

## Forest of Galtres Camera Club

### 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 – Members Workshop

This week club member Mike Wallis took time to share his knowledge of Lightroom which is an image management and editing program developed by Adobe, the same folks who created Photoshop. Using Lightroom, enables photographers to work through their images from import, to sorting and organization, to processing, and finally all the way to export and sharing on the web.

Quite a few members have purchased Lightroom, but we are all at various levels of competence with it and it was good of Mike to share his thoughts.

He started with a short video he had made showing original Raw photographs he had taken and the same photo after processing with Lightroom. It must be made clear that the end results are very much the choice of the individual photographer. Many when first using the programme do tend to over process their images often resulting in rather unreal colours and light which is not to everyone's choice.



Very patiently and logically, Mike took us through the many possible properties starting with how to download images confirming that Raw, rather than jpg. files are the ones which carry most information on them to enable the best quality results. He stored three photographs he had chosen in a library file then individually transferred them to the Develop section where the many control slides were explained. He was able to

show many of us new areas of the program which we had so far not been brave enough to tackle.

Members asked questions as he worked, and some took notes in the hope they could replicate the process at home. It was possible for the program to correct lens distortion and insert water marks, deal with cropping and even produce audio visual sequences. The great thing about the programme is that it is non-destructive and a history of all adjustments made enables the user to return to earlier changes made without any effect to the original file. Mike tends to use Lightroom alongside Photoshop to make any final adjustment. Four photographs are included to illustrate some of his work.

This was a very informative and helpful evening. Thank you, Mike, for all your help.

Next week we hold a club competition judged by **Peter Thompson DPAGB APAGB**

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