

## Photoshop Class March 2013

The Wednesday class is focusing on photo editing using Photoshop. As always this group is consistent in its weekly attendance. There is a fantastic group dynamic; all the members get on well and look forward to this weekly opportunity to meet, catch up and learn together.

The group are great to teach as they are so willing to learn and love to have a good laugh together and with the leader.

Their Photoshop skills build on their photography class by teaching them basic editing techniques to enhance their photography. The class gives the group members the chance to use equipment and facilities they would perhaps not normally try or have the patience or knowledge to use, but the class gives them a space where they are provided with this equipment and the supports to learn how to use it together.

The positive thing about the class is that the pace is very

much determined by the members; they all work with the leader on the same image whilst learning the new editing techniques, this means they can all help and learn with each other and prevents them from all needing different information at the same time. Everyone is very supportive and patient with each other as some of the members are not a familiar with computer use and don't feel as confident as others.

The basic skills they each learn whilst working in the same format will then be transferable to their own photography, ideas and needs.

Each week the new skills learned are then typed up by myself and emailed to the members for them to practice at home at their own leisure.

This class is very rewarding as you see the confidence being built in the member's week on week. There is a huge sense of

achievement when they have learned something and remember how to do it and are able to help out others. Some have taken skills they have learned one week, went home to play about and came in the next week and intuitively learned something i would be going onto teach them, this is so rewarding to see as it shows they are enjoying it and proud to show off what they have picked up.

The main goal for this workshop was to change the perception of Photoshop, which it doesn't need to be difficult and about taking away spots or making someone skinny, it can be about making subtle changes to their photography that could save it from being discarded and mainly about having some fun. It definitely pushes the members, but they rise to the challenge and in turn feel a great sense of achievement from attending the club.