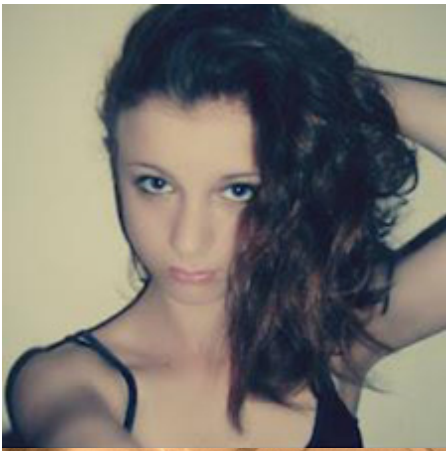


# SELFIE MEMORY LANE

EVERYONE LOVES A LITTLE WONDER DOWN MEMORY LANE, HERE WE LOOK BACK AT ALL THOSE EMBARRASSING SNAPS



We all take selfies with our iPhones. We all understand that now you must include regular selfies on your Instagram feed. But not too far down memory lane there are tons of times where we have all tried and failed to take selfies as technology has rapidly developed.

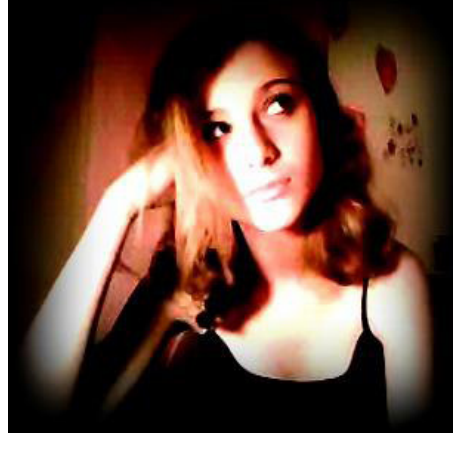
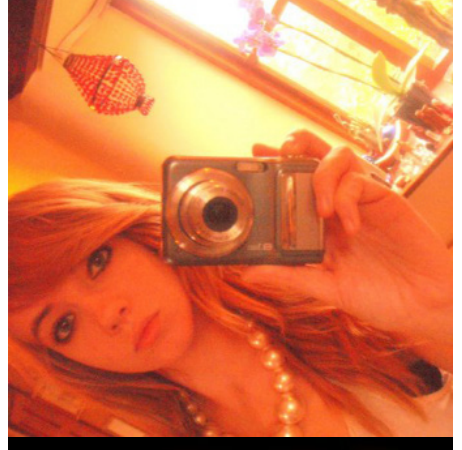
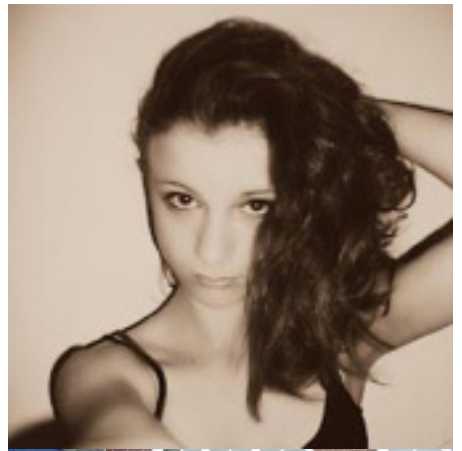
So many people believe that selfies have only been in the limelight since 2013, when the word was officially added to the dictionary. However, after you scope through your childhood photo albums you will soon realise that that is definitely not the case.

At school and college everyone had compact digital cameras, the most common being Sony or Canon. You would turn the camera around and try to take a selfie, checking straight away to see if everyone looked good and that there was nothing weird going on in the background. If you weren't happy then you could delete them straight away, to save memory on your SD card, and try again. Despite these photos being taken with cameras, the quality of these photos would never mount to iPhones now.

Disposable cameras seemed to be everywhere on holidays or days out. Children could play with them and if they were dropped they wouldn't be too expensive... less expensive than a digital camera anyway. As you would the digital cameras you would turn the camera around to try and get a great selfie with a stunning background. The main downside however is that you would have no idea if the photo came out right. So naturally, you would have to take a few identical shots to make sure you had at least one that wasn't over exposed, blurry or weirdly cropped. For most of us photos from disposable cameras are the last ones in our dusty photo albums.

Entertainment at sleepovers would be taking as many photos as possible with every filter known to man using the laptop webcam. In comparison to the most recent Snapchat filters these weren't very tech-savvy, but still hours of fun with a crazy amount of pixels. In the times of MSN we all prayed for a USB webcam. We could type to friends after school, whilst seeing them live. Amazing. These webcams were the source for most initial profile pictures on Facebook, Myspace and even Bebo. Rarely would these photos be flattering but everyone had one, a slightly blurry, dark, grainy photo.

It's safe to say that we have definitely come a long way since trying to take photos without being able to see ourselves, and then trying to angle the webcam without accidentally pulling the cable out of the computer, to now where we can snap and upload a selfie in seconds.



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