

## Photography in Isolation

How ironic that last month's Test encouraged photographers to get out into the streets with their cameras! It seems almost a bizarre thought now as we are settling into a new life of almost total isolation. A strange time, causing great difficulties for so many people.



*Chinatown deserted*



*Doorstep delivery*

Hopefully the majority of people will avoid Covid 19 through maintaining self-isolation and social distancing, but are left with so much time to fill in, day after day. So, for photographers, this is a great time to use our craft to document aspects of what will doubtless be a massive historical 'event'.

Even at home the opportunities will be there; photograph the new activities... home schooling, cooking, family games, food deliveries, handwashing, home hairdressing (bad haircuts!); all the mundane things which taken in total will be a fascinating record in years to come. Then if you are out exercising, keep your camera to hand again to record the effects: empty streets, warning signs in shops, queues for supermarkets.

Another opportunity for all the extra time is the chance to really learn how to use post processing with programmes



*Overton pharmacy*



*Paddington Leicester Square*



*Trafalgar Square deserted*

like *Photoshop* or *Affinity*, create on-line photobooks that you've always meant to get round to, or use the cataloguing opportunities in *Lightroom* or *Elements* to get your photos sorted. You could even study your camera's manual and discover all the things you never knew it could do!

In short, this is a time when you can be really active photographically and hopefully end up with a treasured record of these historic times.

Overton Photographic Club has of



*Overton High Street Rush Hour*

course cancelled the rest of our year's programme and we're moving to on-line activities. However if you have any questions or need help with anything photographic during this time, do feel free to contact us through the website

at [www.overtonphoto.club](http://www.overtonphoto.club) or email me personally and I will try to help or pass you on to someone who can.

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