – future walks

Suggested “Big Walks”

Leiston Steam Museum

Sainsbury Centre Norwich

Norwich Anglican Cathedral

Thornham Walks 5th Feb

Woodbridge walk with Gill Moon – end of April

Plantation Garden – Spring/Summer

Suggestions for local walks

Carlton Marshes

Snape Maltings

Beccles Railway Station

Beccles u3a monthly meeting....

Weds 21st January (TOMORROW) at 10:30am (doors open 9:45am) Beccles Public Hall

Barbara Meyer – Big Cat Photographer

Barbara Meyer is a Lincolnshire-based wildlife photographer and founder of Big Cat & Nature Photography. For over 12 years she has combined her passion for photographing big cats and British wildlife with supporting conservation charities.

Free to registered u3a members – bring your u3a card !



Digital Photography Group – “Click & Chat”

Click & Chat is taking a break in December & January !

However...there is a Wildlife Photography Talk at Carlton Marshes with professional Kevin Sawford in January.

Thursday 22nd January at 6pm, for 6:30pm start.

Tickets cost £5 per person, which includes tea/coffee.

Finishes around 8pm.

Link : <https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events/2026-01-22-wildlife-photography-talk>

Kevin’s website : <https://www.kevinsawford.com/galleries>



Digital Photography Group – Group 1 walk

Thurs 22nd January – a visit to the Time & Tide Museum, Great Yarmouth.

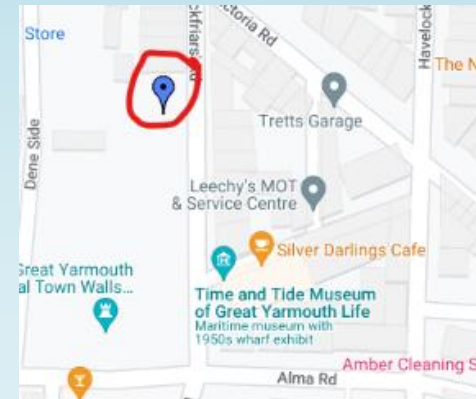
Meet in the Blackfriars car park opposite museum, NR30 3BX at 11am

Further car-park at South Jetty NR30 3AN

Admission price approx. £7 per person for over-65s.

Please could you let Graham know if you're able to come at :

photography.becclesu3a@gmail.com



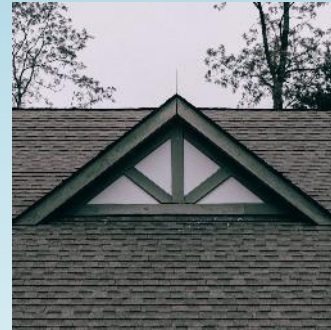
Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

“Circle, Square/rectangle or Triangle”- up to 3 Photos

For our next meeting, I’m setting you a shape challenge to try. You can try enter 1, 2 or 3 photos.

However, please enter a maximum of 3 photos. So if you enter 3 different shapes, it would be 1 photo for each.

Please take up to 3 images of a subject which is circular, square/rectangle or a triangular shape. You can use colour or B&W. There can be other things in the image but the subject should be one of these shapes.



Please return your photos to John by Sunday 1st February 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 – deeper challenge

“Water”- 3 Photos

For our **March** meeting, I’m setting you 3 water challenges to try.

You can try just one, two or all 3. However, please enter a maximum of 3 photos. So if you enter all 3 challenges, it would be 1 photo for each. If you enter just 1 challenge, you can still send 3 images for that challenge.

The first challenge is “Water, still or moving”. Anything from drops of water, waterfalls, waves, lakes etc.



Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 1st March** 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>

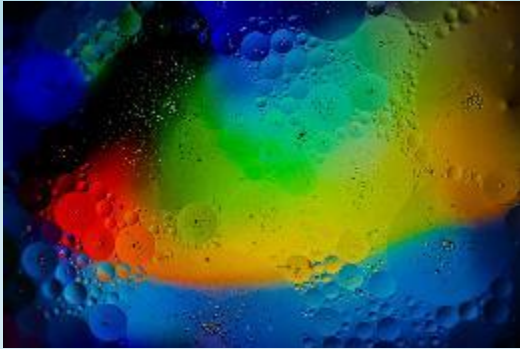
Digital Photography Group – deeper challenge

“Water”- 3 Photos

For our **March** meeting, I’m setting you 3 water challenges to try.

You can try just one, two or all 3. However, please enter a maximum of 3 photos. So if you enter all 3 challenges, it would be 1 photo for each. If you enter just 1 challenge, you can still send 3 images for that challenge.

The second challenge is “Water & Oil”. Add some drops of oil to a dish of water and take photos of the light refracting. NB – you will need a light source to pick out the droplets !



Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 1st March** 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 – deeper challenge

“Water”- 3 Photos

For our **March** meeting, I’m setting you 3 water challenges to try.

You can try just one, two or all 3. However, please enter a maximum of 3 photos. So if you enter all 3 challenges, it would be 1 photo for each. If you enter just 1 challenge, you can still send 3 images for that challenge.

The third challenge is “Water & Ink”. Add some drops of ink, paint or food dye to a bottle, or vase of water and take photos of the ink dispersing. NB – again, you will need a light source and a strong ink/dye colour !



Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 1st March** 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 January)

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 February**

Photo Tips.....



This is a new monthly slot !

5 minutes for members to share any photography tips with the group.....

Talk

Now for my talk on Image files, Folder & Catalogue Management

Members Photospart 1

“Christmas” challenges

Tea- Break !



Members Photospart 2

“Time” challenge

Your December photos

“Warm & Cosy” challenge

Videos - to watch at home.....

Water and Oil Photography :

Step by Step Guide (3 mins) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_dkL8aGX3A

Oil & Water (6 mins) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Zxi3cSgkfs>

Ink and Water Photography

Flowers & Ink (5 mins) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28dwBN-80fU>

Paint clouds at home (12 mins) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8QJ1ddfot4>

The next meeting.....

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

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