



# M&DPS Newsletter August 2023



A splendid afternoon was enjoyed by a bunch of us at Jill Sullivan's beach hut on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Jill and Brendan for their hospitality – thanks also for all the lovely cakes brought along!!

The **July Club Workshop**, held on 27<sup>th</sup> was very well attended. The meeting was devoted to looking at the other two of the 2023-4 seasons themed competitions – **Wildlife** and **The Colour Blue**. The wildlife half of the meeting, opened with a discussion as to what is a “wild animal”. The conclusion was wildlife does not include ‘domesticated animals’. This concurs with the guidance Jill Sullivan will issue. So, no pets, no sheep etc in fields and no zoo animals. Birds must live in the wild as must insects. Tim went on to look at where we can find ‘wildlife’. Although he mentioned zoo animals as easy shots, perhaps to have a practice but there are issues like the bars or windows that get in the way, lighting can be difficult and there is cost involved – visiting the zoo is expensive. In your back garden you can find a range of wildlife:- beetles, bees, butterflies, foxes, hedgehogs, slow worms, squirrels and off course a variety of birds especially if encouraged by the use of feeders, which might also attract less desirable animals. Out in the wild you'll find a range of birds, locally try Abberton reservoir for example. Other examples included deer, foxes, hares, rabbits, squirrels, seals and much more that you might see out and about on your travels.

The second half was devoted to The Colour Blue. Tim's examples ranged from the simple, to more complex ideas and even examples that would take us further than that, on our travels or just around us. Take a look at the ppt which will be posted on the website shortly, for more ideas.

Pat Ainger, Club Secretary

**The Club's Photo Marathon** will be held on **Saturday 19th August 2023**. Please come along to **Mistley Village Hall from 9.30am to pay your £5 entrance fee and collect your photo themes**. You will then have 5 hours to go around the area taking photos and must bring them back between 2.30 & 3.30 - no later than this. Your photos will be collected by downloading them from your card to a laptop and the card will be returned to you immediately. Fingers crossed that the weather forecast is good.  
Keep an eye on your emails for further details.

## **URGENTLY WANTED**

**Chairperson: A reminder, we are looking for someone to come forward to act as Chairperson. Please do consider hard if you can do this position - we are getting very close to the start of the next season and it would be really helpful if we could have someone come forward for the next committee meeting.  
Thank you ...**

### **Membership Renewal 2023-4**

Jill Sullivan has been working hard to produce an exciting programme for next the 2023-4 season. We hope that you will agree and WILL renew your membership.

**Application Form, Programme for 2023-24 etc will be emailed to members within the next few days.**

### **Club Dates For Your Diary**

19<sup>th</sup> August Photo-Marathon

19<sup>TH</sup> August BBQ from 5.00pm – a get together, not dependant on entering the marathon. Venue – Tim’s back garden, all meat and salads provided, cost £7.50.

24<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Club Workshop – details tba.

Keep an eye on your emails for further details.

A reminder from Samantha Innard, Events Secretary she has invited you to fill in a form about field trips next year. If you have not completed this, please do.

### **M&DPS Field Trips 2023-2024**

Dear Members,

I would like to gather your opinions with regards to field trips for the next season. I have included locations of past field trips and some new ideas (distances and entry fees are approx.). Please tick any options that you would be interested in and likely to attend. Please also add any other ideas you have within the appropriate section.

Best wishes, Samantha Innard (Events Secretary)

<https://forms.gle/EQH9QeGdppjzh9eUA>

### **Other Events In August**

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> West Mersea Food and Drink Festival 2023

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August Manningtree Town Regatta -

[www.stoursailingclub.co.uk](http://www.stoursailingclub.co.uk)

6<sup>th</sup> - Helmingham Hall Festival of Classic and Sports Cars

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> - Framlingham Country Show.

20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> - Aldeburgh Carnival.

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> - Colchester Siege Spectacular, Castle Park

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Clacton Air Show

<http://clactonairshow.com>

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 11.00am -10.00pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am – 5.00pm

25<sup>th</sup> Manningtree Makers Market 9-2, Market Square

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> – Maldon Smoke and Fire Festival.

If the links don't work, copy and paste into your search engine.

