



Digital Photography Group 1

(The Happy Snappers)

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Quaker Meeting House



Wednesday 11th March 2026



10.am to 12.00 Noon

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Good morning,

Before we start, I would like to clear up a few things about what we do with the notes and slides after the meeting for future viewing etc.

1. Do you look at the group webpage, and look at the links for the various things that are available for you to view?
2. Do you read the slides that appear on each sub-page, do you click the link to view?
3. Do you have a problem with, or don't understand, the way the webpage works?
4. Do you want a 'How to View' demo, it is fully understood that not everyone is 'tech savvy' and can find it sometimes a bit daunting.
5. Do you have any questions you want to ask me about the website in general?



Notices

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u3a Membership renewal reminders have been sent out.

<https://beccles.u3asite.uk/membership/>

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 ! 😊

Quaker Meeting Room

The Quakers are going to have the window curtains lined, to reduce the amount of light entering the room. This should improve our projector images, as a darker room would make the projector output brighter.

The Photo Groups are the only groups who need a darker room, so the Quakers are only doing this for our benefit.

The cost of the lining is estimated between £300 and £400.

I would like to offer the Quakers a small amount, towards the cost, say £50.

If it works, this is much lower than we would spend on a better screen/projector.

How do you feel about this ?

It is hoped the work can be carried out this month.

Group 2 has agreed that they are happy to make the same offer.



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I have received a request from the Webmaster/Newsletter Editor for images of Beccles that can be used on the Beccles u3a website.

Would any of you object if I were to offer some of our past images of Beccles which have been taken and submitted for any of our Beccles Photo Walks?

If you would rather I didn't send your own images, please let me know.



SPECTACULAR LIGHT SHOW

St Michael's Illuminated

Saturday 14th March, 6.30 – 8.30 pm

The interior of historic Grade 1 listed St Michael's will be illuminated as never seen before by visual artist William Lindley whose installations have been commissioned for historic buildings, festivals and public areas across the land.

See the building in a completely new light!

No booking needed. Visitors will be able to come and go throughout the evening as they please. They will be invited to make a donation. Refreshments will be for sale.

See examples of William's work at

www.williamlindley.co.uk





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Photography Exhibition 2026

**Friday 14th August &
Saturday 15th August
10:00am – 4:00pm**

**All Welcome - Free Admission
Refreshments available
Members prints for sale
Raffle with some great prizes
Plus more ...**

**Hungate Hall, Beccles
New Market, NR34 9TT**



The Wildcard Mounts

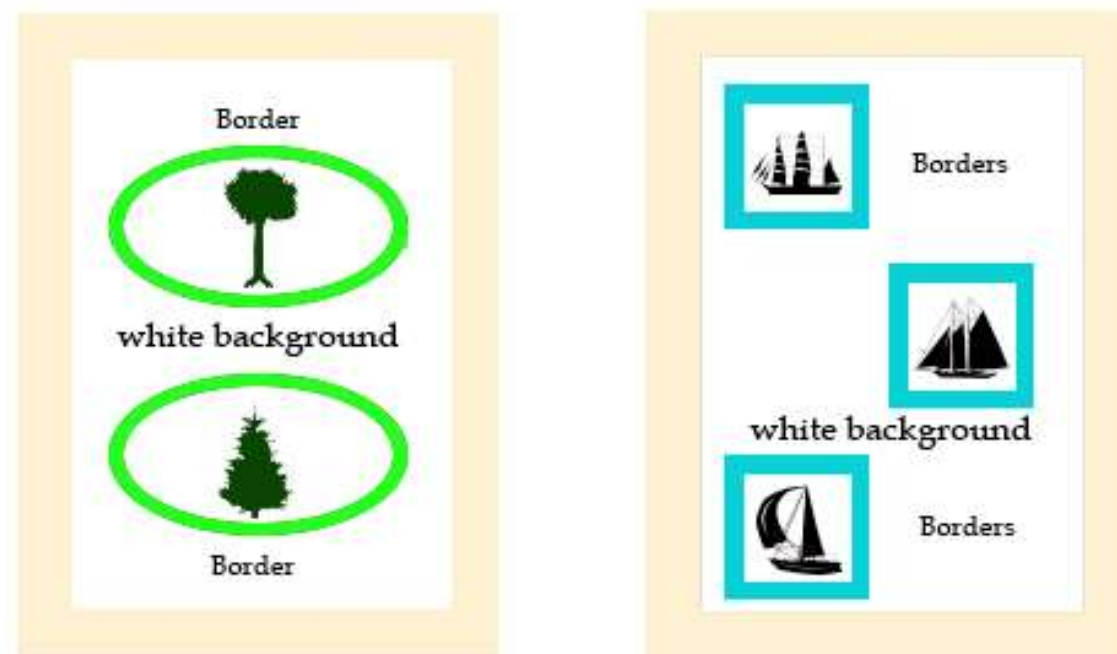
Double Mounted

One mount behind the cream mount, any colour
The second mount acts as a border



Not Double mounted

Normal mount, with image not touching mount and border.



