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Welcome to a special February & March 'double-bill' edition of our Members Newsletter!

As I've been away recently, I couldn't complete Feb's newsletter and also missed the March meeting. I'm therefore combining two into one. Don't forget, if you've got something to share in our newsletter, please email info@bupg.co.uk

In This Month's Issue:

- *BUPG Monthly competition results*
- *Latest UK Dive trips*
- *Competition Calendar*

February Competition – Scenery

February's competition was all about scenery, anything from vibrant tropical reef vistas to atmospheric wrecks

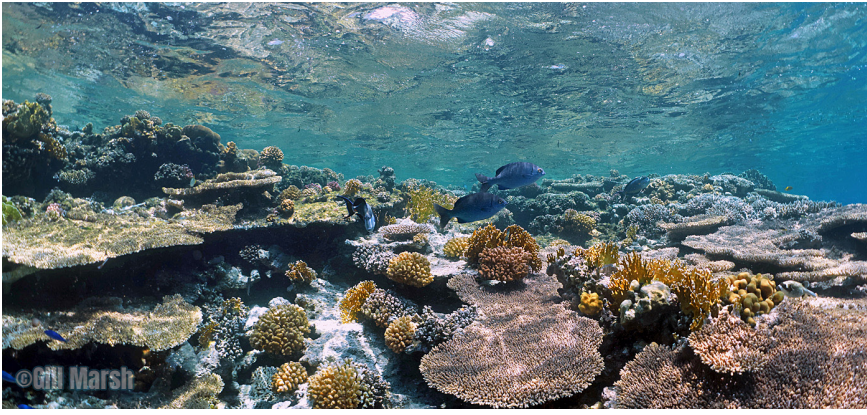
In first place with 6 votes was **Trevor Rees** with a somewhat controversial image of the famous Silfra fissure in Iceland, with Goldfish!

His image deliberately included AI generated content to highlight that the club's competition rules needed updating. This was duly done by the committee, so AI generated content is no longer permitted.

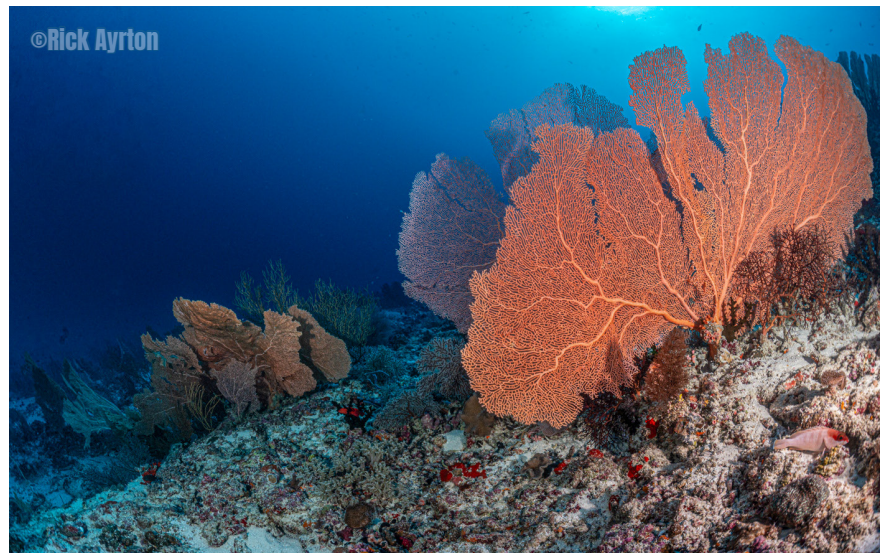
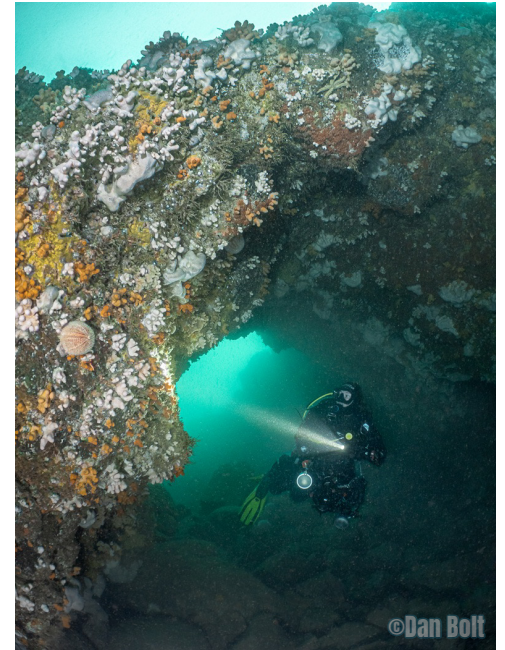
Second place was shared by no less than 4 images with 2 votes each, from **Kirsty Andrews (2)**, **Gill marsh** and **Dan Bolt**.



APRIL COMPETITION - THEME PORTFOLIO



In joint third place with 1 vote each were **Rick Ayrton** and **Peter Plume**. Well done to those placed and to all who submitted images.



March Competition – Animals in their Environment

In March, the competition focussed on Animals in their natural environment.

There were 14 entries in total. Leading with 6 votes was **Mark Drayton**, with a beautiful image of Shrimps on Tunicates.

Tying for second place were **Rick Ayrton** and **Cathy Lewis**, with 2 votes each.





Four images tied for third place, each with 1 vote: **Tom Ingram, Gill Marsh, Rick Ayrton & Simon Yates.** Once again, well done to all who took part.



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2026 Dive Trips - Register Interest Now!

Plymouth, 29th April - 4th May. Anyone interested, please contact Cathy Lewis.

Porthkerris, Cornwall - 5-8 June. Last few places. Contact Nick Watson 07798-625832.

Shetland Trip on Clasina - 29 Aug to 3 September. Contact Yo Han Cha for details.

Photography Expedition - Skye, organised by Dive & Sea The Hebrides. 12-19 September. Contact Tom Ingram for more details.

Competition Calendar & Programme

2026	Theme
January	Divers
February	Scenery
March	Animals in their Environment
April	Theme Portfolio
May	Underwater Excellence
June	Behaviour
July	Natural Artistry
August	Circles
September	Macro
October	Best of British
November	Mammals
December	Beginners Portfolio & Print Competition

Please check the rules before entering any of our competitions - a copy can be found [here](#)

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th April

Why not submit your tips, hacks or workflow ideas to share with other members and we can publish them in future newsletters?

If you have any news, feature ideas, trips or product reviews, then please drop me a message. You can email info@bugg.co.uk or contact me directly [here](#)

Best regards and Happy Diving!

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