



# M&DPS Newsletter August Newsletter 2025



## From the Chair

Dear Members

I know Pat will be quietly (but politely) cursing me, because I have consistently ignored her request to produce this blurb for the newsletter. I apologise to her, and to you, for the delay. However, the new decking in my garden has come on a treat!!

We've had some odd weather, haven't we - not very inspiring for photography. At least I have finally been able to fire up my PC after we have recovered everything from storage! That has allowed me to process some images taken way back in March. Last month we had my flash workshop, albeit to a reduced audience - I hope that the summer break is responsible. Of course, the expected bad weather caused us to cancel Jill's beach hut afternoon, what a shame, there are usually a good selection of cakes to choose from!

I trust the Photo Technique Competition is giving members a focus for their photography. I see the Facebook challenge recently has seen some interesting entries that we may see later. Good luck with this. I have to say, I'm struggling to come up with suitable images - good luck to you all.

Lastly, we do have the final workshop for the photo technique competition on August 7th. We'll use the evening to take a look at members' images, offer help where needed and pool some ideas for images.

Best wishes, Tim

### **Club's Summer Programme Continued**

Thursday 7th August 19.30-21.30 Photo Techniques Competition – further discussion and review of progress so far, how to process them. £5.00 @ MVH

### **M&DPS 2025-26 Season**

starts with...

4<sup>TH</sup> Sept Committee Meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> Sept Welcome back and Photo Techniques PDI competition – voting by members.

### **Membership Renewal 2025-6**

Jill Sullivan has been working hard to produce an exciting programme for next the 2025-6 season. We hope that you will agree and WILL renew your membership.

**Application Form, Programme for 2025-26 etc will be emailed to members within the next few days.**

## **M&DPS Review July Activities**

Congratulations to Ian Parker a clear winner in July's Facebook challenge.

On 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 a small but enthusiastic group of members and two visitors came along to Tim's Workshop on Flash Photography. Tim covered Hotshoe Flash, Mains Flash, Continuous Lighting (LED), backgrounds (TEMU is a very cheap website but seems to have a great deal of choice when it comes to backgrounds for starters), the use of light meters. After the refreshments tim demonstrated the five main types of portrait lighting – Broad, Split, Loop, Butterfly and Rembrandt lighting. Then we had a lively Q&A session.

It was good to actually see the impact on the flash from different directions etc. And for me reinforced much of what I've tried to read. The next step is to put it into practice. If anyone has a thoughts or ideas about this please do share? I'm sure between us we have a range of simple/not so simple equipment we could use. It's just a question of what, where etc etc. That's more than one question but...  
PS Any one with suggestions for a cheap but effective and easy to use light monitor, please share.

### **Other Local Events**

9<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August Hands on History & Kentwell Hall

<https://www.kentwell.co.uk/handsonhistory>

10<sup>th</sup> August Mayflower 10K & 5K Run/Walk & Fun Day @ Furze Hill

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August Maldon Smoke and Fire Festival

<https://www.smokeandfirefestival.com/maldon/>

21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August Clacton Airshow - <https://clactonairshow.com>

24<sup>th</sup> August Mistley Pram Race

31<sup>ST</sup> August Photographic Alliance of Great Britain Awards for Photographic Merit. Advisory Days - see attached poster

### **Photographic Alliance of Great Britain** **Newsletter 385 & 386**

<https://www.pagbnews.co.uk/newsletter/issue-385>

<https://www.pagbnews.co.uk/sites/default/files/newsletters/en386%2001%20Aug%202025.pdf>

### **Navi Stitch Calling All Artists**

#### **The deadline is looming!**

The closing date to take part in our Autumn Exhibition is 9th August. Whether you're a returning exhibitor or new to the Sail Loft, this is your chance to be part of a vibrant seasonal showcase.

The deadline to apply is 9th August. All the details, including how to take part, can be found on our website:-

[https://www.navistitch.com/exhibition?utm\\_campaign=44fc815e-e745-4f30-9103-65abb0b1e256&utm\\_source=so&utm\\_medium=mail&cid=cd1d32c9-56c2-4800-bc9b-b365f27c14df](https://www.navistitch.com/exhibition?utm_campaign=44fc815e-e745-4f30-9103-65abb0b1e256&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=cd1d32c9-56c2-4800-bc9b-b365f27c14df)

