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Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 6th January 2026

No more 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 : The IRA bombs the hotel in Brighton hosting the Conservative Party conference

Clue 2 : The 12 month miners' strike begins...

Song Clue : The best selling single of this year was a charity single, with lots of different artists singing and playing on it. It was followed up the next year by a huge concert !



It was “1984” and “Do they know it’s Christmas by Band-Aid”

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

20th Jan – Members Photos rolled over from 6th Jan

3rd Feb – Members Photos session & Image Cataloguing

17th Feb – presentation by Lucy Kayne, professional photographer

3rd Mar – Members Photos session

2026 – Practical - Portrait Photography Workshop – help needed !

2026 – Photo Editing Software

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

2026 - Abstract & Intimate Landscapes

Digital Photography Group – next Photo walk

First photo walk of the year !

A visit to St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich on Wednesday 14th January. Meet at the Cathedral Narthex cafe entrance at 11am. We'll have coffee first, as there is a service until 11:15.

Small car-park on site on Earlham Road.

Nearest multi-storey car-parks...

St Giles NR2 1JL

Forum NR2 1TF

Chantry Place (Chapelfield shops) NR2 1RS



Digital Photography Group – future walks

Suggested “Big Walks”

Leiston Steam Museum

Sainsbury Centre Norwich

Norwich Cathedrals

Suggestions for local walks

Carlton Marshes

Snape Maltings

Beccles Railway Station

Beccles u3a monthly meeting....

Weds 21st January 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



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 – fortnightly challenge

“Warm & Cosy”- 2 Photos - A maximum of 2 photos please !

As it starts getting colder, how about some warm and/or cosy photos to cheer us up ?

Please take 1 or 2 photos, in colour or B&W, of something which suggests to the viewer warmth/cosiness.

For example a favourite blanket/shawl, a glowing fire, steam from soup or a mug etc

If the item is hot, please take extra care not to hurt yourself !



Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 18th January** 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 slot !

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



3 quick tips for photographing snow / cold

1) You may need to increase your exposure, to keep the snow white looking

2) Batteries drain quicker in cold weather.

Keep your spare close to your body (e.g. inside your coat, so it's stays fresher)

3) Your camera can get condensation inside it when coming in from the cold to a warm house. Let it warm up slowly before you turn it back on.

Members Photospart 1

“Time” challenge

Your December photos

Tea- Break !



Members Photos Part 2

“Christmas” challenges

Videos..if time

Photographing steam (2 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MffqeRZH0M>

3 steps to Hygge (5 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwL-KtcScDs>

16 cosy autumn ideas (10 mins)

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

The next meeting.....

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th January, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

Hope to see you then !

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