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Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 5th May 2026

Here's 3 signs.....on helpful businesses !



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 : Labour wins General Election and Harold Wilson becomes Prime Minister

Clue 2 : Nelson Mandela jailed in South Africa

Song Clue : Another hit for the Fab Four, this single appeared in “A Hard Day’s Night” (film and album) and refers to material things not bringing us happiness...



It was “1964” and “Can’t buy me love by The Beatles”

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

19th May – Esme – a few of my safari photos

2nd June – Members' Photos session

16th June – John – Abstract & Intimate 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).



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 !



“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 !!

As I'm away on holiday from 8th to 15th May inclusive and Graham has a walk on 22nd May, I'm deferring Click and Chat until June.



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 - 22nd May

Thrigby Hall - 11th June

Thornham Walks with Group 1 – 18th June

Plantation Garden – 23rd June

Suggestions for local walks

Click & Chat – 9th June

Later in Summer

Henstead Exotic Garden - TBA

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

**After visiting the Walled Garden, I think it's too far away/ too small for us.
Although, you're welcome to visit it !**

Walk participation.....

I've noticed that fewer members are coming on the walks.

There may be a variety of reasons for this !

Would it help if I moved the walks to Tuesdays ?

Would it help if we started at 10am and finished with just a drink in the café (i.e. no need to buy lunch) ?

Would it help if we just went to free/low-cost local venues ?

Please send me your thoughts/comments !



Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

“Still Life” - up to 2 Photos

Please take up to 2 photos, in colour or B&W, of “Still Life” scenes.

Still life photography focuses on capturing inanimate subjects under controlled composition and lighting conditions. It can be anything from setups which mimic old paintings, to modern/minimalist arrangements. It usually features small groups of objects, such as household items, flowers, food, or vintage goods.

Please consider carefully your subject(s), arrangements, background, lighting and camera settings (blurry background or everything in focus ?)



Please return your photos to John **on Saturday or Sunday 17th May** to 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 – 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>

I'll also provide a video at the end showing the App in use.

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**

John on holiday 8th to 15th May

I won't have access to my computer whilst I'm away.

Please do not send me any WeTransfer or Picdrop links whilst I'm away.

The links expire after a few days and I'll have to ask you to resend them !

Please send these on Saturday 16th or Sunday 17th May !

You can still send me emails with the images saved as attachments.

Thank you ! 😊

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 !



Members Photos part 1

Your April Photos

Tea- Break !



Members Photos part 2

“Filters” Creative Challenge

Vintage / Antique Challenge

Walberswick Walk

Videos... to watch at home

ICM using Spectre App on iPhone (11 mins, including Snapseed editing)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqABrx_bXL4&list=WL&index=11

ICM Photography (10 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iGu8rKJFt0&list=WL&index=13>

Top tips for ICM Photography (8 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4Mr3iGVSXY&list=WL&index=13>

The next meeting.....

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th May, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

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