



M&DPS Newsletter March 2024

Lights Journey
Through the lens, light
takes a journey
Telling tales, tender and
yearny
In the dance of shadow
and light
Photography makes the
mundane bright.

Meteorologically speaking Spring is here, with plenty of new life and hopefully better weather, so go out and take photographs.

We can really see the nights pulling out now and the weather hopefully will improve - be good not to wear wellies quite so much when out and about with our cameras.

It was good to see so many members at the PDI Open Colour Competition in February. Comments from the new judge to MADPS, Andy Wilson, were favourably received. Thanks to those who attended the Workshop on 22 February. Tim shared books which had inspired him over the years and I'm sure we all went home with lots of ideas to improve our photography journey.

The Shotley Point Field Trip was attended by 4 members who really enjoyed the visit and the excellent weather. Thanks to Sam for organising it.

Reminder our meeting on 14 March will be Zoom/Teams based talk given by Kevin Pigney. Look out for the link.
Viv, M&DPS Chair

February was a very busy month for M&DPS members...

On Thursday 8th Feb we had the Open Colour PDI Comp won by Andy Soar with Right Turn, 2nd place went to Ian Parker with Alien Invasion, a triptych and 3rd place went to Harvey Perkins with Montmartra Selfie.

On Thursday 22nd Feb we had a very interesting workshop, led by our own Tim Stott. He mentioned two interesting blogs as well. Links below, well worth checking them out.

<https://www.tom-archer.com>
gillmoon.substack.com

If you follow an interesting photography blog please let us know. Last night was very much about sharing examples and ideas on how we can use books, magazines and blogs etc.

Saturday 24th Feb we had a field trip to Shotley. Thank you to Sam for organizing the perfect weather. Lovely to meet up, take photos, chat about photography and eat cake at the end. Couldn't wish for more.

Finally on Thursday 29th Feb, we had Open Mono Print Comp won by Dave Edwards with Rain Stopped Play, 2nd Ann Laverock with The Last Petals and 3rd Pat Ainger with Long Tailed Langurs On The Lookout.

**Club Dates For
Your Diary more
details over the
page ...**

**Zoom Talk - Kevin
Pigney: Post
Processing of my
Nature Images**

**Thursday 14 March
2024 19:30 - 21:30**

**Field Trip:
Lavenham**

**Saturday 23rd
10:30 - 14:30**

**Workshop:
Portraiture with
James Child - Tips
Tricks - Part 1**

**Thursday 28 March
2024 19:30 - 21:30**

Zoom talk – Kevin Pigney: Post Processing of my Nature Images

Thursday 14th March 2024 19:30 to 21:30

<https://kipphotography.myportfolio.com/projects>

How I process my nature images

I cover basic workflow in Lightroom to more advanced techniques in Photoshop. My approach to post processing is to sympathetically make lots of small changes which together make images really pop, getting the best from my RAW file ...

<https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/calendar/item/49679512>

Workshop: Portraiture with James Child - Tips Tricks - Part 1

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<https://www.jameschild.co.uk>

Some thoughts/ideas for the coming month as we move into Spring.

Take a walk around Manningtree (or join us on the Lavenham Field Trip) and photograph interesting details such as signs, shopfronts or people going about their day.

Go one step further and only use a fixed lens like the 'nifty fifty', or even only take photos in black & white!!!

Find a unique or interesting building and photograph it from different angles and distances.

Choose a colour and photograph as many things as you can that are the colour – green would be a good start as we move into Spring.

Visit a local park or nature reserve Wrabness Woods or the Stour Nature Reserve and take photos of the wild-life and plants you find there.

Visit a nearby body of water such as the River Stour or Alton Water and photograph the scenery and any activities taking place there.

Field Trip: Lavenham

**Saturday 23rd March 2024
10:30 to 14:30**

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/suffolk/lavenham-guildhall>

Once one of the wealthiest towns in Britain, Lavenham forged its name on the back of the prosperous cloth trade. This picturesque village offers lots of photographic opportunities with the grand wooden-framed houses that you will see preserved all around the village today. M&DPS are meeting outside Lavenham Guildhall, Market Place, Lavenham, Suffolk, CO10 9QZ.

<https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/calendar/item/51318873>

Other Local Events

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Colchester Photographic Society have organised An Evening with Steve Best, Comedian and Photographer at Colchester Rugby Club. More details below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/steve-best-comedians-tickets-631371046797>

The March edition of the EAF Bulletin is now available on the EAF Website. The link is:

www.eaf.org.uk/the-bulletin.html

Shadow's Play

**In the play of light and shadow
Lies a tale, deep and hallow
Photography, with its silent
creed
Captures life as it proceeds.**