

LOCAL NEWS



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to mark the 50th anniversary of the Hammersmith Society.

Mia fell hook, line and sinker for wildlife photography after a visit to the *Wildlife Photography Exhibition* at the Natural History Museum. 'I love all animals and I want to capture them in their natural habitat,' she tells the *Journal*. 'I would most like to photograph a snow leopard or a tiger. I decided to make greetings cards just before Christmas to start my fund for a camera with a zoom lens. I used my Christmas money to get my photos printed on to cards,' she adds.

So, would Mia like to be a photographer when she is older? 'Definitely, yes! I would tell other people my age who want to be a photographer to always believe in yourself and never give up.' ■

To see more of Mia's work and for details on how to order some of her cards, visit mialapwoodphotography.co.uk

TAKE NOTE...

If you're looking for a greetings card with more personality than the ones from the rotating stand at the newsagent, then budding local photographer Mia Lapwood has the answer. The enterprising ten-year-old has created a set of floral themed



cards which she sells via her website, mialapwoodphotography.co.uk.

Mia first picked up the camera aged just six, when she won her school photography competition with a picture of a squirrel chewing on a hunk of bread in Bishops Park. The same snap made its way into the *Hammersmith and Fulham Chronicle* after being selected as one of the best photographs of the borough

JUST A LITTLE CRUSH

With St Valentine at large this month, busily scattering amorous tokens all around town, chocolatier Amelia Rope has sent bundles of her heavenly chocolate bars, cubes and truffles to Barley & Sage in Parsons Green. Four new flavours, launched just in time for 14th February, include dark raspberry, dark sea salt, white cherry and toasted coconut flakes and coconut with sea salt, all beautifully wrapped in brightly coloured foil and brown paper and tied with a ribbon. We love the sea salt and lemon, if anyone out there is wondering...



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