



M&DPS Newsletter June 2024



From the Vice Chair

The M&DPS AGM last Thursday brought to a conclusion the 2023-2024 season, although summer events, including the upcoming ever-popular Marathon, can still be arranged where there is demand from Members. Those attending the AGM heard reports from the various Officers, all of which demonstrated that the club is in rude health with strong finances, an increased membership, good attendance at meetings, higher levels of competition entries, and a greater number of high scoring images. Although we did not win our local interclub competitions with Harwich, Bury, Ipswich, Stowmarket and Woodbridge, the scoring was very close between Manningtree, Harwich and Ipswich which is very encouraging for next time.

Sadly, Vivienne has decided to stand down as our Chair and the search is on for one of our number to take on the mantle. I am happy to continue as Vice-Chair for the coming year, in order to provide some continuity, but would welcome expressions of interest from those willing to take on the role of Chair, or to support the Officers by joining the Committee."

We are particularly keen to locate a member to manage club publicity, a role that Amanda and Ian Bancroft have performed brilliantly for many years. They have also managed the tea/coffee provision at our meetings and it would be good to have willing volunteers to take over this role.

Club Dates For Your Diary M&DPS Photo Marathon 22nd June 2024

Our **Photography Marathon** will be held on **Saturday 22nd June** this year. Please come along to Mistley Village Hall from 9.30am to pay your £5 entrance fee and collect your photo themes. You will be released from 10am and will then have 5 hours to go around the area taking photos. You must bring them back by no later than 3pm. Your photos will be collected by downloading them from your card to a laptop and the card will be returned to you immediately. Rachel has confirmed that there will be prizes for the winners.

The marathon will be followed by refreshments at Mistley Village Hall from 3pm onwards.

Full rules are attached over the page. Please let us know if you have any questions and if you are able to attend both the marathon and refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Best wishes,
Samantha Innard, Events Secretary

Review Of Club Activiites in May

On Thursday 9th May the Club held its final PDI Competition of the season. The Colour Blue. Congratulations to Mark Rivers who came 1st with Blue Lagoon. In 2nd & 3rd place was Ann Laverock with Blue Seahorse and Exploding Droplet.

Saturday 18th May saw members travel to Canary Wharf for the day. Thank you to Sam & Andy for arranging the day, it was a very enjoyable, pleasant and sociable trip.

The 'Image Of The Year' meeting on 23rd May 2024 was also very enjoyable. Congratulations to Ian Parker who won with 'Brown Hare'. He was closely followed by Mark Rivers with Ullapool Reflections, who was closely followed by Andy Soar with A New Day.

After the break we heard from Andy Soar, Harvey Perkins, Ian Parker, Jill Sullivan, Mark Rivers, Mary Unsworth, Stephen Pharez and myself, on how we went about taking and processing our winning images. Big thank you to you all for your talks. It was really interesting to hear about how you took and processed your images. We certainly need to hear more of that as I certainly felt I learnt a few things.

The Club's AGM was held on 30th May. Minutes have been sent to all members earlier today. Congratulations to Ann Laverock who won both the PRINT and PDI League tables. A tremendous achievement.

After the main business there were refreshments provided by the committee and a chance to have a chat and catch up. Thank you to Viv, Jill, Ann, Sam and myself for the refreshments. Also thank you to Ian Parker and Martyn for providing us with tea/coffee.

EAF Bulletin

The latest issue of the EAF Bulletin is now available on the EAF Website. As usual there are two versions (PC version & Mobile version). The link to the Bulletin Page is www.eaf.org.uk/the-bulletin.html

Photographic Alliance of Great Britain newsletter

[https://www.pagbnews.co.uk/sites/default/files/newsletters/en%20357_0.pdf](https://www.pagbnews.co.uk/sites/default/files/newsletters/en%2020357_0.pdf)

Other Local Events

Mysteries of Mistley 2024 is planned for 29th of June, from 10 am till 4 pm.

Please see their website <https://mysteriesofmistley.co.uk/>, Instagram page [@MyMysteries of Mistley](https://www.instagram.com/MyMysteriesofMistley)

Photography Marathon 2024 Rules

1. Start & finish location: Mistley Village Hall Shrubland Road Mistley CO11 1HS
2. There is a £5 entry charge.
3. The Photography Marathon is an entirely digital event so you can take part with a digital camera or mobile phone. You must provide your own memory card, which must be empty of images at the beginning of the day.
4. You will be asked to capture ten images, one for each of the subjects given to you. You are not permitted to have more than ten images on your card at the time of submission, but you may have less. You can delete images on the memory card prior to submission. All ten images must be different – you must not use the same image twice.
5. You must collect the topics at the start, in person, from Mistley Village Hall.
6. All images must be taken on 22nd June 2024 between 10 am and 3 pm.
7. All images must be shot as JPEG's – RAW images will not be accepted.
8. You can use tripods, flashguns and filters.
9. You are not permitted to edit the images "off camera".
10. You are permitted to use "in-camera" effects such as black & white or other tools that are camera based.
11. You are not permitted to amend the filename or any other data related to the images.
12. Any manipulation (or suspected manipulation) of the image or its metadata will cause the entry to be disqualified. This decision will be at the discretion of the organisers of the event and is final.
13. To qualify for final judging, your memory card must be returned by 3 pm on the day of the event.

Good luck!

