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# CMP Newsletter No 2 of 2021. New Year on Dartmoor

Hi <<First Name>>, Happy New Year!

**New Year's resolution**. I'll try to make my newsletters more regular, but shorter. We'll see if I can stick to it! This one will be pretty brief, as i just want to mention a couple of things. Firstly, a little example of how I get my photographs. I generally aim to get these as part of a trip of some sort, so there's normally a story attached to them. This year is obviously a little different, as travel has been pretty limited since March 2020. But not entirely out. This New Year, for instance, I decided to spent it camping on Dartmoor with my son, Calum. A little bit of 'extreme social distancing', if you like.

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New Year's Day on Dartmoor. Calum walking past our tent.

A friend dropped us off in the middle of the National Park around 11.30 in the morning, New Year's Eve, and would pick us up again mid-afternoon two days later. Our packs were pretty large as, apart from camping and camera equipment, we carried three days food supplies, and once the temperature slips below zero we can both eat a lot! The route two our chosen campsite, at the top of a waterfall, took us around five hours to hike, including the rather chilly fording of a river. Hiking over steep, boggy ground covered in thigh-high tussock grass, topped off with a layer of snow was an interesting experience, and we both lost count of the number of times one foot would disappear into a deep, cold pool, sending us sprawling sideways.

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Bacon on New Year's morning. When it's around -3 degrees bacon and hot coffee become just about the best meal possible.

The sun had already set and the temperature was dropping sharply when we arrived. Despite numb fingers our tent went up in record time, and food was cooking on the stove. A little bit of Shackleton whisky was consumed to toast the New Year (although we were both asleep well before midnight). I've added a couple of pictures from the trip here, and there's a short clip (a very rough edit) also on my Youtube channel. In the near future I'll finish a blog about the whole trip (a work in progress at the moment) and there might even be some pics from it that make the grade and become part of my collection of prints for sale. You can read more about this trip, and see a few more pics, in my latest blog:

#### www.colinmunrophotography.com/blog

You can also find more images of Dartmoor (and lots of other cool places) on my main

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hopefully I'll find time to produce a longer video.



Wild camping on Dartmoor, New Year's Eve 2020 and New Year's Day 2021. (A very rough edit)

# **Workshops and Courses**

As this crazy year continues we all just have to keep adapting. So I currently have no formal workshops and courses planned, once things start to settle down we'll get back into it.

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#### And lastly .... please share

If you think this newsletter might interest someone you know, it would be wonderful if you could forward it.

#### **YouTube Channel**

I've just started being a little more active on my Youtube Channel. This will include some showcase videos and some tutorials. I hold my hand up! I've been slow to move this along, but more will be

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## **Social Media**

Reluctantly I've been dragged on to social media. Seriously, you can now follow me on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, to get immediate updates on new pictures, projects courses etc.

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