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Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 3rd February 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 : Mrs Thatcher becomes UK's first woman Prime Minister

Clue 2 : Lord Mountbatten killed by IRA

Song Clue : The best selling single of this year was by someone more famous for being in a 1960s duo. The song was part of the soundtrack of a British animated film.



It was “1979” and “Bright Eyes by Art Garfunkel”

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

17th Feb – presentation by Lucy Kayne, professional photographer

3rd Mar – Members' Photos session

17th Mar – Practical - Portrait Photography Workshop

7th Apr – Members' Photos session

21st Apr – Mike Lloyd - History of imaging technology

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”

Thornham Walks 5th Feb

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

“Click & Chat” is back !

Friday 13th February. 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!)



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 !

Overview Offers Submit Offer



**THE NATIONAL LOTTERY
Open Week**

**ENJOY FREE ENTRY OR SPECIAL
OFFERS ON GREAT DAYS OUT THIS
NATIONAL LOTTERY OPEN WEEK.**

Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

“Low(ish) Angle”- up to 2 Photos

A creative challenge for you. A low-angle shot is a shot from a camera angle positioned anywhere below the eye level. It can even be at ground level, which is called an extreme low angle shot.

Please take 1 low-angle photo of something natural and 1 of something man-made. They can be colour or B&W.



Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 15th 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.



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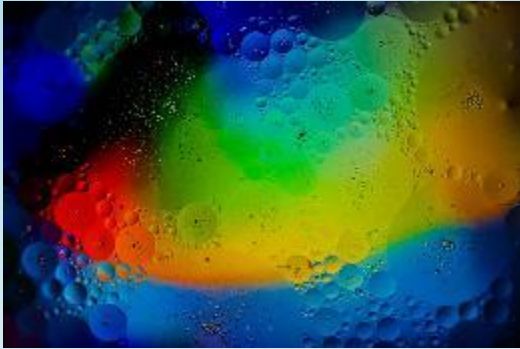
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The second challenge is “Water & Oil”. Add some drops of oil to a dish of water and take photos of the light refracting. NB – you will need a light source to pick out the droplets !



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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**

Members Photospart 1

“Norwich Catholic Cathedral” walk

Tea- Break !



Members Photospart 2

“3 Shapes” challenge

Videos - to watch at home.....

Low-angle Photography :

Introduction to subject (5 mins) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QS8QaCtGKKA>

Low-angle Landscapes (8 mins) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONB1n6QZNgo>

Low-angle Bird Photography (5 mins) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8XVZFhJV2k>

The next meeting.....

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

Please try to arrive promptly for Lucy's talk.

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