



Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 16th June 2026

Here's another 3 signs.....on being helpful



IF YOU CAN READ THIS
YOU ARE STANDING
INSIDE A MINEFIELD



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 : The Falklands War took place in this year.

Clue 2 : Prince William was born.

Song Clue : A massive hit for the British band who changed their looks and sound to a “Country” style. Will she/won’t she ? Oh come on.....



It was “1982” and “Come On Eileen” by Dexys
Midnight Runners

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

7th July – Members' Photos session

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

4th August – Members' Photos & Exhibition Prep

18th August – some of Edward's Navy Photos & Post Exhibition chat

1st September – Members' Photos session

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

6th October – Members' Photos session

20th October – John – Photo Editing #2 – Lightroom Classic

3rd November – Members' Photos session

17th November – Photo Editing #3 – Snapseed

Group 1 – next walk

A visit to Thornham Walks with Graham and Group 1 on Thursday 18th June. Post code IP23 8HH.

Meet at the café carpark at 11am.

This is a pay & display car-park. Cost £2.50 for all day.

Please let Graham know if you're coming.

Graham's email : photography.becclesu3a@gmail.com



Group 1 – walk schedule

This is the current schedule of walks planned by Group 1.

NB – these are provisional dates and may be changed.

Please check with Graham before setting off !

Destination	Date
Thrigby Hall	11 th June
Thornham Walks – Early Summer	18 th June
Grp2 - Plantation Gardens	26 th June
Camel Park, Oasis – or Somerleyton Marina	2 nd July
Gt Yarmouth Seafront – or Lowestoft Seafront	16 th July
Bressingham – or Norwich Market	6 th August
Grp1 & 2 Party Time	27 th August
Thornham Walks - Autumn	3 rd September
Henham Steam Rally (Sat/Sun)	19 th September
Strangers Hall, Norwich	8 th October
Lowestoft High Street	22 October
Engineering Exhibition Lowestoft (Sat/Sun)	31 st October

Group 2 – next 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.

Again, this walk is weather dependent !

Coffee afterwards in the RC Cathedral Narthex café

Please let me know if you're coming !



“Click & Chat” – next meeting July

Next walk Tuesday 14th July.

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

NB – this is a pay & display car-park.

As usual, this date is weather dependent !!

Note Click and Chat has moved to TUESDAYS



July walk

Redisham Hall Open Gardens on Thursday 2nd July.

Cost £6 per person. Estate entrance NR34 8LZ off Redisham Road. Meet in the car-park at 11am.

Many thanks to Helen for suggesting this venue !



August walk

Liz has managed to arrange a visit to Henstead Exotic Gardens NR34 7LD on Thursday 20th August.

Meet in the car-park at 11am.

Please let me know if you're interested.

Many thanks to Liz for arranging this visit !



Summer Picnic...

We're going to meet as a group for a summer picnic
**at Nicholas Everitt Park, Oulton Broad, on either
Thursday 27th, or Friday 28th August if the weather is bad.**

If you haven't already, please can you let me know if
you'd be interested in this ?

So far, I have interest from....

**Edward, Helen, Karens C&M, Liz, Netta, Nick, Steves
C&M, Sue Bo & Vince, plus Tony from Group 1**



Southwold Walk with Dominic

I've arranged a walk with Dominic, the Beccles Professional Photographer at Southwold on Tuesday 22nd September.

So far, I have interest from....

**John, Karen and Steve C, Netta, Sue Bo, Liz,
Howard & Sue Bay.**

There are still 2-3 spaces available.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to go.

Cost : £10 per person for approx. 1 hour walk.



Digital Photography Group – future walks

Suggested “Big Walks”

Thornham Walks with Group 1 – 18th June
Plantation Garden – 23rd June

Local walks

Click & Chat – 14th July

Summer Walk Programme

Redisham Nursery Gardens – 2nd July Cost £6pp
Lowestoft Maritime Museum – 5th August
Henstead Exotic Garden – 20th August
Group Picnic at Nicholas Everitt Park – 27th August
Walk with Dominic (Professional) – 22nd September

Digital Photography Group – exhibition

Link to DS Colour Labs : <https://www.dscolourlabs.co.uk/prints/size/A4-photo-print/?productId=A4-photo-print>

All images must be mounted using ivory / cream mounts.

Mounts are available from The Range (in store only) or Amazon.

The Range in Hall Road Norwich NR4 6EG had stock.

Exhibition Categories are now :-

- Human World
- Natural World
- Monochrome
- Close-Up

Please bring in your printed and mounted images in July for Vince !

Internal competition - Reflections

I would also like to draw your attention to the internal competition being held alongside the exhibition on the theme of “Reflections”

Please send 1 image in JPG format to Graham by 1st July ! Graham's email is :

photography.becclesu3a@gmail.com

Members will be asked to vote for their favourite image from the combined entries from Groups 1 and 2.

The winning image will be offered as the 2nd prize in the exhibition raffle.



Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

“Using a Window” - up to 2 Photos Please send in a maximum of 2 images !

This challenge is all about images involving windows, either to 1) frame the subject, 2) provide a reflection, 3) show a glimpse of the scene beyond, or 4) be the subject itself.

You can shoot in colour, or B&W.



Please return your photos to John **by Sunday 5th July** to jsdpg2@gmail.com

Fortnightly challenge help...

Some ideas :-

1) As a Frame: The window sill, panes, or curtains—can act as a natural frame around the subject. This forms a vignette, encouraging the viewer to keep looking at your subject.

2) Capture the Reflection: A window can also be a mirror. Photograph the reflection of the room, people, or the surroundings.

3) The world beyond: Emphasize the separation the window creates, either looking into a room or out of it. Shooting from a dark interior to a light exterior can be used to create silhouettes. Intrigue the viewer with blurry distant objects.

4) Look at me: Look for striking window displays, using vibrant colours/adverts.

Stained glass windows can be beautiful when backlit.

Digital Photography Group – creative challenge

“BOKEH”- 2 Photos For our **7th July** meeting, I’m setting you another creative challenge !

This challenge is all about using “Bokeh” in your images.

You can use colour, or B&W. The subject can be anything, but there must be some “Bokeh” somewhere in the image.

Refer to the notes from the last meeting if you need help.

Please enter a maximum of 2 photos.

Please return your photos to John by **Sunday 5th July** to jsdpg2@gmail.com



Digital Photography Group – monthly challenge

There are 4 categories – You can enter 1, 2, 3 or 4 categories, but only 1 photo per category

(This challenge runs during all of June)

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 5th July** to jsdpg2@gmail.com

My talk...

Abstract Landscapes



Tea Break

Members Photos

“Steps & Stairs” Challenge

Click & Chat walk – Tuesday 9th June

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

Window Reflections – 9 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aF2ISJGpKOQ>

Lots of advice on using Window Reflections – 14 mins

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYYcRoPK_Y4

The next meeting.....

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th July, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

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