



M&DPS April 2024 Newsletter



From the Chair

Why photography is important in today's world? by Jeff Collier (ShotKit.com). A few examples Jeff lists of how photograph makes the world a better place:

- Pictures speak a thousand words
- Photography fosters meaningful relationships
- Helps you embrace adventure
- Pictures makes a house feel like home
- Unlocks emotion
- Pictures break cultural barriers
- Photography is an art form and an opportunity to preserves reality for future generations

Perhaps we subconsciously know this and is why we enjoy our hobby.

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Review of Club Events March 2024

Zoom Talk - Kevin Pigney - Post Processing of my Nature Images 14/03/24 Great demo from Kev Pigney, I have emailed everyone the pdf that Kevin sent to accompany his talk. It was quite big and a number of your mailboxes rejected the pdf. **If you let me know if you did not receive it and send me an email address that I can send it to you on and I will happily send you a copy.**

Field Trip: Lavenham 23/04/24

Big thank you to Sam for organising the field trip to Lavenham. A great day out. And again good weather - sun certainly came out there was the odd spot of rain and it was a bit chilly. It's always a challenge to take photos in places like Lavenham, trying to avoid cars (moving and stationary) and then other photographers try and get in the picture...

Workshop: Portraiture with James Child - Tips

Tricks - Part 1 28/03/24 This was really interesting and challenging and I certainly feel I learnt a few things. How to achieve a black & white and coloured background for your portraits, very simply it seemed? And I wonder if the same ideas work with still life shots, I might well have a go next time we have a rainy day!!!

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

Friday 5/4/24

Entry deadline for Wildlife Print Competition

Thursday 11/4/24

Print Competition – Theme "Wildlife" Judge – Daphne Hanson

Tuesday 16/4/24

Granville Foulger External Competition

Sunday 21/04/24

Field Trip - RSPB Stour Estuary Nature Reserve (Bluebells)

Thursday 25/4/24

"Interesting Stuff"
Talk presented by Justin Minns

Monday 29/04/2024

Harwich Inter Club Competition

**Print Competition - Theme
"Wildlife"**

Friday 5th April

Entry deadline for Wildlife Print Competition Image titles AND a digital copy of the image should be sent to the print secretary no later than the Friday 5th April

To submit your print titles, images and any queries, email the competition secretary Andy Soar
photo.madps@gmail.com

**Print Competition - Theme
"Wildlife" Judge - Daphne Hanson**
Thursday 11th April 19.30-21.30

**Field Trip: RSPB Stour Estuary
Nature Reserve (Bluebells)**

Sunday 21 April 2024 10:30 to 16:30

<https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/calendar/item/5131888>

The Stour Estuary Reserve to the east of Wrabness and is managed by RSPB. The ancient woodland flora includes wood anemones and bluebells in the Spring.

Woodland Photography is not easy as the woodlands can be quite chaotic – see video link below.

Granville Foulger Trophy 16th April

We are participating in two external competitions this month. The first competition is the Granville Foulger Trophy at East Ipswich Camera Club – last year we were joint winners and obviously want to win again this year. It takes place on **Tuesday, 16th April** at the Tower Hall, Broadlands Way, Rushmere St. Andrew, Ipswich IP4 5SU. Doors will be open from 7:00 pm with a start time of 7:30 pm. The judge will be Tony Bramley FRPS. There will be a nominal fee of £4.00 per guest to cover the evening's costs (payable on the evening). There will be tea/coffee and a buffet during the break.

Could you please let me know if you will attend, as we need to submit numbers for catering and seating, by 6th April at the latest.

Justin Minns: Interesting Stuff

**Thursday 25th April 2024
19:30 to 21:30**

Justin is always a fascinating and informative speaker. This evening he will talk about his quest to find interesting subjects to photograph. It is one of the things that keeps him motivated, so the question is what makes an interesting photograph, the subject or the photographer?

<https://www.justinminns.co.uk>

Inter Club Competition against Harwich 29th April.

The second competition is the Inter Club Competition against Harwich. Last year we were winners and obviously want to win again this year. It takes place on **29th April 2024** at Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre, Main Road, Harwich CO12 4AJ.

Could you please let me know if you will attend, as we need to submit numbers for seating etc, by 19th April at the latest.

Wherever you go to take photos of bluebells this month, I'd recommend watching Gavin Hoey's YouTube Video on **Bluebell Wood Photography** - it is certainly worth the 15minutes it takes to watch it - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2b0trifaRok>