

## Message from the President

We started these “lockdown” mini Newsletters on March 20th around the time the formal Government coronavirus restrictions were announced. Since that time the country has been through enormous change and many families, individuals and businesses have suffered terribly.

There are now some glimmerings of hope that things are slowly improving, but there is still a long way to go. As far as your Society is concerned we see our role as helping to maintain some semblance of normality during these difficult times, as well as providing some photographic interest to help lighten your day and support the wellbeing of us all.

We have been working hard to develop a regular programme of on line activities and this will continue as long as is necessary. So far we have run two on line competitions using Zoom which have been recorded and then made available via a You tube link. Feedback has been very positive, and from next week we will be experimenting with our first live Zoom sessions. More information is given below and we will update you on the future programme as soon as we can.

A couple of weeks ago we sent all members the committee proposals for managing an on line “interim AGM”. I am pleased to let you know that these were strongly supported by members and on that basis we will continue to run the Society in the way indicated until such time as we can return to normal.

Finally I would like to thank all of the committee for their huge amount of work in keeping the Society going through the lockdown period. It is only by their efforts that we have been able to provide the various activities and on your behalf I would like to offer our deep appreciation for all their hard work.

In the meantime if you have any ideas for this newsletter, or anything else you think the Society might try please let me know.

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## On line programme

Our on line programme of events will have a range of activities including talks, workshops and competitions around every two weeks until at least the end of the year. They will be led by both internal and external speakers, but the next two will be by members and, for the first time, run live:

**2 June at 7.30pm** – *Talk with images and short AVs by Bob Breach. “US National Park Road Trip from Yellowstone to Zion”. As well as these two national parks this talk will also cover Grand Tetons, Arches, Capitol Reef, and Bryce Canyon as well as interesting places in between*

**16 June at 7.30 pm** – *Workshop by Jim Hiscox “An Introduction to Shooting and Editing Video using DSLR/CSC Cameras”*

For those who want to participate live we will send the joining instructions a few days before each event. It would greatly help our planning for these sessions if you could let us know in advance if you plan to join us by Zoom. We will open the meeting about 15 minutes before the official start time so that you can make sure that all your settings are correct. Once the meeting starts we will lock the meeting to new attendees to help with security as well as avoid any disruption. Before then please check your Zoom software to make sure that you have the most up to date version (Version 5), which will provide the best level of security. If you have any problems with this let us know

For those who do not want to participate live then we will be recording as well so that you can watch later via a You Tube link.

## 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*

### A professional photographer perspective

The Canon professional support website often includes short articles by professional photographers giving a perspective on their work. Here are links to a couple you might find interesting:

- Four photographers from different genres learn about landscape photography with David Noton

[Learning landscape](#)



- Aerial photography: The world's natural wonders from above

[Aerial Photography](#)



### Just wacky

Jim Hiscox found this link to an Australian online newspaper showing images of the weird and wonderful ways that people around the world are securing social distancing!!

[Social distancing ideas](#)



### Check your printer

An important reminder from John Shaw who was given this tip when talking to a local professional photographer. He emphasised the importance of running a test through your printer on a regular basis to make sure the print heads do not become blocked. If they do it can be extremely expensive to fix.

During this period of lockdown we are possibly all using our printers less, and in such circumstances, there is an even higher risk of blockage occurring. Check your printer instructions but it may only need a simple test print once a week or maybe running your head cleaning option.

You have been warned!!

