



M&DPS Newsletter February 2026



From the Chair

It's been quite a busy start to 2026. We started with a Print competition on the Built Environment with an excellent variety of interpretations. We then had committee meeting, followed by our first field trip of the year – to Colchester Zoo. This was quite a nice social event as well as us a successful photographic session. Then we had a Zoom presentation, all the way from Namibia by Scott Hurd. Lastly this month, we had a PDI Open Mono competition.

You can see the images and results on the web for both of these competitions.

February will bring our interclub challenge against Harwich. As it is away at Harwich it would be nice if we could have as many people as possible coming along to support the club. Let's see how we do this year!!

Best wishes, Tim

Club Dates For Your Diary February 2026

Saturday 7/02/26 Field Trip Early Morning @ Flatford for Sunrise. If you wish to come along to this please message Sam Innard (07522 814863) and let her know you are interested.

Thursday 12/2/26 Zoom/Teams Talk - Seascapes, Landscapes & Long Exposure - Kevin Pigney - Zoom link will be sent out at the weekend.

Friday 20/02/26 Entry deadline for Open Print Competition.

Monday 23/02/26 19:30 to 21:30 Harwich Interclub Competition V Manningtree @ Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre, Main Road, Dovercourt, CO12 4AH.

Thursday 26/2/26 Print Competition - Open Colour - Judge - Roy Essery.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Katharine Showell who won the January Facebook Challenge. The February Facebook Challenge is 'Animals'. Two entries per member, please title your entry Animal and then add your own title.

Review Of January Club Activities

Thursday 8/1/26 Print Competition - "The Built Environment". There were 39 entries. Congratulations to Nigel Humphries for 1st place with Singapore Structures. Congratulations also to Jill Sullivan who came 2nd with The Italian Chapel, Orkney and Andy Soar who came 3rd with I Pity The Postman.

Sunday 18/1/26 Field Trip - Colchester Zoo, 9 members enjoyed talk about photography and taking photos starting with the Amur Leopards with advice from Ian Parker as to the settings to apply. Our Facebook has a quite a number of the images already posted to show just what we saw and no doubt our February Facebook Challenge will mean that more are posted for you all to see. If you are not already a member of our Manningtree & District Photographic Society Facebook Group, then find us on Facebook and click on the join group tab and we will add you to the group.

Thursday 22/1/26 Zoom Talk – "Wildlife, living & working as a photographer in Namibia" – Scott Hurd. A fascinating talk that showed the sheer range of what it is possible to get involved in as a photographer. From images showing the sheer beauty of a spectacular landscape, to documenting the birth of a gold mine also conservation work involving the endangered Pangolins. Even some wedding photography and at one point I believe a nude calendar.

Thursday 29/1/26 PDI Competition - Open Mono, again there were 39 entries. Congratulations to Alan Moran for 1st place with White Still Life. Congratulations also to Ian Bancroft who came 2nd with Melodic and to Stephen Pharez who came 3rd with Black Beach. Also very well done to Thomas Attree, our newest member for getting 19 with his first PDI comp entry.

Advanced Notice Photography Marathon Saturday 7th March 2026

Dear Members,

Our Photography marathon will be held on Saturday 7th March 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.

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

Full rules are attached on the pdf document. Please let us know if you have any questions and if you are planning to attend. If you have an issue you can contact me before or on the day on 07522 814863.

We look forward to seeing you on the day. Best wishes, Sam Innard, Events Secretary

EAF Duxford 2026 Event – more details: <http://eaf.org.uk/duxford26.html>

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