



Beccles U3A  
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2026

# Here's another 3 signs.....on dogs



## 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 : Prince Charles marries Lady Diana Spencer

Clue 2 : Race riots in Brixton, Toxteth and other places in the UK

Song Clue : A massive hit for a Sheffield Synth band based on a story in a teen magazine, influenced by the film “A Star is Born”.



It was “1981” and “Don’t you want me” by  
the Human League

# Photography Exhibition...part 1

**Well done everyone ! You did it again !**

Thank you for making the exhibition so successful...

- A massive thank you to the Committee
- Thank you to everyone who helped at the event
- To Mike for judging our photos
- And to everyone who submitted images

**We couldn't have done it without you !**



# Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

**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 Classic**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November – Members' Photos session**

**17<sup>th</sup> November – Photo Editing #3 – Snapseed**

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

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party !**

**5<sup>th</sup> January – Members' Photos session**

**19<sup>th</sup> January – Photography Fundamentals Revisited**

# Next Group 2 walk

Liz has arranged a visit to Henstead Exotic Gardens NR34 7LD this Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Meet in the car-park at 11am.  
Cost £10 per person.

Please let me know if you're interested.  
Currently I have Howard & Sue, Liz, Helen, Netta, Peter, Vince, John & Verna, Graham & Tony (Grp1) going.

Many thanks to Liz for arranging this visit !



# Group 1 – upcoming walks

These are the walks currently planned by Group 1.

NB – these are provisional dates and may be changed.

Please notify Graham if you would like to attend and check with Graham before setting off !

Graham's email is  
[photography.becclesu3a@gmail.com](mailto:photography.becclesu3a@gmail.com)

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| Grp2 - Henstead Exotic Gardens | 20th August             |
|                                |                         |
| Grp1 & 2 Party Time            | 27 <sup>th</sup> August |
| Norwich Cathedral Close        | 3rd September           |
|                                |                         |
| Bressingham                    | 17th September          |
| Henham Steam Rally (Sat/Sun)   | 19th September          |
| Southwold with Dom             | 22nd September          |

# Summer Picnic...

We're going to 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** if the weather is bad.

Meet outside the Museum entrance at **12 noon**.  
Please bring your own food & drink and a seat/blanket.

So far, I have interest from....

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



# “Click & Chat” – is taking a break in August

**Next walk Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**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 !!  
I will confirm beforehand**



# Southwold Walk with Dominic

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

So far, I have interest from....

**John, Helen, Karen & Steve C, Netta, Howard & Sue Bay, Lynne and Roxanne.**

There is 1 space still 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 2 – future walks

## Suggested “Big Walks”

**Henstead Exotic Garden – 20<sup>th</sup> August**

## Local walks

**Click & Chat – 8<sup>th</sup> September**

## Summer Walk Programme

**Group Picnic at Nicholas Everitt Park – 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**Walk with Dominic (Professional) – 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

# Local Photo Exhibition

Bungay Camera Club are holding their annual exhibition on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Their members usually take photos of a very high standard, so it's well worth a visit.



## Photographic Exhibition & Fair

Saturday 29 August 10.00am - 4.00pm

Broome Village Hall, Sun Rd, Broome NR35 2RW



Demonstrations

Happy Snapper Cafe

Tombola

Cameracraft Advice

Viking Optical  
advice & demos

**Free Entry**

Donations appreciated

Large exhibition of photographs

Come and vote for your favourite



[www.bungaycameraclub.org](http://www.bungaycameraclub.org)

# Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

## **“Drink” - 1 Photo** Please send in just 1 image !

In keeping with the hot weather, this challenge is to find and photograph a drink. You can shoot in colour, or B&W, indoors or outside. The drink can be hot or cold. You can also include a biscuit ! 🍪



Please return your photo to John [by Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August to jsdpg2@gmail.com](mailto:jsdpg2@gmail.com)

# Fortnightly Challenge Help .....

**1. Focus on the Details:** Highlight condensation on a glass, the swirl of a straw, or the fizz of a carbonated drink.

**Use a shallow depth of field to blur the background.**

**2. Lighting:** Backlighting makes liquids glow and emphasizes colour and texture. Place a light source behind the glass to enhance ice or bubbles.

**3. Use Props and Garnishes:** Add context and visual interest by including items like fruit slices, herbs, coasters, or ingredients used to make the drink.

**4. Action:** Adds dynamism by shooting a pour, splash or the stirring of a drink. Use a fast shutter speed to freeze the motion or a slower one to include blur.

**5. Choose the Right Vessel:** The glass or mug is part of the composition. A rustic mug for hot cocoa or a sleek highball glass for a cocktail can set the mood. Remember colour combinations !



# Digital Photography Group – creative challenge

## **“Light & Shadow”- 2 Photos** challenge !

For our **1<sup>st</sup> Sep** meeting, I’m setting you another creative

**This challenge is all about using light & shadow in your images. Light and shadow photography is the art of using high-contrast illumination to define shapes, create depth, and evoke deep emotional moods. Instead of relying on perfectly even lighting, it deliberately treats darkness as a core structural element of the image.**

**Option 1 – Silhouette: Backlighting a subject so they appear as a stark, dark shape against a bright background.**

**Please take an image containing a silhouette. You can choose anything as the subject, but the silhouette must be prominent in your image.**



# Digital Photography Group – creative challenge

## “Light & Shadow”- 2 Photos challenge !

For our **1<sup>st</sup> Sep** meeting, I’m setting you another creative

**Option 2 – Low-Key Lighting:** Isolating a subject with a single, direct light source while letting the rest of the frame fall into pitch black.

Please take an image where the subject is in the light and the rest of the image is in darkness/shadow. You can choose anything as the subject.

For both options, a B&W image would be the best option, but you can shoot in colour, if you prefer.

Please enter a maximum of 2 photos. You can use 2 from a single option, or 1 image from each option.

Please return your photos to John by Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August to [jsdpg2@gmail.com](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> August** to **[jsdpg2@gmail.com](mailto:jsdpg2@gmail.com)**

# Now for Edward's Photos !



# Photography Exhibition.. Part 2

It would be great to hear your thoughts on the exhibition over tea-break.

What did you like ?

What could we do better ?

If you prefer, you can email me after the meeting.

Taking into account your feedback and the thoughts of the Committee, I'll outline plans for next year's exhibition in September.





Tea Break

# Members Photos....part 2

## Maritime Museum Walk

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

Tips for Drink Photography (9 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKscAWf6Zj4>

Coffee Photography (5 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIVkVavT9Gw>

Photographing Tea with Phone & Snapseed edit (10 mins)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sjer5Z\\_4DpA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sjer5Z_4DpA)

# The next meeting.....

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

Our Web-page : [https://beccles.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/digital-photography-2/](https://beccles.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/digital-photography-2/)