



# M&DPS Newsletter November 2023



It's been a busy month for club members, we started with very enjoyable field trip to Wivenhoe Woods. Thank you Sam for organizing the field trip. Now I know where the woods are, I will certainly visit them again.

Jill then organized the Table Top Workshop. It was a very busy & enjoyable evening, with opportunities to try different things, talk/share technics & swap ideas with other people. I certainly learnt a lot. A big thank you to Jill and the ideas she came up with, which were inspiring. Also a big thank you to Viv & Martyn, Margaret & Chris and Tim for bringing their light boxes/lights.

Our first Print Competition was also held this month. There were 36 entries, up on last year. It was interesting to see the very varied and interesting range of images that members had taken. Viv Hainsworth gave very thoughtful & constructive comments on each image as usual. Congratulations to Mark Rivers for winning, Andy Soar for coming second & Harvey Perkins for coming third.

Pat Ainger, M&DPS Secretary

## M&DPS Christmas Meal

The Crown, Manningtree ~ Thursday 7th December  
2023 ~ 7pm for 7.30pm

We very much hope you will come and enjoy another festive evening at The Crown. You are very welcome to bring your partner along to the evening. The Crown has set aside their dining room solely for our group and are offering an excellent menu with plenty of choice. There is the offer of 2 courses for £24.95 or 3 courses for £29.95. A £10 deposit is required per head and choices from the menu must be decided in advance. We would like to secure our booking so ask that **deposits be paid by the 3rd November**. Just to add, the price is for the meal only, the Crown has its own bar in the dining room and you are free to buy your own drinks.

If you have any queries, please do contact me  
(perfectforlearning@gmail.com/07522814863).

Best wishes,  
Sam

\*Members please complete relevant sections for yourself first. You will then be able to complete the next section if you wish to bring a guest.\*

PS Below is the Google

Form: <https://forms.gle/3KSwbm1ypZcLWBmF8> that I have created It would be easier if you could complete this.

## External Competitions Important message from Ann Laverock

We need any jpegs of PDI's and Prints that members consider to be their best (that have not been chosen in the past for external competitions), and not necessarily ones done for any of our competitions, as these do not always make good inter club submissions.

When sending them in to **photo.madps** to put **External** for the subject and to submit them by the middle of December.

## Club Dates For Your Diary details see below & on the M&DPS website:-

<https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/calendar/>

**Club Dates For Your  
Diary**

**Sunday 5/11/23**

Field Trip: Green Island  
Gardens, Ardleigh

**Thursday 9/11/23**

“Pick ‘n Mix” -Talk presented  
by Barbie Lindsay

**Thursday 23/11/23**

PDI Competition - Open  
Mono Judge – Tony Bramley

**Entry deadline Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Nov**

**Thursday 30/11/23**

“People, Portraits and  
Photojournalism”

Talk presented by Roger  
Hance

**Field Trip: Green Island Gardens (Autumn Colour and  
Fungi)**

**Sunday 05 November 2023**

**10:30 to 14:30**

**A little piece of Heaven - on Earth...**

Green Island Gardens is 20 acres of private gardens, open for the  
public to visit in Ardleigh near Colchester, Essex. Adult: £9.00 |

Group of 20+: £8.50

**Barbie Lindsay: Pick ‘n Mix**

**Thursday 09 November 2023 19:30 to 21:30**

'Pic 'n' Mix' consists of a variety of genres and is made up of  
many mini talks. The subject matter can be chosen on and  
during the course of the evening:-

[http://www.beyondgroup.info/barbie-lindsay-mpagb-efiaps-  
fbpe-awpf.html](http://www.beyondgroup.info/barbie-lindsay-mpagb-efiaps-fbpe-awpf.html)

**Other Local Events**

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Stour Sailing Club**

**Firework Night 19.00-  
21.30pm**

[https://www.stoursailingclu  
b.co.uk/wp-  
content/uploads/2023/10/S  
C-poster-23-docx-1.pdf](https://www.stoursailingclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SC-poster-23-docx-1.pdf)

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Brantham Bonfire &  
Fireworks – gates open  
17.30**

[https://branthamleisurecen  
tre.com/events/](https://branthamleisurecentre.com/events/)

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Maldon Fireworks  
Gates open 17.30, Firework  
Display 19.30-20.00**

[https://www.maldonfirewor  
ks.co.uk](https://www.maldonfireworks.co.uk)

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Colchester Castle  
Fireworks 17.30-21.00**

[https://www.visitcolchester  
.com/whats-on/colchester-  
castle-park-fireworks-  
p1489251](https://www.visitcolchester.com/whats-on/colchester-castle-park-fireworks-p1489251)

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
Southend Seafront  
Fireworks Display 20.00-  
20.15**

[https://www.visitsouthend.  
co.uk/guide/fireworks/](https://www.visitsouthend.co.uk/guide/fireworks/)

**Competition: PDI – Open Mono**

**Thursday 23 November 2023 19:30 - 21:30**

Judge – Tony Bramley

**Entry deadline Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Projected Digital Image (PDI) Rules**

1. All images to be saved in the following format:  
Colour space – sRGB  
File format - jpeg saved at its finest setting.  
Name file as “image name - photographer name” i.e. Pink  
Rose - Dick Barton  
Please note there is a space either side of the hyphen  
Image size - maximum 1600 pixels wide or 1200 pixels  
high.  
Please note: Portrait images are a maximum of 1200 pixels  
high
2. 2 PDIs maximum per member, per competition.
3. Images should be sent to the PDI secretary no later than  
the Friday prior to the day of competition (see programme  
for dates).

PDI Secretary

Kevin Cannings [photo.madps@gmail.com](mailto:photo.madps@gmail.com)

**Roger Hance: People, Portraits and Photojournalism**

**Thursday 30 November 2023 19:30 to 21:30**

In this talk Roger will show a range of 'People Pictures'. The  
images will cover candid photojournalism, as well as studio and  
available light portraits:- [https://e-](https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/calendar/item/49678792)

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**LCE Photographer of the Year 2024 Competition 23/10/2023 - 21/1/2024**

We are excited to announce the inaugural LCE Photographer of the Year 2024 awards. This free-to-  
enter contest offers a £12,000 prize fund with 14 diverse categories, plus a People’s Choice section  
decided by a public vote. Open to photographers of all levels of experience it is an opportunity to  
showcase your skills, get recognised nationally and be in with a chance of winning big prizes!

<https://www.lcegroup.co.uk/Events/?Show=COMPETITION>