



M&DPS Newsletter November 2025



From the Chair

Another month skips past and we're now into early nights. This does tend to reduce the amount of time available for picture taking. Of course, the other side to this is the sun rises a little later than in the summer, so we don't have to get up at a ridiculous hour to get the sunrise. So, I would encourage you to set your alarms for say 5.30am and get down to the coast, or somewhere like Hollesley Common (just the other side of Woodbridge) and capture the early morning light. I've just booked an early morning slot with Gill Moon ... I've got to get to Cromer by 6.45am!!

We've had a good month at the club, with a talk on abstract & minimalism photography (bearing in mind we have a competition of this subject in March next year). We also had an interesting talk from Roy Essery on his experience photographing Havana, Cuba!! Another interesting event was our Open Mono Print competition. Well, the "hold over" pile was growing by the minute we had a such a good selection of prints. Well done to everyone who entered. It was a bumper entry too - 51 prints, which might be a record in recent times!!

The next few days may also provide opportunities to take some rewarding pictures - there has been Halloween, good for pictures of the children / grandchildren dress up. And, over the next week there will be ample opportunity for pictures of fireworks. In fact a few dedicated members will be staked out at the Scouts fireworks in Christchurch Park on Saturday 1st November. If you want more chances to take firework pictures, there are more down in Southend seafront on Saturdays 8th and 15th November.

The important thing is to get out and take photographs, and enjoy it - have fun!!

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M&DPS Christmas Meal 11/12/2025

I would like to invite you to join us for another festive evening at The Anchor Inn, Stratford St Mary. You are very welcome to bring a guest along and the evening will also include a raffle and a quiz. The Anchor have set aside their conservatory area again and are offering a festive menu of 2 courses for £21.95 or 3 courses for £26.95. A £5 deposit is required per head (which is non-refundable) and choices from the menu must be provided in advance. We would like to secure our booking so ask that deposits be paid by the 11th November 2025.

Please complete the Google Form to let us know if you will be in attendance or not: <https://forms.gle/bEKASTVguRzESqzYA>.

If you have any queries, please do contact me (perfectforlearning@gmail.com/07522814863).

Best wishes,

Sam M&DPS Vice Chair & Event Secretary

Club Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 6/11/25

Committee Meeting – if you have any items you'd like us to discuss, please let me know at madps@post.com

Friday 7th Nov 2025 entry deadline for PDI Open Colour Comp

Thursday 13/11/25

PDI Competition – Open Colour - Judge – Jim Bennett

Thursday 27/11/25

Club Member Ian Parker will be talking "My brief view of Kenya & Tanzania"

Thursday 11/12/25

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not: <https://forms.gle/bEKASTVguRzESqzYA>.

Brief Review of October's Club Activities

Daniel Bridges talk Abstract & Minimalism, Thursday 9/10/25

A really interesting talk especially in view of the Abstract & Minimalism PDI Competition the club has on 23rd March next year. Certainly left me with some food for thought. I thought Daniel's ideas on ICM were also interesting especially the one where he used his camera on a tripod with it facing down and rotated round. Good to hear and see some different ideas on how to do ICM. Would be good to hear from members what they found particularly interesting about the talk.

Arlesford Field Trip 12/10/25

Six members went and explored Arlesford Creek as the sun was setting. Big thank you to Sam for organizing.

Open Mono Competition 23/10/25

Congratulations to Ian Parker & Reg Cadman who shared 1st place. In third place was Bob Adams. Also scoring 20 were Sam Innard and Hasje Mosley. The judge complimented the club on the outstanding quality of the images.

Congratulations to Neil Hopkins who won October's Facebook Competition

Other Local Events

Wednesday 5th Nov

Castle Park, Colchester

<https://www.visitcolchester.com/event/king-coels-kittens-firework-spectacular-2025/242429101/>

Saturday 8th Nov

Clacton Pier Free Fireworks Display - Guy Fawkes Celebration

<https://www.essextouristguide.co.uk/essex-events-calendar/clacton-pier-free-fireworks-display-10>

Saturday 8th & 15th Nov

Southend City Free Seafront Fireworks Display 2025

<https://www.essextouristguide.co.uk/essex-events-calendar/southend-seafront-fireworks-display-8>

Essex Tourist Guide has details of many many for fireworks event

<https://www.essextouristguide.co.uk/essex-events-calendar/clacton-pier-free-fireworks-display-10>

Advance Notice ...

Sunday Dec 14th 2025

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/25515529.route-magical-tractor-run-around-suffolk-revealed/>

Thank to Roy Cane for letting me know about this event. If you hear of any events that would be of interest to members, please do let me know at madps@post.com

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