



M&DPS Newsletter September 2026



From the Chair

Hi Everyone

I hope you've enjoyed the change in climate, from the burning dryness, to the hint of freshness (and even rain) in the air. Although, judging from the many dead leaves in my garden, it does feel rather like autumn is on the way.

Of course, autumn brings forth our new season, starting on the 10th. Are you prepared, have you taken any photographs for (1) the photo technique competition, and (2) all the competitions during the season to come? OK, I admit it, I'm very much behind with all this - A bit of a change from last year when I was really ahead of myself. I must put my head down and get on with things - in fact, I plan to start this very evening, albeit without much inspirations - we'll see!!

Before our first night, we have our first committee meeting of the season on Thursday 4th. Much of it is "usual business", but I will say if anyone wishes to raise any points of interest, please let me know as soon as possible on lightanglelms@gmail.com.

Our first night will be the usual warm welcome and also we will take a look at the photo techniques images people have submitted - and we will mark them in-house. See you then!!

Best wishes,
Tim, M&DPS Chair

Club Dates For Your Diary more details over ...

Thursday 3/9/25 Committee Meeting

Friday 5/9/25 Entry Deadline Photo
Technique Competition

Thursday 10/9/25 Chairman's welcome
back & Photo Techniques Competition.

Saturday 13/9/25 Wrabness Tea & Cake
2.15pm

Friday 18/9/2025 Entry Deadline PDI
Animals (Mammals) Competition

Thursday 24/9/25 PDI Competition –
Animals, Judge – Rusty Lindsay

Membership & Subscriptions

A big thank you to all who have already
paid their subscriptions.

**Please send any outstanding forms, if
you have forgotten, to me as soon as
possible at madps@post.com**

Tea, coffee and biscuits are included in
cost of your subscription. Please feel
free to advertise the club and
encourage new members.

Photo Technique Competition Deadline 4th September 2026

Please do make the effort to enter, whatever entries you have, it will all be a learning experience. However, if you haven't managed to get all 4 images, don't fret or feel you can't enter. Please do submit what you have and we will all live and learn for another time. Here is just a few technical points to remember when submitting.

1. Send your images to: lightangletms@gmail.com. Do NOT send them to photo.madps@gmail.com

2. Images should be saved in the usual competition format - a jpg with a maximum dimension of 1600 pixels wide (landscape) or 1200 pixels high (portrait).

3. You should name your files as follows:

Contre-Jour - name.jpg

Long Exposure - name.jpg

Flash - name.jpg

Low Key - name.jpg

If anyone is any doubt, you can email me (lightangletms@gmail.com) or call me 07909-716309.
Tim

Thursday 24/9/25 PDI Competition – Animals (Mammals) Judge – Rusty Lindsay

Projected Digital Image (PDI) Rules

1. All images to be saved in the following format:

Colour space – sRGB

File format- jpeg saved at its finest setting.

Name file as "image name-photographer name" i.e. Pink Rose- Dick Barton

Please note there is a space either side of the hyphen

Image size- maximum 1600 pixels wide or 1200 pixels high.

Please note: Portrait images are a maximum of 1200 pixels high

2. 2 PDIs maximum per member, per competition.

3. Images should be sent to the PDI secretary no later than the Friday prior to the day of competition (see programme for dates).

PDI Secretary

Kevin Cannings

photo.madps@gmail.com

Wrabness Tea & Cake Invite

On **Sunday 13th September**, Jill Sullivan has kindly invited us to tea and cake at her beach hut bungalow on Wrabness beach from 14.15pm.

"Directions from Mistley: Take the B1352 through Bradfield and turning left by Bradfield Church towards Wrabness & Harwich. Turn left down Wheatsheaf Lane towards Wrabness Nature Reserve. Go down the hill and under the railway bridge. The nature reserve is first left just after the bridge. Carry on to the next left turn down Wall Lane. Go 1/4 mile as far as a gate across the right turn up the hill. If we said 2.15 pm it gives time for people to have lunch. We'll open the gate just before 2.15 . If anyone gets delayed just ring me (07710969525) and we'll pop down and open up to let them in later. We have buckets and spades & a few games for kids to play out back if our younger members would like to bring their little people along. I'll do tea, coffee, soft drinks & a couple of cakes & some scones so we can have cream teas. If anyone has fold up camping chairs it would be good if they could bring them. We have quite a few chairs but some more would be handy if quite a few people come It'll be great to see everyone".

It would be lovely to have a rough idea of numbers for catering. Jill hopes to see lots of us there. If the weather is awful we'll reschedule.

Please let me know if you are intending to come so that I can give Jill a rough idea of numbers.