



M&DPS Newsletter October



From the Chair

It was lovely to see such a good turn out for the PDI Reflections Competition on 28 September - 28 members and 2 visitors. There were 59 entries and it was interesting to see how the theme was interpreted providing some really great images. Peter Norris deliberated hard to decide the winners. Congratulations to Andy Soar for winning and Mark Rivers for coming second and third. Mark commented afterwards that he drove 13 hours to take his image (Ullapool) whereas Andy cycled a couple of minutes down the road from his house to take his (A New Day)!

Thanks to Peter Cannons for giving the vote of thanks.

A plea for help: Is there a handy person among you who would be able to put legs on our Print Stands. Currently they stand on table tops which is not ideal. We would also like another stand. If you, or you know of someone who could help, please let me or Pat know. Many thanks.

Come Fungi photographing on Sunday, 8 October at Wivenhoe Woods. Meeting at 10.30 am. Who knows there may be some magic mushrooms! Full details below and on website.

From Pat

Very enjoyable welcome back meeting on the 14th September.

Big thank you to all involved - Harvey for chairing the meeting,

Kevin for his work on the projector and his excellent summary of the website improvements. Sam for talking about the field trips she has planned for us and Ian for talking about our Facebook page. And not to be forgotten all those of us who showed us what they had been doing with their cameras over the summer.

Certainly looks like the Wildlife Competition is going to be keenly contested by many of us.

From Kevin

Do check out the new Members Area of website as it has been updated with the Reflections competition results and entries. In the members area, new Useful Links have been added for local event calendars that photographers might enjoy. Look out for an email invitation to become a member of the website. Website members will be first to receive any updates to the site including latest competition results and workshop presentations.

Club Dates For Your Diary more details over the page ...

Sunday 8/10/23

Fungi Time @ Wivenhoe Woods 10.30 meet.

Thursday 12/10/23

Club Workshop

Thursday 26/10/23

Print Competition - Open Colour

Judge - Vic Hainsworth

Entry deadline Friday 20th Oct

Field Trip: Wivenhoe Woods - Fungi

Sunday 08 October 2023
10:30 to 14:30

Wivenhoe Woods covers the largest area of the Colne Local Nature Reserve and is found at the central and southern end. The main woodland tree species are Sweet Chestnut although there are a total of 16 tree species on the site including Oak, Field Maple and a number of small Elms. Also discover the fascinating range of *mushrooms* and toadstools that grow here.

M&DPS are meeting in the small car park at the end of Rosabelle Avenue (CO7 9PA)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/3ReTzCb1ZebfBkc8>) there's also plenty of parking on the road. There is a picnic area so members might like to bring some snacks/drinks. The nearest public toilets are located in Wivenhoe High Street Car Park, which is a 3 min drive/13 min walk from where we are meeting.

Other Local Events

7th Oct Colchester Castle
Ghost Hunt

East Anglian Railway
Museum at Chappel
<https://earn.co.uk/whats-on/>

8th Oct Small Trains Day

15th Oct Supercar Sunday

22nd Oct Steam Day & Roman
Roadsters Meet

25th Oct Diesel Day

27th/28th Oct Oktoberfest
Colchester Park

Workshop 12th October 2023 Table Top Evening

Please bring along an interesting object the could fit into a light box. These could be ornaments in glass or ceramic or dare I mention it Christmas ornaments etc. If you have any props, ie miniature figures, flowers or vases or feathers etc you would like to use, then please do bring them along as well.

Please bring your camera & lens (if you have a macro lens that would be very useful as well). Your tripod would also be a great asset that evening. If you have a tablet/iPad this would also be good as they can be quite effective as a form of light box. Torches could also be a help.

We are planning to give you the opportunity to be as creative as possible with your ornaments. We also plan for you to try your hand at photographing water droplets, smoke patterns and reflections.

We will also bring a variety of backdrops, various reflective surfaces, torches, xmas led lights and some very interesting props including forks, spoons and the odd hard boiled egg!!!

See you on the 12th.

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Print Rules

1. Prints should be mounted 50 cm x 40 cm and backed irrespective of print size
2. Stickers will be supplied to be placed on top left-hand corner of the print when viewed from the back. Please write titles in BLOCK CAPITALS.
3. 3 prints maximum per member, per competition.
4. **Image titles should be sent to the print secretary no later than the Friday prior to the day of competition (see programme for dates).**

Print Secretary

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Individual images may only be used once for Club competitions either as a print or PDI.

If you have any queries relating to your competition entries, please contact the respective Competition Secretary.

