



M&DPS Newsletter May 2025



From the Chair

Dear Members

Sadly, the current season is coming to an end. I hope you have found the programme both interesting and enjoyable. Although we officially run from September to May, we have events taking place through the Summer for you to participate in – keep an eye on your emails and read the Newsletter for details.

Our AGM is on 29 May 2025 and we hope as many of you as possible will come along and support your Club. The evening will consist of :

- a. The business part of the meeting
- b. Refreshments
- c. Presentation and Results of the Marathon held on 29 March. This is an opportunity to see all the images entered.

Regarding Committee roles, all positions are open to anyone who wishes to join the running of the Club. Many of the current Committee Members have kindly indicated their willingness to continue but there some roles that need to be filled:-

1. Chair
2. Web Site Secretary
3. Someone willing to work alongside Kevin with a view to taking on PDI Secretary in

2026-27

Please give some consideration to joining the Committee and let me, Harvey or Pat know if you are interested so we can provide more information - **Your Club Needs You!**

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the past year, it has been greatly appreciated.

Viv, Chair M&DPS

Message From Tim Stott, M&DPS External Competitions Secretary

I remind members that we will be at Stowmarket for their Tripod Competition on 28 April at Stowmarket. The other club competing is Wymondham from near Norwich.

Also, Manningtree will be hosting our annual competition against Harwich on 1 May. Please do come along and support your club. For encouragement, there will be refreshments during the interval!!

Club Dates For Your Diary

Monday 28/4/25 External competition @

Stowmarket

Thursday 1/5/25

Inter Club Competition V Harwich, Judge - Rusty Lindsay

Thursday 8/5/25 Talk "Panels", Chrissy Hart
Saturday 10/5/25 Field Trip, London contact Sam perfectforlearning@gmail.com for further details

Monday 12/5/25 5pm voting closes for the Photo Marathon

Thursday 22/5/25 Images of the Year, members vote for the best image from those that scored 18 or over this season

Thursday 29/5/25 AGM

The **Granville Foulger Trophy** Competition was held on 15 April hosted by East Ipswich Camera Club. Granville is the Honorary President of the club.

The judge for the evening was Andy Wilson ARPS. Andy provided an excellent critique of the images, clearly highlighting the best points and gently pointing out their deficiencies!

Manningtree managed 4th in the Print section, which was expected as we struggled to find sufficient good quality prints for the competition. But a 3rd in the PDIs gave us a creditable 3rd overall.

The full results and copies of Manningtree's images were sent by email earlier today.

	EICC	Stow	Wbridge	Mann	Bury
Prints	102.0	106.0	96.5	100.0	111.0
PDIs	97.0	108.0	96.5	100.5	105.5
Total	199.0	214.0	193.0	200.5	216.5

Paul Haines (Stowmarket) won the "Best PDI" certificate for his "Water Droplet" image
Paul Smith (BSEPS) won the "Best Print" certificate for his "White-Tailed Eagle Disagreement" image

Review of April's Club Activities

Facebook Competition

Congratulations to both **Tim Stott & Andy Soar** for winning the March Challenge

Thursday 10/4/25

Club Workshop – a big thank you to Tim for his excellent introduction to the Photo Techniques Competition that runs from 11th April until the 4th September 2025. Looks like it'll certainly get the old grey cells active and keep us busy over the summer. Everyone should have received the handout and ppt by email, if not check the website.

Sunday 13/04/25

Big thank you to **Sam Annette** for organising a lovely morning at Arger Fen. Weather was ideal and we had a lovely time taking or trying to take photos among the bluebells and in the woods. I think we all tried ICM at one point or another so making a start on the Photo Techniques Competition!!! As far as my attempts at ICM go, it's a work in progress!!!

Tuesday 15/4/25

Granville Foulger External Competition – see Tim's piece above and the email sent out to members earlier today.

Thursday 24/4/25

The last Print Competition of the season was Portraits. The judge was Barbie Lindsay who was very impressed by the range of portraiture she saw and that it was of a very high quality. Congratulations to the winners 1st Mark Rivers with 'Tea with Lily', 2nd also Mark Rivers with 'Best Friends' and 3rd Pat Ainger with 'Day Dreaming'. Congratulations also to Dave Edwards who also scored 20 with 'Suspicious'.

Other Local Events



13th May 2025 Colchester Photographic Society are presenting **40 Years Worth – Talk by Leigh Preston** FRPS MPAGB EFIAP FIPF, 7.30pm

<https://colchesterphotosoc.co.uk/events/2024-25/40-years-worth/>

14th May 2025 10.45-16.30 Colchester Photographic Society are presenting **A Masterclass in the Aspects of Monochrome** - Workshop with Leigh Preston

<https://colchesterphotosoc.co.uk/events/2024-25/aspects-of-monochrome/>