



M&DPS Newsletter July 2025



From the Chair

I hope everyone is enjoying the hot and sunny weather, although the one day of cool rain was welcome too! Whilst this is a rather fallow period for the club, there is still activity going on...

The Mysteries of Mistley event was held on 21st June. This was an opportunity for the club to show its mettle to the public with a display of prints and members chatting to people. There was a good number of people who expressed an interest in joining the club. Hopefully this will translate into new members in the autumn. Many thanks to Katherine and Samantha for organising the day and those who helped on the day.

On 26th June we had our first Photo Techniques workshop. We had a short recap on the earlier presentation and then reviewed members progress. Remember, there is another workshop on 7 August - more news about that to follow. In the meantime, do keep trying - this is all about you, the members, participating in our hobby.

And, on 17th July there will be a workshop on using flash. We will talk about using our own flash equipment and using some standard lighting techniques, especially for portraits. More news about that to follow too.

Enough from me... enjoy your summer and keeping that camera handy!

Best wishes, Tim

Club's Summer Programme

Thursday 17th July 2025 19.30-21.30 Flash Workshop, £5.00 @ MVH

Saturday 19th July 14.00-16.00. We have kindly been invited to visit Jill's beach hut in Wrabness for tea and cake. Further details will follow.

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

M&DPS Review June Activities

Congratulations to Andy Soar a clear winner in May's Facebook challenge, and to Ian Bancroft coming second. It was very close among the rest of us.

On 21st June Mysteries Of Mistley the club took part in the Mysteries Of Mistley. A big thank you to Katharine Showell and Sam Innard who organised and set up the M&DPS displays inside the Studio on The Quay for Saturday's Mysteries of Mistley event. A further big thank to Andy Soar, Time Stott and Pat Ainger who helped on the day and Harvey who popped in as well. It seemed very successful, with quite a few people showing real interest in joining the club. A big thank you to all involved in whatever capacity.

On 26th June 2025 an enthusiastic group of members came along to the first support meeting about the Photo Techniques Competition. Tim recapped the four techniques – Panning, ICM, Differentiated Focus and High Key. This was followed by further discussion and some members showed what they had achieved so far which promoted further discussion. It was really very interesting to be reminded about the techniques and to see and hear members efforts so far. There is a further meeting to review progress on 7th Aug 2025.

Congratulations Ian Bancroft a clear winner in June's Facebook challenge, and to Andy Soar for coming second.

Other Local Events That Might Be Of Interest

Saturday 12th July Tendring Show, Lawford House Park, nr Manningtree CO11 2NE

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

Friday 18th & Saturday 19th July Manningtree Beer Festival 12.00-21.00

<https://www.stoursailingclub.co.uk/event/20th-manningtree-beer-festival/>

Saturday 26th– Sunday 27th July

<https://www.stoursailingclub.co.uk/event/2025-manningtree-town-regatta/>

Saturday July 26th – Sunday 27th The Naze Kite Festival 10.00-16.00

<https://www.eastanliankiteflyers.org.uk/gallery.shtml>

EAF Audio Visual Workshop

17th Aug 2025

The EAF are organising a workshop to encourage club members to learn more about the Audio Visual genre. Club members can register their interest using the link below. The Zoom link will be emailed nearer the day.

[EAF Audio Visual Workshop – Registration](#)

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