



M&DPS Newsletter October 2026



From the Chair

Last month's Welcome Evening, where we scored the summer Photo Technique competition, reminded me that it's pretty jolly hard for us amateurs to shoot to a brief. Perhaps we all need a bit more practice – I know I found the whole thing quite a challenge, especially when the option is often to leave it to the last minute. So, I would like to give Ian Parker, Andy Soar and Pat Ainger an extra "well done!" as their scores outshone the rest of us, especially Ian.

Now we are back in the routine of the season and I'm trying to get out and take images that I can use in this season's competitions, without dipping too much into reserves. I encourage you all to try and gather new images to use now and to build up your reserves for later . . .

With this in mind, I joined Walton's Not a Camera Club group. This informal group have no committee or overheads, but they simply choose a topic for the month and take a look at the results that members submit – no scoring, just commenting. Don't worry, I'm not leaving the club. I'm just trying to challenge myself to take photos that I wouldn't normally. For instance, this month the theme is Earth, Air, Fire & Water.

Why don't you try it too . . . ?

Best wishes, Tim

Dear Members

It may feel a little early to be thinking about Christmas but The Anchor have asked us to pay our deposit sooner than usual this year. We're very much looking forward to another festive evening at The Anchor Inn on **Thursday 10th December** and you're very welcome to bring a guest. The Anchor have reserved their conservatory area for us again and the night will include a raffle and a quiz. They are offering a festive menu of **2 courses for £24.95** or **3 courses for £29.95**. A £5 deposit is required per head (*which is non-refundable*) and menu choices must be provided in advance. To secure our booking, we kindly ask that deposits are paid by **23rd October 2026**.

Please complete the Google Form to let us know if you will be in attendance or not: <https://forms.gle/K9r2yHU8jn5txn6b7>.

If you have any queries, please do contact me.

Best wishes, Sam (Event Secretary)

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Review of M&DPS September Events

Congratulations to Ian Bancroft for winning the September Face Book Challenge.

The October Facebook challenge is 'Tools of the Trade'.

We have two Facebook groups, M&DPS (Members only) and Manningtree Photographic Club (Public). To take part in the Facebook Challenge you need to have a Facebook account, find the MADPS page and click on Join Group and you will be approved and can then take part in the Facebook challenge.

10th September Photo Technique 2 Competition

The results, judged & voted on by club members.

Contre-Jour - 1st Ian Parker, 2nd Andy Soar & tie 3rd Julie Humphries & Roy Cane.

Flash - 1st Pat Ainger, 2nd Jill Sullivan & 3rd Julie Humphries.

Long Exposure - 1st Ian Parker, 2nd Andy Soar & 3rd Tim Stott.

Low Key - 1st Bob Adams, 2nd Samantha Annette & 3rd Andy Soar

Overall results based on number of votes received 1st Ian Parker with 81 votes,

2nd Andy Soar with 62 votes & 3rd Pat Ainger with 50 votes.

Congratulations to all the winners, I certainly found it a really interesting competition.

13th September, Wrabness Tea & Cake was relocated to Jill's house due to the weather. The afternoon was "very enjoyable, the food and tea and the entertainment from the children".

24th September PDI Mammals Competition

The results, judged by Rusty Lindsay.

Congratulations to Katharine Showell who was 1st with Giraf. In 2nd place was

Samantha Annette with the Capybara Trinity. And in 3rd place was new member

James Lamb with Tigris, Tigris. Congratulations to you all.

It was lovely to see such a range of mammals and in very different settings and poses.

M&DPS October Events

8th October 2026 Talk: Central & South America by Derek Howes 19:30 to 21:30

10th October 2026 Field Trip - Pin Mill (meeting outside the Butt and Oyster),

Saturday 10 October 2026, 10:00 to 14:00 (high tide midday),

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16th October 2026 Print Open Mono entry deadline – image titles & digital copy (PDI) should be sent to the print secretary by this date. For details on how to enter, please see the Competitions Page of our website [https://e-](https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/competitions/enter-a-competition/2022-23-open-mono-prints/)

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Please make sure that the JPEGs for images submitted for print competitions are also emailed to the competition email address (photo.madps@gmail.com) using the same rules as for PDI competitions.

22nd October 2026 Open Mono Print Comp, 19.30-21.30, Judge – Alec Corton
Entry deadline Friday 16th Oct 2026

29th October 2026 Talk: Mach Loop & Photographing Lynx in Spain by Stephen Harper, 19.30 to 21.30