



M&DPS Newsletter August 2024



Have you voted for your top three in the Club's Marathon yet?

Voting is now open for the 2024 photography marathon until 5pm on 2nd August – this coming Friday

This link will take you to the form where you will be able to vote for your top three images in each category: <https://forms.gle/SYpqafcePQkWnrkb8>

Rachel has also sent you the images via We Transfer so you can download them if they are not clear on Google Forms. Any problems, please let Rachel or myself know.

Membership Renewal 2024-5

Jill Sullivan has been working hard to produce an exciting programme for next the 2024-5 season. We hope that you will agree and WILL renew your membership.

Application Form, Programme for 2024-25 etc will be emailed to members within the next few days.

Wanted

Chairperson: Just 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 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 . . .

Wanted: Publicity Officer to send reports to the various village magazines that make up the Manningtree & Mistley area. These reports do bring the club to the attention of these various communities and many of our members today joined as a result of these.

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Jill Sullivan sent me this link, that she thought would be of interest to members:-

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

Practise Visual Storytelling

I was thinking about the Club's current **Summer Project** and came across this, which I thought might prove useful:- <https://ayearwithmycamera.com/blog/10-summer-photo-projects>

A holiday is the perfect time to tell a story in photos. Remember to have a narrative arc (a beginning, a middle and an end), some tension (what went wrong?) and a resolution (happy ending?). Include these shots:

- scene-setting establishing shots (leaving the house, how you travelled, the destination, your accommodation)
 - the stars (who was there, what is their personality?)
- intimate detail shots (close ups of textures, things you found, books, things that wouldn't be at home)
 - food and drink (any disasters?)
- sunrise, sunset, night-time shots (good to mix it up a bit)

So try telling a story in just 3 shots – in readiness for our first meeting on 12th September 2024. 3 images -PDI's they must tell a story or have something in common e.g. they can be of the seaside; architecture; bridges, or whatever you find interesting/amusing. Bring them along on 12th September to share with everyone. PDIs on a memory stick for showing on the screen.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Clacton Pier Fireworks

<https://www.essextouristguide.co.uk/essex-events-calendar/clacton-pier-free-fireworks-display-4> Saturday 27th July 2024 and subsequent Saturday's in August until the 17th

Helmingham Hall Festival of Classic & Sports Cars

<https://www.helmingham.com/events/the-festival-of-classic-sports-cars/>

Manningtree Town Regatta

<https://www.stoursailingclub.co.uk/activities/regatta-2024/>

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August. High Water is 16:23 on Saturday and 16:55 on Sunday.

17th & 18th August Maldon Smoke & Fire Festival

<https://www.smokeandfirefestival.com>

22th & 23th - Clacton Air Show

<https://clactonairshow.com/faqs/>

Photographic Alliance of Great Britain Newsletter 361 & 361 Extra

https://www.pagbnews.co.uk/sites/default/files/newsletters/en361%2001%20August_0.pdf

The PAGB Inter-Fed Competition and Exhibition selection results are now out and can be seen on the PAGB website.

Also from Jill Sullivan – a link for a free master your photography journal

<https://www.aspect2i.co.uk/journal>