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BRISTOL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

June 2026

Welcome to June's edition of our Members Newsletter!

In this month's issue we have the monthly competition results plus Alex Mustard's Image of the year review. We've also got more up and coming events for this year and beyond.

Don't forget, if you've got something to share in our newsletter, please email info@bupg.co.uk

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June Competition Theme – Behaviour

There were 17 entries to this month's competition, of a single image that powerfully captures a natural, non-provoked behaviour of marine life in action. Examples include feeding, courting, mating, nesting, camouflaging, schooling, or predator-prey interaction.

In first place with 4 votes was **Cathy Lewis** with a fabulous image of interacting Hamlets.



Cathy also took second place with 3 votes for her image of Nudibranchs feeding. By creating a black background, the colours in each image really 'pop', so well done Cathy!

JULY COMPETITION - NATURAL ARTISTRY

In joint 3rd place with 2 votes each were **Kirsty Andrews** and **Simon Temple**.

Kirsty's Conger in residence makes a great foreground focal point for the shoal of Bib in the background and would make a great caption competition subject!

Simon's image captures a Scorpion fish greedily devouring a prawn in graphic detail.



Well done to all winners and those who bravely submitted images.

Next month's competition theme is: **NATURAL ARTISTRY**. This is a new theme for the group and follows the **BSOUP** definition:

A single image that focuses on capturing the abstract beauty, patterns, texture, or mood found naturally in the underwater world.

This category rewards creativity in seeing the artistic in nature, such as a repeating pattern in a coral, a compelling texture of a sponge, or a strong water/light abstract. Good luck everyone!

PORTHKERRIS 2027- CAT DIVING : 28th-31st MAY



Contact organiser Nick Watson on
07798-625832

- £90 pppd
- Spaces left - first come, first served
- £180 deposit by 1st December 2026
- £180 balance by 1st April 2027

Please only engage if you are willing to commit for all 4 days!

2025 BUPG - POTY

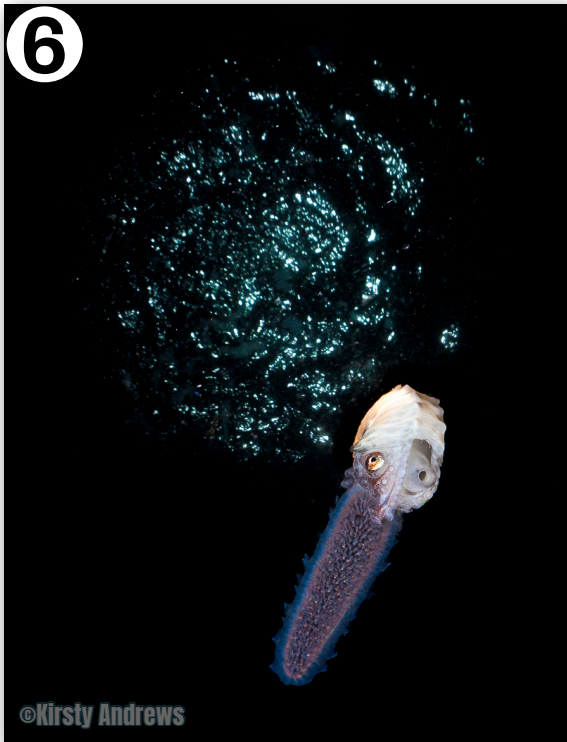


The annual BUPG Photo of the Year for 2025 was once again kindly judged and presented by Dr Alex Mustard.

Alex gave detailed comments on each of his top 10 images, plus a commended image. Overall he felt the top images were of better quality than in 2024, although not quite as much strength in depth. Below are all the images placed, so well done to all members who achieved a ranking.



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2026-7 Dive Trips - Register Interest Now!

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.

2027 Photo Trips on Red Alert:

1st–3rd May & 18th–19th September – contact Cathy Lewis to book.

Competition Calendar & Programme

2026	Theme
January	Divers
February	Scenery
March	Animals in their Environment
April	Theme Portfolio
May	Underwater Excellence
June	Behaviour & Splash-In
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](#)

FOR SALE



Olympus Pen E-PL9 with 30mm Macro lens

In AOI Octo- housing & port with vacuum seal. Excellent condition complete with Inon 250 lumen mini torch & spare seals etc. Great compact starter macro kit, ready to go. – contact **Mike Harding** for details

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th July

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@bupg.co.uk or contact me directly [here](#)

Best regards and Happy Diving!

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