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This is the list of proposed talks for the first half of 2026, which will be constantly changing, especially when there are proposed talks by members and not me, on the cards.



Month	Practical Meeting	Creative Meeting
January	Exposure Triangle Refresh	Focal Point and Depth of Field (DoF)
February	Staying Focused	Ai and Photography
March	Square and Black & White Photography	5 Types of Perspex in Photography
April	Common Composition Rules	Tony and the Anatomy of an iPhone
May	Exposure Compensation & Bracketing Mode	Smartphones vs Cameras in 2026
June	Burst Mode and Back Button Focus	Lighting and Using Flash

Please bear in mind that this program is only a guide and can easily be amended if someone wants to give a talk on a subject of their choice, or I find something else of more interest.

Please don't worry about standing at the front and giving a talk, I can always help.

Photo Walks

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Photo Walk

**Thursday 19th March, a gentle
stroll round Walberswick**



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Photo Walk

Thursday 19th March, a gentle stroll round Walberswick.

Meet in the Walberswick Common car park IP18 6TJ at 11am.

Lunch/snack in a café afterwards, I'm sure we can find somewhere.

Please let Graham know if you're coming !

Please note that our photo walks are not connected to the u3a, and you are reminded that you join us at your own risk.

Please send your photos to Graham by Sunday 22nd March.
Upload your images using the link [<< Upload >>](#)



Today's Presentations

"Quick Bytes"

Nifty Fifty



Square and Black & White Photos



Photo Challenges



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Photo Challenge

“Square plus Black & White”

- **One Square, One Tone**

Take a single square-format B&W image this week. Focus on balance and mood.

- **The Quiet Corner**

Find a quiet moment in a busy place. Use square format to simplify the scene.

- **Shape Over Subject**

Choose a subject where the *shape* matters more than the thing itself — a shadow, a railing, a window, a reflection — and photograph it in square B&W.

Check today's presentation for ideas [<< LINK >>](#)

Please use the link to upload your images
by Sunday 22nd Mar [<< Upload >>](#)

Monthly Challenge - March 2026

” A Sense of Character”

Expression, personality, and presence



Animal

Anything that *moves or breathes* - wildlife, pets, birds, insects, or symbolic representations of living creatures, including humans.



Vegetable

Anything that *grows from the earth* - plants, flowers, trees, leaves, fungi, gardens, or natural plant structures.



Mineral

Anything that is *non-living and formed from materials* - stone, metal, glass, water, architecture, textures, patterns, or built environments.



Wildcard:

Anything you *choose* - a favourite image, an experiment, a moment that caught your eye, or something that doesn't fit the other three.

One photo each from the Animal, Vegetable or Minerals options, plus one image for the Wildcard category. Four images in all.

Please submit your photos using the [Link](#) by Sunday 5th April.

Tea Break



Your Photos

A photograph of a city street at night during a rainstorm. Tall buildings line the street, their lights reflecting on the wet pavement. A person is walking in the middle of the street, holding a bright orange umbrella. The street is filled with puddles that reflect the city lights and the person with the umbrella. The overall atmosphere is moody and urban.

Reflections in Everyday Places



Photo Walk
5th March 2026

Thornham Walks, Eye
with Vince

A close-up, slow-motion shot of rain falling onto a dark, reflective surface. The raindrops create numerous small, bright splashes and ripples. The background is a blurred mix of dark and light brown tones, suggesting a wet pavement or similar surface. Overlaid on the upper half of the image is the text "Four of Your Best For Feb 2026" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

**Four of Your Best For
Feb 2026**

• Thank You for Coming today!

The next meeting will be held....

on Weds 25th March, at 10:00am, in the Quaker Meeting Rooms

- Today we have talked about the Square Ratio plus Black & White images, an invitation to try something radical with your photography, you never know it may change the way you think about photography.
- Our Qick-Byte this week was about the Nifty Fifty 50mm Prime Lens.
- There's the Spectacular Light Show at St Michaels Church on the 14th of March, for a bit of night photography.
- We have a walk in in Walberswick on 29th March, it may prove more interesting that you think.
- Most of all don't forget about the photo challenges, use your creative side to give us something different.
- All images for both Walks and Challenges will be gratefully received by Sunday 22nd Mar, and please use the Upload Links on the website.

Visit our website : [Digital Photography Group 1 - Beccles](#)