

Editorial

Marshall's Mysteries

On page 59 we have a new feature in this issue in the form of Marshall's Mysteries - a quiz format of four pictures to test your marine biological nouse.

It's not so highbrow that the answers are all in Latin and the answers and fascinating facts are revealed on Page 64.

Colin has assured me that he has enough images of interesting subjects to last for several UwP issues so I hope you enjoy it and I look forward to it becoming a permanent feature.

Happy New Year

It goes without saying that I wish you all Seasons Greetings and wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I'm sure that a lot of last year's

crystal balls will have been returned under warranty as they got the forecast so wrong and 2022 looks no different given the current super spreading Omicron variant.

Finprints

I hope you enjoy this latest issue of UwP and that you will find it as informative and inspirational as ever. I also hope that you won't feel that the quality of the images and stories are any less than the eclectic combination of quality which UwP has always provided.

There is a reason why I hope this; I deliberately asked if some of our regular contributors could provide images and stories from their own backyards which hadn't needed the use of an aeroplane. Now, granted, it really helps if you live in Hawaii or

Bali but savour Bob Bailey's excellent images from Shetland, Alexandre Hache's native Mediterranean and Mark Kirkland's amazing images from his urban Glasgow, no less.

At this stage I'm sure that a lot of readers will be thinking "Change the record, Pete" or perhaps they even stopped reading a couple of paragraphs back when they could see where I was going but sometimes less can be more.

UP11

We've reached the penultimate issue of UP - my printed magazine which ran for two years from 1987 - and what a great reminder of these exciting times this issue is.

Take time out to read the late Peter Scoones' article about being an important part of the BBC Reefwatch

team who produced the first ever underwater live broadcast from Eilat which started the career of Martha Holmes as an underwater presenter in the very visual bubble helmet which went on to become the go-to piece of kit on the numerous underwater presentation programmes which have followed over the years.

Then savour Hillary Hauser's article about Dr Jack Randall, an amazing ichthyologist who sadly passed away recently but at that time had named over 200 new species of which 11 were named after him. His excellent ID books were must haves in those days and remain classics.

There can be no doubt that Dr Jack's pioneering work inspired many of today's ichthyologists.

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