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Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 21st April 2026

Now for Mike's talk.....

History of Imaging Technology

Tea- Break !



No Dad Jokes : here's 3 signs.....on relationships !



Guess the year (1955-85) & its best selling single

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

Clue 1 : Government introduces decimal currency.

Clue 2 : First UK North Sea Oil licences granted.

Song Clue : The best selling single of this year was by someone more famous for being in a group. He was an excellent guitarist. The song has religious elements.



It was “1971” and “My Sweet Lord by George Harrison”

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

5th May – Members' Photos session

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

2nd June – Members' Photos session

16th June – John – Abstract & Intimate Landscapes

7th July – Members' Photos session

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

4th August – Members' Photos & Exhibition Prep

18th August – Post Exhibition chat and wrap-up

2026 – Photo Editing Software

2026 – Use of space in composition

Digital Photography Group – next walk

I'll be at Walberswick on Weds 29th April.
You're welcome to join me !

**Please meet at the Ferry Lane car-park IP18 6TJ at 11am.
This is a "Pay & Display" car-park.**

NB – this is weather permitting !



“Click & Chat” is back!

Friday 22nd May. Another 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 !!

**John is away on holiday from 8th to 15th May inclusive.
So Click and Chat is being held later in May.**



Digital Photography Group – future walks

Suggested “Big Walks”

Walberswick 29th April

Spring/Summer

Henstead Exotic Garden

Plantation Garden

The Walled Garden, Little Plumstead

Suggestions for local walks

Carlton Marshes

Snape Maltings

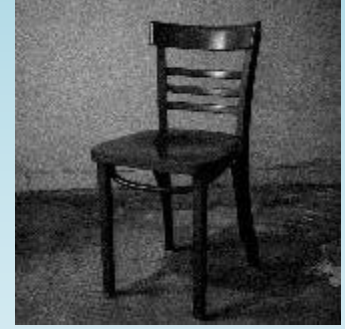
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Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

“Vintage/Antique” - up to 2 Photos

Please take up to 2 photos, in colour or B&W, of a subject which is more than 30 years old !

This could be an old car, antiques/furniture, old buildings, clothes etc. For a harder challenge play around with your focus, your camera colour settings/white balance (e.g. B&W or Sepia) or add graining or texture in post-shot editing.



Please return your photos to John by Sunday 3rd May 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

“Photo Filters”- 2 Photos

For our **May** meeting, I’m setting you another creative challenge.

This challenge is all about using your in-built camera filters/styles to alter the appearance of your image. For example, change the image to B&W, Sepia, Vivid etc before you take the shot.

(NB - in some cameras, the filters are called “Looks” or “Styles”). Please don’t fit filters to your lenses, or to edit the images on your computer ! 😊 If you’re struggling to do this, I’ll allow images edited in your phone/camera.

Please enter a maximum of 2 photos. You can choose any filter/style, but try to use ones which significantly change the image appearance.



Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 3rd May** to isdpg2@gmail.com.

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 April)

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 3rd May to jsdpg2@gmail.com**

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 !** 😊

Digital Photography Group – news

1) The u3a committee have kindly given us £200 towards the cost of building new frames, so we can display more photos this year. (We applied for the money through the Group Grants process).

I'm very grateful to the committee for their support.

2) The curtains should be re-hung this week. The Quakers have confirmed they will accept our kind offer towards the cost. I'll be paying them this week and Graham will do the same for Group 1.

Members Photos

“Looking through” Challenge

Sainsbury Centre Walk

Videos... to watch at home

55 old photos of Suffolk (8 mins)

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

The next meeting.....

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

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