



Beccles U3A
Digital Photography Group 2

Meeting Tuesday 1st September 2026

Here's another 3 signs.....on water



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 : Government introduces comprehensive schools to replace grammars.

Clue 2 : UK Death Penalty is abolished.

Song Clue : The best selling single of this year was by a British comedian/entertainer. Famous for his lengthy shows, making people laugh, this single is a bit sad....



It was “1965” and “Tears (for Souvenirs)” by
Ken Dodd

Digital Photography Group 2 – looking ahead

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

6th October – Members' Photos session & Edward's Navy Photos #3

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

3rd November – Members' Photos session

17th November – Photo Editing #3 – Snapseed

1st December – Members' Photos session

15th December – Christmas Party !

5th January – Members' Photos session

19th January – Photography Fundamentals Revisited

2nd February – Members' Photos session

16th February – Photography Fundamentals Continued

“Click & Chat” is next week !

Next walk Tuesday 8th 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 on Sunday.



Next Group 2 walk

A return visit to Carlton Marshes on Weds 16th September.

Meet in the car-park at 11am. Post code NR33 8HU.

Optional drink/snack in the café afterwards.

As usual, this walk 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 22nd 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”

Carlton Marshes – 16th September

Walk with Dominic (Professional) – 22nd September

Hardley Staithe & Church

Diss Mere & Town

GY Minster

Norwich Market Sq. Area

Local walks

Click & Chat – 8th September

Next Year

Ringsfield garden – April ?

Raveningham Gardens – May/June

Somerleyton Gardens - June

Orford – Quay & Castle - July

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

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

Local Photo Exhibition

Beccles Camera Club is holding its annual exhibition on Friday 11th September and Saturday 12th September in St Michael's Church, Beccles. Open 9am to 4pm.

I'm sure there will be many excellent images on display !

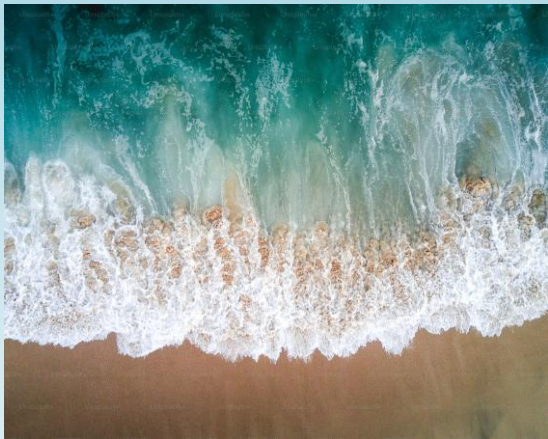
Please try to get along to support their event.



Digital Photography Group – fortnightly challenge

“Waves, drops or Ripples” - 2 Photos Please send in up to 2 images !

This challenge is to capture waves, drops or ripples, showing the intricate patterns created by moving water. You can shoot in colour or B&W, indoors or outside. For indoors, try dropping a pebble or a water drop into a shallow bowl of water.



Please return your photo to John by Sunday 13th September to jsdpg2@gmail.com

Fortnightly Challenge Help

1) Experiment with Shutter Speed:

A Fast Shutter Speed ($>1/500s+$) will freeze the action of a cresting wave or the distinct shape of a ripple.

A Slow Shutter Speed ($1/2s - 2s$) will blur movement to create a smooth, silky effect. Use a tripod or a base for stability.

2) Focus on Patterns and Texture: Look for repeating patterns, such as lines of ripples in a pond, or the foam/spray of a crashing wave. Frame your shot to emphasize these elements.

3) Include Reflections: Waves and ripples often distort reflections of the sky, surrounding objects or light sources. Use reflections to add interest to your image.

4) Backlighting: Shooting into the sun or light can cause waves and ripples to glow and become translucent, highlighting their structure and spray. Try this with a lamp or flash at home.



Digital Photography Group – creative challenge

The Creative Challenge is taking a break in September.

This is to free up time in October for the final part of Edward's Navy Photos ! 😁

It will return next month and there will still be the monthly and fortnightly challenges to review in the October meetings !

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 September)

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 4th October** to jsdpg2@gmail.com

2027 Exhibition – Your choice

The 2026 exhibition was a great success, with over 160 photos shown and over 200 visitors. The Committee and in particular, Vince, put in a huge effort.

I am very grateful to all of them and any discussion about changing the 2027 exhibition format is not meant to be a criticism of them in any way.

- We have grown substantially since our first exhibition in 2021.
 - Originally the exhibition was much smaller and simpler.
 - **I would like to check if you are happy with the latest format, or if you would like to change.**
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- Are there too many photos on show, the right amount, or we need more ?
 - Do we want simpler rules/categories, or be challenged more ?
 - Do we want more votes/more winners or fewer ?
 - Do we want to run a raffle and/or refreshments ?

2027 Exhibition – Your choice

Please consider the following 3 proposals and vote for one of these.

You can either vote here today, using the slips at the front, or by emailing me afterwards.

You can also send me your thoughts and comments by email.

Each member should pick just 1 proposal.

Each member has just 1 vote.

There needs to be a clear majority voting for change (proposals 2 or 3).
If not, we will revert to the same format as this year.

2027 Exhibition – Your choice

Proposal 1 – as per 2026

- We will run a 2-day joint event with Group 1
- The photos on show on both days will be from both groups
- The exhibition will be managed by a Committee, composed of members from both groups.
- The Committee will determine the exhibition rules – when and where it takes place, the categories, the number of entries per member etc

I am planning to stand for the 2027 Committee, so I would be better placed to answer your questions.

However, the Committee would still make a joint decision about the categories, rules etc.

2027 Exhibition – Your choice

Proposal 2 – A Shared event, but different !

- We will run a 2-day event with Group 1.
- **However, each Group will show their images on different days, with different rules.**
- **The photos on show on day 2 will just be from our group.**
- Some aspects of the exhibition will still be managed by a Committee, composed of members from both groups – e.g. when and where it takes place

2027 Exhibition – Your choice

Proposal 3 – Similar to Proposal 2, but we run a completely separate 2 day exhibition

- We will run a 2-day event **without** Group 1.
- **We will have separate exhibitions, at different times of the year.**
- The photos on show on both days will just be from our group.
- The Committee will be composed of members from just this group and would manage the event.
- **It would become entirely our event.**



Tea Break

Members Photos....

Your August Photos

Drink challenge

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

Photographing water drops at home (7 mins)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUI_OiNPC6Y

Long exposures on iPhone (10 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNDGF8m7eF0>

Landscape Waves & Sunset Photography (15 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A49-creavFo>

The next meeting.....

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th September, at 10am in the Quaker Meeting Rooms, as usual.

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