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Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 17th February 2026

Tea- Break !



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 : UK joins the EEC (European Economic Community)

Clue 2 : Saudi Arabia & others make huge increases to oil price - world economy slows.

Song Clue : This catchy single was No1 for 4 weeks. It tells the story of a man being let out of prison. Does his girl still love him ?



It was “1973” and “Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree by Tony Orlando and Dawn”

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

3rd Mar – Members' Photos session

17th Mar – Practical - Portrait Photography Workshop

7th Apr – Members' Photos session

21st Apr – Mike Lloyd - History of imaging technology

5th May – Members' Photos session

19th May – Esme – a few of my safari photos

21st July – Kevin Sawford (Professional) – Introduction to Garden Bird Photography

2026 – Photo Editing Software

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

2026 - Abstract & Intimate Landscapes

Photo Workshop 17th March

I've booked both Quaker Meeting Rooms for our Workshop on 17th March, to give us more space and so we can have more than 1 "studio" on the day.

Please can I have help...

A) 2 & 4 experienced members to offer guidance to the rest of us !

B) Gear – Studio backdrops and lighting

C) Members willing to be the "models"

I would like everyone to have a chance to take some Portrait photos on the day, but we'll have to take turns. If you feel able, you are welcome to move between the upstairs and downstairs rooms, but please be careful on the stairs !

Digital Photography Group – next walk

A visit to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse NR20 4DR with John on Friday 13th March. Meet at the entrance at 11am.

We have free entry under the National Lottery scheme. If anyone brings a lottery ticket with them, this will allow free entry for up to 6 people.

Please can you let me know if you're interested in joining me and if you have a lottery ticket ?

<https://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/article/75968/National-Lottery-Open-Week-at-Gressenhall-Farm-and-Workhouse>



Digital Photography Group – future walks

Suggested “Big Walks”

Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

Sainsbury Centre Norwich

Norwich Anglican Cathedral

Woodbridge walk with Gill Moon – end of April

Spring/Summer

Henstead Exotic Garden

Plantation Garden

The Walled Garden, Little Plumstead

Leiston Steam Museum

Suggestions for local walks

Carlton Marshes

Snape Maltings

Beccles Railway Station

Other upcoming local events....

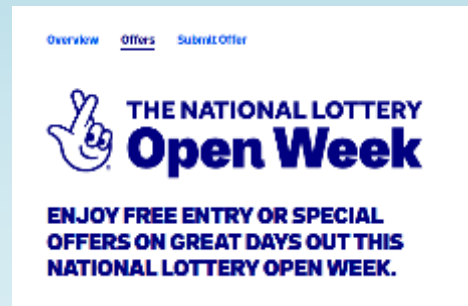
Sunday 22nd February. Open Garden at The Laburnums, St James South Elmham Suffolk, IP19 0HN 11am to 4pm

Link : <https://www.livinginsuffolk.com/living-in-lifestyle/2026/open-garden>



**7th-15th March. National Lottery Open Week
Lots of venues are taking part !**

Link : <https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/open-week/offers?region=eastern>



Many thanks to Karen and Pat for sharing this info with us !

“Click & Chat” is back (almost) !

Friday 20th March. Visit to Beccles Quay. Meet in the Quay car-park NR34 9BB at 11am. This is the big car-park off Fen Lane.

NB – this date is weather dependent !!

What is click and chat ?

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!)



Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

“Keys / Locks”- up to 2 Photos

An around the home challenge for you. **Please take up to 2 photos of keys, locks, padlocks etc, in colour or B&W.**

Please try to get the key/lock in focus, but with a plain or blurred background. Also think about the direction and the amount of light hitting the subject.



Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 1st March** to isdpg2@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.



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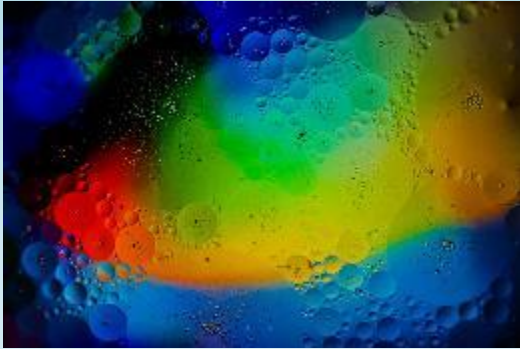
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The second challenge is “Water & Oil”. Add some drops of oil to a dish of water and take photos of the light refracting. NB – you will need a light source to pick out the droplets !



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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 !



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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 February)

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 March**

Beccles U3A - membership



Thank you everyone for your support of Photo Group 2. It is much appreciated !

U3A Membership renewal packs are now being sent out.

<https://beccles.u3asite.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-27-Renewal-form-existing-members-final-v.2.pdf>

Please could you join / renew your U3A membership by the end of April ?

Once you have received your new membership card...

Please could you bring it with you to the meeting or

Email me a photo of the front of the card, with your name and number visible

Let me know if you have any problems ! **Thanks everyone !** 😊

Members Photos

Your images for January

Low(ish) Angle Photo Challenge

Video... to watch at home

Macro Key Photography (11 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXj5K51nyPQ>

The next meeting.....

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

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