



M&DPS Newsletter January 2026



From the Chair

Dear All, Happy New Year!

I hope you had a joyful Christmas and New Year period and Santa brought you lots of nice goodies. More importantly, I hope you managed to share the Christmas spirit with family and friends, we certainly did. But thank goodness for a dishwasher 😊.

We are back to club meetings from Thursday 8th January, when we have our print competition with the subject "The Built Environment". Remember to get your titles and jpegs submitted ASAP...

Did you manage to get out with your camera this holiday....? I had three early mornings, but the weather wasn't very helpful. It's always annoying to make the effort, then get frustrated by cloudy, boring weather. Just on New Year's eve, I got up early as I could see a nice red sky starting to develop. Then as soon as I drove out of the village, there was a dense low cloud... all the way to Harwich! Oh well, we must keep trying... just one decent image from each trip will be worth it... Keep it up!

Best wishes, Tim

I hope you all enjoyed our festive meal at the Anchor last month. I'm sure you will all agree that the food was excellent as usual and the room was very welcoming. Congratulations to the winners of the hampers and various raffle prizes. Thank you to all who donated. The raffle raised £117. Well done to Andy, Katie, Duncan and Joel who won the quiz. Special thanks to Brian for keeping track of all the payments.

Best wishes, Sam



Congratulations

Congratulations to Andy Soar who won the November Facebook Challenge.
Also congratulations to Katharine Showell who won the December Facebook Challenge

Club Dates For Your Diary January 2026

Print Competition - Built Environment, Thursday 08 January 2026
Deadline for entries 2nd January 2026

Committee Meeting Thursday 15th January 2026

Field Trip - Colchester Zoo Sunday 18th January 2026

Teams/Zoom Talk - Wildlife - Living & Working as a Photographer in Namibia Thursday
22nd January 2026

PDI Competition - Open Mono - Thursday 29th January 2026. Deadline for entries 23rd
January 2026

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 issues you can contact me before or on the day on 07522814863.

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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Enter The LCE Photographer of the Year Comp 2026

Every Judge we have compliments members on the sheer range and outstanding quality of our images. So why not enter the London Camera Exchange Photographer of the Year Competition 2026. See website for details. Entries close on 21st Jan 2026 at midnight.

<https://poty.lcegroup.co.uk>