

Big Changes at Beckham Digital

Starting with a Domain name change to

https://www.beckhamdigital.photo

So, before you do anything else, click above to open our new website in your browser and save it as a favourite.

Beckham Digital Goes FREE - Why the Changes

I have been considering a major change for some time to release all our video content free of charge and ask for a Paypal donation from those willing to give. The growth of YouTube and the fact that digital photography is now so well established has brought Beckham Digital as a pay site to a natural close. So, welcome to Beckham Digital as a free site.

Over the past weeks, mainly for personal interest I had been investigating the free WordPress web application that seems to be very widely used to create websites around the world. I've found WordPress to be very good and once a few basics are learned it's reasonably easy to use.



So, the new Beckham Digital Free website can be located via https://www.beckhamdigital.photo

Circumstances have forced me to move to this new site a little quicker than anticipated, so here we are. Please visit the new site and don't forget to email me (there is a contact link) if you spot any of my typos or errors on the new site, there are bound to be some.

How is the new site going to work?

Download Shooting and Manipulating Raw

It's now a free site as I've described above. All my videos and video sets have a blue download button. Just click the button and

be patient as the download proceeds. Remember, some downloads are quite large, because you're downloading a set of videos covering a subject, not just one video.

If you do spot an error, please let me know via our <u>Contact Section</u>, which you'll find a link to on every page. At present its located as a footer menu item at the bottom left of the pages.

Future Newsletters and Videos

At the present time, it's my intention to continue with the newsletter and creating videos. The Newsletters will be posted on the new site www.beckhamdigital.photo but also delivered via email for those who want it. I will not be carrying over any names and email addresses from the old website. So, if you want to receive our newsletter via email. You will have to visit the new site and sign up to receive it.



Don't worry, you can sign up in the time it takes to type your name & email address. That's all the newsletter requires. Go to the bottom right of any page, you can't miss it.

So, if you don't want to receive any more of my Newsletters, then I guess I should say. Thank you for your support and should you change your mind, I'm sure you'll be

able to find us again. If you do wish to continue receiving our newsletter link, then you need to tell me via that **Newsletter sign up option**. It's at the bottom right of every page.

When you receive any contact from me via this new website it will include an unsubscribe link at the bottom of the message. So, you're in control of whether you remain on the list or not.

Advertising

If you're a member of a Photographic Club or Society, please feel free to make your club committee and colleagues aware that the site contains a lot of videos, presentations and Pdf's that they may find useful.



I have been a lifelong camera club member in the UK and now Australia, so I do know exactly what drives most Camera Club members. My videos are largely targeted at enthusiastic camera club members who want to improve their skills. Both Camera skills and Editing skills.

Some time ago I did create a set of videos called <u>How to Win</u>. I selected that title to attract attention, but a subheading could be. *Or improve your chances in a competition*. A lot of what affects success is basic stuff, but until we see it listed, things can be missed. The videos are there is you're interested

Images of Tasmania



These were both taken by Carol, one half of Beckham Digital. For reasons which you can read below, on a recent trip she was rather trapped in the car by back pain. So, these two images were shot from her passenger seat in the car.

So, who should get the credit? The Photographer or the car driver who found the right spots. Under the circumstances I think she should get the credit.

I like the image above taken with a Sony RX10 camera. It was shot on the North Coast of Tasmania on our recent trip. What a beautiful spot it is. Most of us could spend days there and not run out of subjects.

It was shot using 80th of a second shutter speed, which is no problem when you can rest on the car window frame to get the shot. Aperture was f6.3 with 100iso. I think she had a polarizing filter too.

The focal length of the lens was 42mm. In an ideal world perhaps, the tree should be more to the right, but when your virtually trapped in a car viewpoint is limited, but composition remains important



What amused us with the shot above was who are the letter boxes for. There were no houses around close by. Does that indicate those houses long gone? Perhaps they were still in use and the houses they belong too are a bit further away, given the remote location.

Sony RX10 – 125th @F11 with 100iso – Lens focal length 28mm

While away recently in Tasmania, I had the first opportunity to shoot some video with the Mavic Pro 2 Drone. Most of my Audio-Visual sequences over the years have been with still images, so this is a first for me. This sequence is a simple one but uses solely video. The clips were combined using PicturesToExe 9





Personal Circumstances



At the start of this newsletter I said that circumstances have forced me to move to this new website a little quicker than anticipated. Many of you will know that Beckham Digital is made up of Carol and Barry, a team of two. Well, one half of that team is not in the best of health right now.

Carol has been diagnosed with Cancer and it's causing her a major mobility problem and considerable pain. She has been in hospital for over 2 weeks, where Radiation treatment started on her spine. We expect Chemotherapy will also be started soon to tackle the main Cancer.

She is now home from Hospital where I can look after her and any further treatment will be done as a day patient.