

BUPG

BRISTOL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

August 2026

Welcome to the August edition of our Members Newsletter!

This month we have the August themed competition results 'Circles'. We've also got more up and coming trips for this year and beyond, plus a special feature on our outgoing Chairman.

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

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Monthly Competition results

This month's competition was themed 'Circles' – an image where one or more strong circular forms are a central and key part of the composition.

Taking the honours this month with 5 votes was **Tom Ingram**, a fabulous shot of an octopus through an old lobster pot. Great shot Tom!.



Second place with 4 votes went to **Trevor Rees** with a striking black & white 'light bulb' style shot of Ascidians.



In third place with 2 votes was **Cathy Lewis** with a beautiful shot of Yellow Pygmy Gobies occupying an old tube-worm pipe. **Simon Temple** and **Mike Harding** also gained a vote each, so well done to all those who took part.

Next Month's competition theme is 'Macro' – so get your best images over to **Yo-Han Cha** soon!

A huge Thank You and Bon Voyage to Rick!

As most of you will know, Rick is stepping down from BUPG in September and will be embarking on an epic journey with Helen across Africa.

Rick has been BUPG's Chairman since 2017 when he took over from Arthur Kingdon, and has done a great job of steering the ship through covid and the changes that a new online world has brought ... and only rarely con-fuddled by the mysteries of Zoom!



I would personally, and on behalf of the rest of the group, like to thank Rick for all his efforts over the past 9 years and we hope that your future travels are exciting but safe.



You'll always be welcome to 'pop in' on any of our meetings if you ever have a Tuesday night where you are at a loose end.

Dan Bolt



Good Luck Rick - we'll miss you!

BUG Committee Vacancy

With Rick's departure comes the opportunity for someone new to contribute to the running of BUG.

As a reminder, the following members work together to run BUG at the moment:

- Chair – soon to be vacant
- Membership/finance – Guilhem Duprat
- Competition secretary – Yo-Han Cha
- Magazine editor – Mike Harding
- Speakers – Kirsty Andrews
- Website – Dan Bolt

We'll get together soon to discuss how to try to fill Rick's shoes, and I would encourage you all to have a think about how you can help the group, in any capacity.

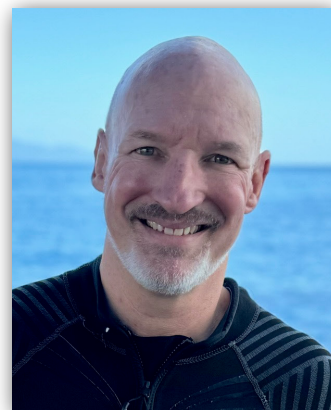
If anyone would like to contribute we'd be very happy to hear from you either at September's meeting or before. Just reach out to anyone on the list above.

We are also looking for someone to be keeper of the projector and screen for our in-person meetings.

If any of you who live more locally to Severnside have some spare room to store them (they're not huge) it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you

Dan Bolt



2026-7 Dive Trips - Register Interest Now!

*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.

LAST CALL – late May 2027 BUPG trip to Porthkerris. contact Nick Watson ASAP.

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](#)

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th September

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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Mike Harding

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