## Photography at South East London U3A

We have two photography groups Stroll with a Camera and another group just called Photography. Both groups are friendly and welcoming and attract members who take photographs on anything from a digital single lens reflex to a mobile phone. So, we are not too bothered what equipment that you use we just want to encourage members to take photographs.

## Stroll with a camera

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We organise strolls to places that provide an opportunity to take photographs. These are very gentle strolls, mainly so that members can stop and take pictures and not be left behind. (We started because on the other walking groups the pace was so fast people were embarrassed to stop and take photographs.) In general, these strolls are open to all members who can just turn up at the meeting place, although from time to time we have to limit the numbers attending. Our default day is the last Tuesday of each month although this changes from time to time. Details of strolls are published on our webpage.



Some of the members at Saffron Walden

After the stroll members send up to 6 pictures to Julia Larsson who uploads them to our Stroll Flickr site. There is an album for each stroll. See <u>Roger Mead's albums | Flickr</u> where you can glance through the last 140 or so albums. This is a site which has public access.

Sue Mead is the convenor of the Stroll Group and can deal with routine queries: susanmead1@ntlworld.com

## **Photography Group**



This group meets on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month at Horn Park in the Eltham Road. We set ourselves an assignment each month and then before the tea break, we project our pictures and talk about any challenges that may have occurred or, of course, just hope we get some praise or some constructive comments. Currently the next assignment is "lines" and the following one is "Panoramas." After the break we cover different topics. Last month we started on Panoramas, which we will continue this month by looking at

a Panorama creation programme called Hugit.

In order to ensure that we are able to help members we limit numbers to around 18. Pauline Whelehan is our convenor and looks after the waiting list. I am not sure what the situation is at the moment but if you drop Pauline a note, she will be able to either put you on the list or alternatively offer you a place: pauline.erin@hotmail.co.uk



**Communications** We have various ways of keeping in touch these are:

**PhotoNews** this is our occasional news sheet which goes to everyone who is in either of the Photography Groups. This is sent out through our U3A Beacon Membership system. This is our main method of communicating with members The latest edition is normally available through our U3A SEL website. Ask to be put on the Photography mailing list if you want to receive Photo News.

## **Senior Snapper**

Senior Snappers Is a closed private Facebook group limited to U3A SEL members who have an interest in Photography. We use it to share the photographs from the Tuesday assignments, to publish items from the meetings that members may have missed, links to videos that we had shown at meetings etc. We also use it to tell members about other more general photographic interest. This is not heavily used – perhaps 10 or so posts a month. If you want to join the Facebook group, contact rogermead2021@gmail.com and ask to be invited.

**U3A SEL Website** Both groups have a page on our U3A SEL website, and these can be accessed from the "Groups" tab on the home page at <u>London South East u3a: Home (u3asites.org.uk)</u>

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