

A person is shown from the chest up, holding a black Canon camera with both hands. The camera lens is prominent in the center. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color. Overlaid on the image is a word cloud of photography genres. The title 'Digital Photography Group 1 (The Happy Snappers)' is written in a large, bold, yellow font with a drop shadow, positioned across the middle of the image. The word cloud includes terms like 'landscape', 'Nude', 'product', 'Experimental', 'Glamour', 'macro', 'panorami', 'wildlife', 'architectural', 'photography', 'Sports', 'Fashion', 'plant', and 'People'.

# Digital Photography Group 1 (The Happy Snappers)

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***Digital Photography Group Meeting***



***Quaker Meeting House, Beccles***



***Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026***



***10.00am to 12.00noon***

# A Date In Your Diary

Some of you may be aware that one of our members, Caroline, is doing an Art course in Norwich.

Caroline's course group is holding an exhibition in Norwich next month (see attached).

The venue is St. Margaret's Gallery, St. Benedicts Street, between 4th and 14th June. 11am to 5pm daily.

Caroline has not been able to attend recent Photo meetings, but would love our support, so please try to visit the exhibition, if you are in Norwich between those dates.

## COUNTER POINT

Exhibition of work by artdepotr3



St. Margaret's Gallery  
St. Benedict's St

Open 11am to 5pm daily  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> of June





Digital Photography Group

# ***Photography Exhibition 2026***

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August &  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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**



# About your images

Because of all the confusion about what identifies an image as Animal, Vegetable, Mineral, or the Wildcard, it has been discussed and agreed that we revert back to the same categories as were used last year, and which match the original monthly challenge categories used last year.

Consequently, from next month, June, our monthly challenges will follow the old format of 'Human World', 'Natural World', 'Close up', and 'Monochrome'.

I hope this is satisfactory to you all, it just means that the confusion of whether an image is Wildcard or not, in the correct format, and and allowed.

I have a leaflet to hand out explaining the exhibition, please ignore any mention of the categories which have been clarified today.



# About your images

## You have plenty of time, or have you?

- a. All images must have been taken from August 2025 to 10th July 2026.
- b. All entries must be submitted to Vince by 22<sup>nd</sup> July, who will be responsible for cataloguing and categorising each entry.

u3a Exhibition 2026 Requirements are available from this [<< LINK >>](#)



# Photo Walks

# “Click & Chat” – next walk

Next walk Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Another visit to Beccles Quay. Meet in the Quay car-park NR34 9BB at 11am. This is the big car-park off Fen Lane.

As usual, this date is weather dependent !!

Note Click and Chat is now on TUESDAYS



**11<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Thrigby Hall**  
**Wildlife Gardens**



Filby Road,  
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Norfolk  
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# Thrigby Hall

## June 11<sup>th</sup>

Filby Road,  
Thrigby,  
Great Yarmouth  
Norfolk  
NR29 3DR.

**Meeting 11.00am at reception**

### Opening Times

We're open every day from 10am, all year round.  
The car park closes and gates are locked at 5:30pm

Eligible	Online	At the Gate
Adult	£18.50	£19.95
Senior (60+)	£17.50	£18.95

# Thornham Seasonal Walks

Summer June 18<sup>th</sup>

June 18th

# Digital Photography Group – future walk

**A visit to the Plantation Gardens Norwich NR29 3DR with John on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

**Meet at the entrance at 11am. Honesty box entry £2 per person.**

**Again, this walk is weather dependent !**

**Coffee afterwards in the RC Cathedral Narthex café**

**Please let me know if you're coming and if you'd be interested in doing the tour.**



# Summer Picnic ?

I'm suggesting we meet as a group for a summer picnic **at Nicholas Everitt Park, Oulton Broad, on either Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> or Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August.**

Depending on numbers, this could be a shared event with Group 1.

Please can you let me know if you'd be interested in this ?

**So far, I have interest from....**

**Nick, Karen M & Vince, plus Tony from Group 1**

**NB - the event would be weather dependent !**



## Thoughts For Future Walks

These dates have been taken out of the hat for your consideration, please have a look and let me know at the next meeting, or even now, if there are any other walks you would like to go on, after all there are a lot more options available.

Just talk to me !!

Destination	Date
Thrigby Hall	11 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Thornham Walks – Early Summer</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Grp2 - Plantation Gardens	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Camel Park, Oasis – or Somerleyton Marina	2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Gt Yarmouth Seafront – or Lowestoft Seafront	16 <sup>th</sup> July
Bressingham – or Norwich Market	6 <sup>th</sup> August
Grp1 & 2 Party Time	27 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Thornham Walks - Autumn</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>
Henham Steam Rally (Sat/Sun)	19 <sup>th</sup> September
Strangers Hall, Norwich	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Lowestoft High Street	22 October
Engineering Exhibition Lowestoft (Sat/Sun)	31 <sup>st</sup> October

# Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

**16<sup>th</sup> June – John – Abstract Landscapes**

**7<sup>th</sup> July – Members' Photos session**

**21<sup>st</sup> July – Kevin Sawford (Professional) – Introduction to Garden Bird Photography**

**4<sup>th</sup> August – Members' Photos & Exhibition Prep**

**18<sup>th</sup> August – Post Exhibition chat and wrap-up**

**1<sup>st</sup> September – Members' Photos session**

**15<sup>th</sup> September – John – Photo Editing #1 – Windows Photos**

**6<sup>th</sup> October – Members' Photos session**

**20<sup>th</sup> October – John – Photo Editing #2 – Lightroom**

**2026 – Photo Editing Software & Use of space in composition**



***Quick Bite***  
***Beautiful Bokeh***

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# Five Bokeh Challenges

1. **Find a single subject** — Choose one object (a flower, a mug, a leaf) and place it well away from the background.
2. **Move closer** — Step as close as your lens allows. Watch the blur deepen.
3. **Use point lights** — Photograph fairy lights, street lamps, or sunlight through leaves. Let the highlights turn into soft glowing circles.
4. **Shift your angle** — Take a subject and move a little left, right, up, or down. Choose the best.
5. **Foreground softness** — Place something soft (a leaf, a branch, a scarf edge) close to the lens and let it blur into the frame, adding depth and atmosphere.



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The Story of Sensors, Smartphones,  
and Modern Photography

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***Tea  
Break!***

# Digital Photography Group 1



## Photo Challenge

# “B&W Minimalism”

**Three images, one each from any option:**

1. **Single Street Lamp:** Photograph one street lamp against as empty a background as possible
2. **One Tree: No Context:** Choose a single tree and remove all environmental clues.
3. **A Lone Window:** Find a building façade with one window and nothing else competing.
4. **Solitary Bench:** Find a bench with nothing around it — no people, no bags, no distractions.
5. **The Isolated Bollard:** A humble subject, but perfect for minimalism. Photograph a single bollard with a wide margin of empty ground or sky around it.

Please use the link to [<< UPLOAD >>](#) your images.

A silhouette of a person riding a bicycle on a reflective surface, with a large, light-colored circular shape in the background.

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# Monthly Challenge - April 2026

## ” Colour & Contrast”

*Hues, tones, and contrasts around us*



### Animal

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



### 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, 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.

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- # Thank You for Coming today!

The next meeting will be held....

on Weds 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026, at 10:00am, in the Quaker Meeting Rooms

Don't forget about the photo challenges, "Beautiful Bokeh" the "Monthly Challenge" for May 2026, **plus any walks we end up doing.**

Please use your creative side to give us some extraordinary images.

All photos for both Walks and Challenges will be gratefully received by the relevant dates, and please use the Upload Links on the website, or meeting notes.

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