

Message from the President

We are now into our third week of the Coronavirus restrictions, so I hope everyone is still keeping well and managing through these difficult times.

Your committee is working very hard to maintain what level of photographic activities we can during this period. We have been improving our knowledge of how to manage on line conferencing, and the first use of this will be for the annual DPI competition. We have had an excellent entry for the competition from members and we hope to run this as soon as is practicable. Once the judging is complete we will let you know when and how the recording can be viewed on line.



I hope you are finding these mini newsletters of interest, but it needs your support to continue, so please if you have photographic items to share with members in future editions just let me know.

Stay safe and follow the rules

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Society activities

As mentioned above, we will running the judging of the annual DPI competition on line as soon as this can be arranged. For practical reasons, it is not possible to let members see the judging live, but will be recording it as if it were live and let you have a link to view this on line soon after. Subsequently we are also hoping to run an informal on line DPI interclub competition with Shirley Photographic Society.

We would also like to start a regular on line photographic challenge, with members encouraged to each week to upload an image with the main subject starting with a different letter of the alphabet. The approach will be as follows:

- ⇒ Each week we will set up a Facebook album corresponding to a letter of the alphabet
- ⇒ Members will be asked to upload one image into the album with the subject matching the letter (e.g. A for aardvark). If you wish you can also add a few words about the image
- ⇒ Don't worry if you cannot manage to upload yourself, we will have volunteers who will be able to do this for you
- ⇒ Everybody will be able to view the ongoing completion of each album and we may also publish a selection on our website

More details will be provided shortly to why don't you start looking out those images.

Photography interest - members contributions

In this newsletter we are using links to relevant web pages. These are highlighted in blue and underlined. To access the web page you will need to be connected to the internet. Depending on which device you are using, simply click on the link or if that does not work try holding down the alt key with your cursor over the link and it should change to a hand sign, then click. The webpage should open in a new tab on your browser

Short AVs

Here's a link to a 12 minute AV of Namibia, which my wife and I visited in Autumn 2018. This was towards the end of Namibia's dry season, which we hoped was going to encourage as many animals as possible to congregate around the waterholes – we weren't disappointed!

But what is so wonderful about Namibia is the variety of experiences there, from enormous sand dunes to coastal waters, to desert landscapes and then the game parks – driving between them on largely unmade roads. We visited to see the animals but there was so much more!

[Namibia](#)

Tony Moir



Useful photo websites

As a Canon user, I get regular links to their "pro" website, which includes stories and articles by top photographers. There is of course particular emphasis on Canon kit but most of the articles apply to any equipment. Anyone can access the site so have a look if you are interested.

These are links to a couple of articles I found of interest.

Bob Breach

[Contra-Jour Street photography](#)



[Don McCullin](#)



On line workshops?

One of the things we are considering during the lockdown is to experiment with running on line technical workshops using the Zoom conferencing facility. This software has the option of each participant sharing their computer screen with others, so we could for example show PowerPoint presentations and demonstrate use of post processing.

We would probably initially limit this to a relatively small number of members, but if you would be interested in being involved please contact Bob Breach.

