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Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025

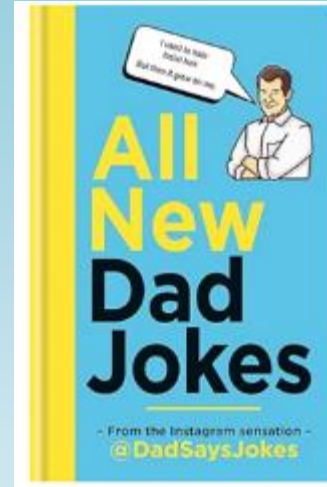
# Dad Jokes...

How do you make an egg roll ?

Push it downhill !! 😄

What happens if you push a Finnish sailor overboard ?

Helsinki !! 😄



# Guess the place and the song !

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

Clue 1 : This week we're looking for a famous bridge in London

The first bridge was built in 1816 and was originally called "Strand Bridge". The original bridge was demolished in the 1930s and a new one built, designed by Gilbert Scott.

Song Clue : This is an 1967 single from an English rock band. It reached no2 in the charts and is considered to be an iconic song from the sixties. It is about a man watching the world from the bridge and noticing 2 young lovers.



It was "Waterloo Bridge" and "Waterloo Sunset"  
by The Kinks

# Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Perspective - John**

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Party !**

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan – New format ! It's all about members photos !**

**20<sup>th</sup> Jan – Image files, Folder & Catalogue Management**

**2026 – Photo Editing Software**

**2026 – Use of space and light (high-key/low-key) in compositions**

**2026 – Portrait Photography Workshop**

**2026 - Abstract & Intimate Landscapes**

**17<sup>th</sup> Feb – presentation by Lucy Kayne, professional photographer**

# Digital Photography Group – next walk

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. 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 !



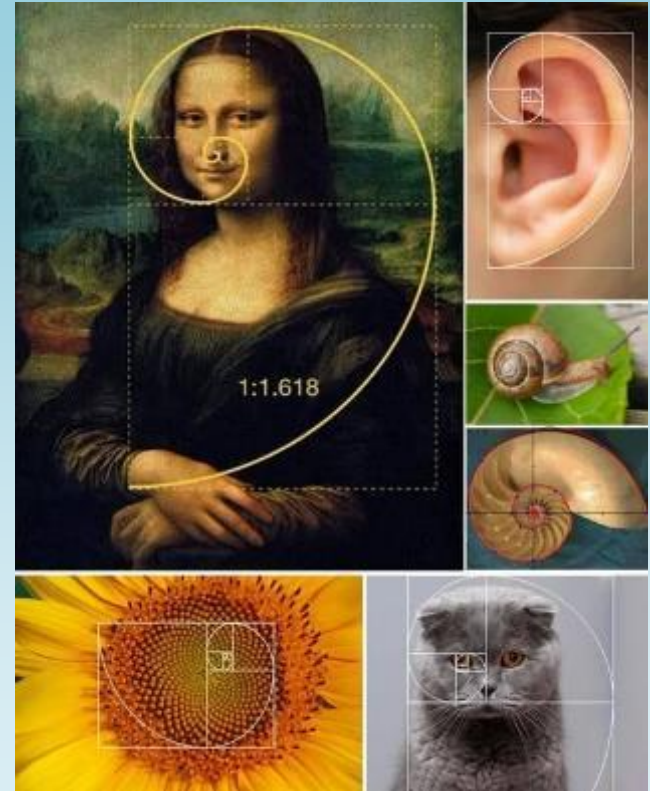
# Thornham walk - challenges

Vince would like us to try to take photos at Thornham using the “Golden Ratio” and “Golden Triangle” composition methods.

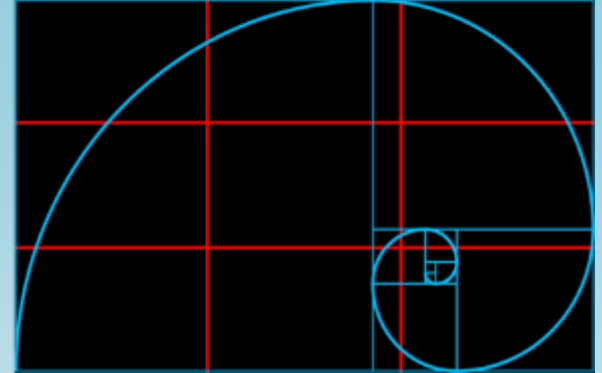
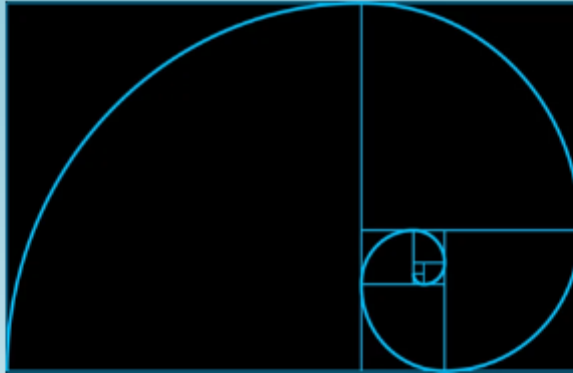
## What is the “Golden Ratio” ?

