



Serene in the bubbly blue and green

A startled clown fish bares its teeth in warning and an archer fish is accompanied by its own reflection as it hunts among the mangroves, both intimate glimpses of life in the underwater world.



These stunning images were taken by Joss Woolf (pictured above), an active member of the British Society of Underwater Photographers, who lives in Church Lane, N2.

She has been taking underwater photographs for the last 13 years, diving in some of the most diverse locations the planet can offer.

Joss is passionate about her photography and always tries to fit in a few trips every year,

including an annual pilgrimage to the Red Sea, despite the recent ban on flying to Sharm El Sheik.

Although her work is sometimes published, Joss adds that she has no plans to give up her day job, running a soft furnishing business.



Joss: "I took this photo of a pair of 'nemos' or clownfish swimming around their host anemone at Anemone City, near Ras Mohamed, a marine reserve in the Red Sea."



Joss: "I spotted this archer fish and its reflection in the mangroves in Raja Ampat, West Papua, Indonesia. The archer fish swims along just below the surface looking for insects resting on the foliage above the water. It fires a jet of water, dislodging the insect, which then becomes prey. It is always difficult to get close to these fish but the calm waters in the shallows of the mangroves offer great opportunities for reflections."



Joss: "A nemo or clownfish taken recently in the Philippines. Clownfish are fiercely defensive and, despite their small size, will often try to attack divers if they feel threatened, even though they are not! This one, baring its tiny teeth, presented a good opportunity to photograph it against the azure blue of the open sea."

Savage attack on café worker

By Diana Cormack
Customers of the kiosk café in Cherry Tree Wood will be saddened to learn of a vicious attack on Ali Doostizadeh, who works there.

On New Year's Eve he went to Alexandra Palace with friends and family to watch the Thames firework display. At about 1.30am a fight broke out between two groups. Ali attempted to break up the fight but became the victim of a savage attack causing life-changing injuries.

Not only was he severely beaten, but a glass bottle was smashed into his face. Despite several operations, Ali has lost the sight in his right eye and, according to his brother Faraz, is still in pain.

Police believe that people taking photographs that night might have an image of a possible suspect who was wearing a distinctive orange and white striped coat. Anyone with information or who witnessed the assault is asked to contact the police using 101 or via @MetCC or to call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

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