



M&DPS Newsletter December 2025



From the Chair

Well! Here we are at the end of the year... a self-imposed gap in our season, with only two club events to look forward to before Christmas.

Firstly, the annual Christmas Dinner on December, Thursday 11th at The Anchor in Stratford St Mary. A good crowd are due to turn up and enjoy the festive meal and the raffle towards club funds. I'd like to thank all who have contributed towards the prizes, it is much appreciated. If you have anything else you would like to contribute, please contact Pat, Sam or myself.

Secondly, the final field trip this year is an exciting afternoon and evening trip to London. This will take place on December, Saturday 13th. A small party will sally forth and hopefully the weather will be kind (I have bought a rain cover for my camera, just in case!).

Thank you to Sam for organising our events!

In closing, I would like to wish you all a peaceful, merry and safe Christmas and hope you receive all the camera equipment you asked Santa for, and perhaps a bit more too.

Best wishes, Tim

A reminder that balances for our Christmas Meal are due by 4th December 2024.

If you are having a 3 course meal and have paid your £5 deposit, your outstanding balance will be £20.95. If you are having a 2 course meal and have paid your £5 deposit, your outstanding balance will be £15.95. If you would like to check anything, you can contact me at perfectforlearning@gmail.com or 07522814863.

Balances can be paid online to the M&DPS Account:

Account Name: Manningtree & District Photographic Society

Sort Code: 20-22-67 Account No: 43528413

(Please include your reference as "XMAS <<surname>>" e.g., "XMAS Innard")

OR

Cheques should be made payable to: Manningtree & District Photographic Society and posted to: Mr Brian Moyse, Rose Cottage, Upper Street, Layham, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 5JZ.

A big thank you to our members for the generous raffle donations. I am looking forward to our Christmas meal which will include a quiz and the raffle.

Arrival at The Anchor is from 7pm.

. I look forward to seeing you at The Anchor on the 11th December.

Best wishes,
Sam (Events Secretary)

Review of M&DPS November Events

Congratulations to Neil Hopkins for winning the October Face Book Challenge
On the 8th Nov, a group of us were able to have a really good position at the Ipswich Firework Display. The photos on Facebook look really really good. I hope we can do this again next year?

On 13th Nov the club held its PDI Colour Comp. Big congratulations to the winners who were in 1st Alan Moran with 'Early Morning West Mersea', 2nd with 'In Town Tonight' was Ian Bancroft and 3rd was Bob Adams with 'Fire Mountains, Lanzarote'. Again the Judge complimented the club on its excellent and varied images.

Last Thursday 27th Nov we had a very enjoyable insight into Ian's trip to Kenya and Tanzania. We heard all about their road trip from Nairobi. It was interesting to hear about the sights they saw along the way and the vast array of wildlife that they were very lucky to encounter. He shared views from the different places they visited including Amboseli National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park, Lake Victoria, Maasai Mara National Reserve and Nairobi National Park. I should also mention the wonderful photos that were taken from the back of a Land Rover often with only a few seconds to capture. Thank you to Ian for a wonderful evening.

East Ipswich Camera Club have a Guest Speaker Event, with Justin Minns - 7:30pm on Tuesday 06 January 2026 (doors open at 7pm) - Tower Hall, Broadlands Way, Rushmere St Andrew

At East Ipswich Camera Club we shall be welcoming our next visiting guest speaker in January and are excited to announce that it will be Justin Minns, a highly respected local landscape photographer. We would like to extend an invitation to your club members to join us for this special evening at Tower Hall. Tickets are limited and available at £5 per guest plus fees from Eventbrite: eicc_justinminns.eventbrite.co.uk

Justin's talk is entitled **Photographing Essex** and is new for this camera club season. Justin has a uniquely atmospheric style, which is why places on his various workshops are always snapped up quickly. He has authored various books, including Photographing East Anglia, a guide to some of his favourite photo walks in our region. We are looking forward to his recommendations and insights from his years photographing Suffolk and Essex; as Justin says, "The joy of landscape photography is in the moment."

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

EAF Dec Bulletin

<http://www.eaf.org.uk/the-bulletin.html>

<http://www.eaf.org.uk/documents/Bull-Dec-25-CompLarge.pdf>

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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>