

# You've taken the picture. What now..?

## Leicester Forest Photographic Society

### Post-Processing

These techniques are just starting points. The best way to learn is to experiment. Although, always keep in mind that judges just want to see great images. So, whilst it's great to be completely free with your experiments not all of them will be suitable for club competitions.

The internet is full of articles, tutorials and videos that will show you in more detail how to post process your images. Search with the following keywords; adding the name of your software and version number to find out how to do it on your computer.

#### Tips

- Backup your data
- There is often more than one way to achieve the same result.
- Use a combination of techniques.
- Master layer masks so that you can apply different effects to different parts of the image.
- Use layers so that you can easily switch off or re-edit an effect without losing your other work.
- Refer back to your unedited image to make sure your processing results in an improvement.
- Make sure you are working on a copy and your original file is safe.
- Backup your data

## Rotate

Flip  
Reflect

## Straighten

ruler

## Crop

Aspect Ratio

## Exposure

Burnout  
Dodge and Burn  
Shadows and Highlights

## Monochrome

Colour Filters  
Desaturate  
Sepia  
Wratten

## Levels

Histogram  
High Key  
Low Key

## Curves

Contrast

## White Balance

Colour Temperature  
RAW  
Kelvin

## Clone

Clone Stamp Tool  
Healing Brush

## Zoom

Magnify  
Refraction  
Chromatic Aberration  
Perspective Correction  
Feather

## HDR

High Dynamic Range  
Bit Depth  
8 bit, 16 bit, 32 bit  
Bracketing

## Focus Stacking

## Layer Masks

Transparency  
selections  
Invert  
Magic Wand  
Adjustment Layers  
Stroke  
Vignette

## Blend Modes

Opacity

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