The golden ratio is a curve shape, which can be seen throughout nature : in plants, the branching of trees, the spirals of shells, the curves of waves, in our DNA and even in the Solar System !

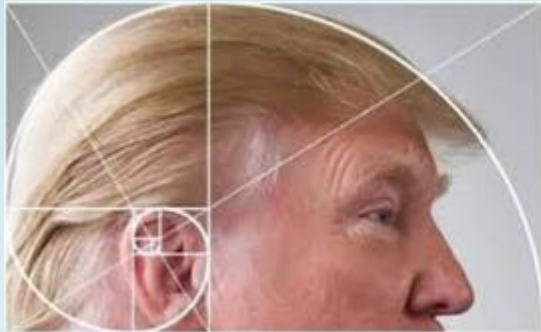
It has also been used in mathematics (Fibonacci numbers) architecture, art and music.



# The Golden Ratio vs Rule of Thirds



# The Golden Ratio in Photos



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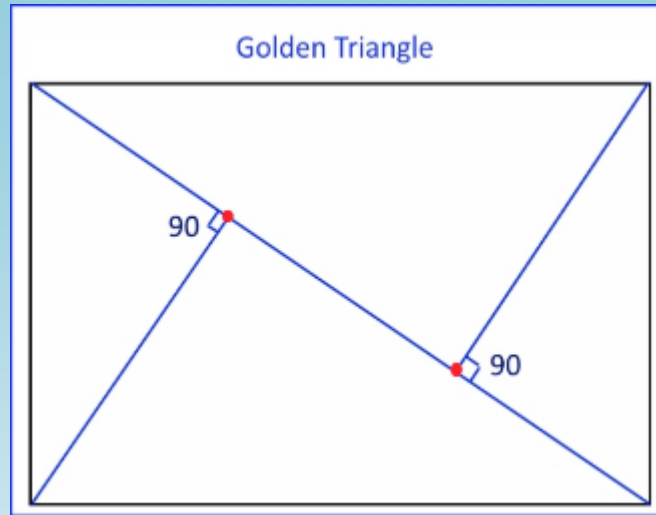
## What is the “Golden Triangle” ?

The Golden Triangle aligns elements in the frame to display a sense of symmetry and planned composition. It is similar to the rule of thirds.

- 1) Divide your frame in half diagonally (from one corner to the other).
- 2) Divide those two parts perpendicular to your first line with each new line offset slightly toward their respective sides.
- 3) You’ve now created four triangles within the frame. Place your subject(s) where the lines intersect.



# The Golden Triangle in Photos



# Digital Photography Group – “Click & Chat”

**Click & Chat is taking a break in December & January !**

**However...there is a Wildlife Photography Talk at Carlton Marshes with professional Kevin Sawford in January.**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6pm, for 6:30pm start.  
Tickets cost £5 per person, which includes tea/coffee.  
Finishes around 8pm.**

Link : <https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events/2026-01-22-wildlife-photography-talk>

Kevin’s website : <https://www.kevinsawford.com/galleries>



# Digital Photography Group – future walks

## Suggested “Big Walks”

**Thornham Woods walk with Vince – 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Leiston Steam Museum

Sainsbury Centre Norwich

Norwich Cathedrals

## Suggestions for local walks

Lowestoft Ness Point

Carlton Marshes

Snape Maltings

Beccles Railway Station

# Digital Photography Group – 2026 Exhibition

We're looking for 2 volunteers for the 2026 Exhibition Steering Committee.

Working with Graham, Vince and 2 others from Group 1, you will decide on all aspects of the exhibition, as well as organising the event.

Committee Meetings are roughly once or twice per month. It would help if you live in or near Beccles, or if you can easily travel here.

We need to get started on next year's event, so if you're interested, please speak to Vince at tea-break !



# Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

## “Movement”- 2 Photos - A maximum of 2 photos please !

A creative challenge for you this time. Take up to 2 photos which shows movement in your subject, colour, or B&W. It could be a car, person, bird, plane, etc. Consider if you want to freeze the movement with a faster shutter, or use a slower shutter speed to get a blurred look ? Or you could move your camera for an interesting “Intentional Camera Movement” shot.



Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November** to [jsdpg2@gmail.com](mailto: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 – 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 November)**

**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 30th November**

Talk.....

**Now for my talk on White Balance.....**

# Tea- Break !



# Members Photos .....

**“Autumn” challenge**

**Oulton Broad Night Walk**

**Wymondham Walk with Lucy Kayne**

**Woodbridge Walk with Gill Moon**

# Videos..if time

**Intentional Camera Movement on Smartphone (5 mins)**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OoWIkOQs4E>**

**One to watch at home....**

**Capturing movement and motion (12 mins)**

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

# The next meeting.....

**Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.**

Web-page : [https://beccles.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/digital-photography-2/](https://beccles.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/digital-photography-2/)