M&DPS Newsletter November 2026



From the Chair

As it's been a 5-week month, we have had the benefit of three evenings in October. Unfortunately, I wasn't around for the talk on Central & South America, but I did really enjoy Stephen Harper's talk on the last Thursday – he gave a really interesting and detailed talk about the Mach Loop, and then gave another shorter talk on photographing (just) Lynx in Spain. Well worth a look at Stephen's web pages at:
https://smharperphotography.myportfolio.com
The print competition was also a highlight – Alec Corton judged the Open Mono competition and the quality was high, leading him to "hold-back" about 12 prints. Well done to Pat & Harvey for joint first place (Harvey - Joseph finally got there!!!). Ten prints scored a 20.
A good-sized contingent of us journeyed to the Harwich club on Monday 26th to attend a talk on "Judging: Because someone has to do it". I'm not sure whether we got to the bottom of why judges only mark from 16/17 upwards, but our presenter - Alison Jenkins - was excellent and we got a good flavour of what judging should be like.
Finally, we have a workshop planned for 26th November. What would you like to see? We have a committee meeting on 5th November, so suggestions before then, would be helpful.
Best wishes, Tim

M&DPS Christmas Meal The Anchor Stratford St Mary 10th Dec 2026

Just a final reminder that the deadline for paying the deposit for our Christmas meal at the Anchor has now passed, and Brian will shortly be submitting payment to the venue. If you intended to join us but haven't yet signed up, please complete the form (https://forms.gle/K9r2yHU8jn5txn6b7) and pay your £5 deposit as soon as possible.
Best wishes,
Sam (Events Secretary)

Request for donations for the Xmas Hampers

We would once again like to produce some hampers to raffle for Club funds at our Christmas meal. If you are able to donate anything, please bring it along to the meeting on 12th or 26th November 2026 - it will be gratefully received.
Thank you in anticipation.
Best wishes,
Sam (Event Secretary)

Review of October Events

Congratulations to Neil Hopkins for winning the October Face Book Challenge
On **8th October 26** we had a really interesting talk on Central & South America by Derek Howes.
10th October 26 Pin Mill Field Trip – a very good morning and thank you to Sam for arranging the excellent weather and perfect tide time.
22nd Oct 26 Open Mono Print Comp Results all Congratulations to Pat Ainger with "The Look' & Harvey Perkins 'Joseph' who came 1st. In 2nd place was Dave Edwards with 'I Must Go Shopping' and in 3rd place were James Lamb with 'Blockhouse' and Katharine Showelll with 'Standing Stones of 'Machrie Moor'. Congratulations to all those who got 20, which also included Alan Moran and Ian Parker
29th Oct Stephen Harper gave us a talk on the Mack Loop, the Iberian Lynx and little Dippers. I, for one knew nothing about the Mack Loop and I certainly learnt a lot about this area and aviation photographers as well as the staying power needed by Nature Photographers

Club November Events further details

Friday 6th Nov 26 - Entry deadline for PDI Open Colour on 12th Nov
Thursday 12th Nov 26, PDI Competition Open Colour - Judge – Peter Norris
Sunday 15th Nov 26
Field Trip to Woodbridge
Field Trip: Woodbridge (meeting outside the train station) 10:30 to 14:30
Contact: Sam Innar - 07522814863 or email: perfectforlearning@gmail.com
Thursday 26th Nov 26
Club Workshop further details to follow

M&DPS Tea Rota

As you know, we have a rota for serving the refreshments at each club meeting. This has been drawn up to ensure no-one person has the burden of more than one session each season – so not a big deal?! So, it would be really helpful if everyone could study the rota and add your own dates to *your* calendar. On each club night, Pat (usually), will deliver milk and biscuits. A committee member will be on hand to assist.
If you are unable to manage the date that has been allocated, do let Pat know, immediately, and please don't wait until the night before, unless it's an unexpected event. Alternatively, swap your date with someone else in the club – but do still let Pat know.
Attached is a copy of the rota – please print and note your dates.
(mine's a tea, milk, no sugar, and two bics).
Thank you all, Tim

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Enter The LCE Photographer of the Year Comp 2027

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 20267. See website for details. Entries close on 20th Jan 2027 at midnight.
https://poty.lcegroup.co.uk

For Sale

A pair of Phottix brollies with carrying sleeves. £10, an unbranded white brolly 90cm £4, a pair of Reflectors 50cm white/white. £5, 2x Lastolite reflectors 90cm - one silver / white the other gold / white £8 and a pair of Phottix brollies with carrying sleeves. £10. If you are interested, please let me know asap.