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Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 19th May 2026

Here's 3 signs.....on animals !



Guess the year (1955-85) & its best selling single

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

Clue 1 : There were 2 General Elections this year. The first resulted in a hung Parliament and the second, 8 months later, led to a narrow win for Labour.

Clue 2 : Princess Anne narrowly avoids being kidnapped

Song Clue : The best selling single of this year was by a Glam Rock band. The first of 3 number 1 singles for the band, the song is about "Feline Podiatry"



It was "1974" and "Tiger Feet" by Mud

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

2nd June – Members' Photos session

16th June – John – Abstract Landscapes

7th July – Members' Photos session

21st July – Kevin Sawford (Professional) – Introduction to Garden Bird Photography

4th August – Members' Photos & Exhibition Prep

18th August – Post Exhibition chat and wrap-up

1st September – Members' Photos session

15th September – John – Photo Editing #1 – Windows Photos

2026 – Photo Editing Software & Use of space in composition

Digital Photography Group – next walk

A visit to Hardley Church & Staithe with Graham and Group 1 on Friday 22nd May.

Meet at the church NR14 6BT at 11am.

Coffee afterwards at the Angel Inn, Loddon.

Please let Graham know if you're coming.

I'll be joining this walk.



Digital Photography Group 1 Photo Walk

St Margaret's (Hardley) Church and Staithe 11am at the church

22nd May 2026 meet at 11am at the church NR14 6BT.

This is a 12th Century church.

Free parking is available at both the church and staithe.

Coffee afterwards at Angel Inn, Loddon.

Park at Church Plain NR14 6EX in centre of Loddon (Free for 2 hours).



“Click & Chat” is taking a break in May

Next walk Tuesday 9th 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



Digital Photography Group – future walk

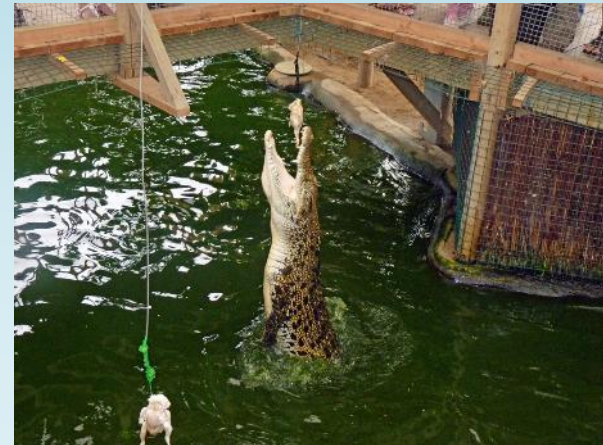
A visit to Thrigby Hall wildlife park NR29 3DR with Graham and Group 1 on Thursday 11th June.

Meet at the entrance at 11am.

If you want to go, buying your ticket online in advance is cheaper (cost £17.50 per person).

Please let Graham know if you're coming.

I'm not able to join this walk, sorry !



Digital Photography Group – future walk

A visit to the Plantation Gardens Norwich NR29 3DR with John on Tuesday 23rd June.

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

Optional tour at additional £3 per person.

We need 12 to participate and to pre-book.

<https://www.plantationgarden.co.uk/visit/#ToursFooter>

And 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.



Digital Photography Group – future walks

Suggested “Big Walks”

Hardley Church & Staithe with Group 1 - 22nd May

Thrigby Hall with Group 1 - 11th June

Thornham Walks with Group 1 – 18th June

Plantation Garden – 23rd June

Later in Summer

Henstead Exotic Garden – TBA

Lowestoft Maritime Museum - July

Group Picnic at Nicholas Everitt Park – 27th/28th August ?

Suggestions for local walks

Click & Chat – 9th June

Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

“Stay within a Square Yard/Metre” - up to 3 Photos

The purpose of this challenge is to practice looking for compositions. Choose an area around your home or garden of about 1 square yard/square metre. See how many different compositions you can find, **whilst you stay within the square AND the subjects must also be within the square**. You can use colour or B&W, wide-angles/macro etc.

Please send in a maximum of 3 images.



Please return your photos to John **by Sunday 31st May** to isdpg2@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 – creative challenge

“ICM”- 2 Photos

For our **June** meeting, I’m setting you another creative challenge !

This challenge is all about using Intentional Camera Movement (ICM) to create an abstract image. I’m suggesting this as it could be a potential image for the Wildcard exhibition category.

ICM is a difficult technique, where you deliberately move the camera when pressing the shutter. ICM is not “Panning”, which is where you move your camera in the same direction as a moving subject.

You might need to take lots of photos before you get one you like, so please don’t despair !!

You will need to use a slower shutter speed. A slower shutter will let in more light, so think about shooting in low-light conditions, such as indoors, or evening shots. You can also reduce the light using a ND filter, if you have one.



Digital Photography Group – creative challenge

Every camera has different settings for shutter speed, so I'm just going to focus on using your Smartphones.

For iPhone, I recommend you try the free "Spectre" app from the Apple Store.

Link : <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/spectre-camera/id1450074595>

For Android, just change your camera to "Pro" mode, which is found under the "More" menu in your camera app.

In "Pro" mode, you can click on the shutter setting and adjust the speed.

Please enter a maximum of 2 photos.

Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 31st May** to jsdpg2@gmail.com



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 May)

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 31st May to jsdpg2@gmail.com**

Digital Photography Group – meeting subs

The Quaker Finance Committee has decided to keep the room hire rates the same, for now. They plan on reviewing them again in the Autumn.

Currently, me charging £3 subs per person per meeting makes a profit of approximately £20-£25 per meeting. I am using the surplus to pay for external speakers, booked about once per quarter.

Group 1 have reduced their subs to £2 per person, but haven't booked any external speakers.

Would you prefer me to reduce the subs to £2, or to carry on at £3 with the external speakers ?

Summer Picnic ?

I'm suggesting we meet as a group for a summer picnic
**at Nicholas Everitt Park, Oulton Broad, on either Thursday 27th
or Friday 28th 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....
Helen, Nick, Karen M, Sue B & Vince, plus Tony from Group 1**

NB - the event would be weather dependent !



Esme's photos

Now for some of Esme's great safari photos ! 😁

Tea- Break !



Members Photos

“Still Life” Challenge

Videos... if we have time, or to watch at home

Stand on 1 spot Challenge (6 mins) – almost the same challenge !

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkhR0IJNVdw&list=WL&index=12>

Find Art in my front year (Garden) – 11 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNfnSgFT-zk&list=WL&index=11>

The next meeting.....

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd June, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

Web-page : https://beccles.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/digital-photography-2/