

I can't believe how quickly Summer has passed. SUMMER I hear you shout, what Summer?

Instead of complaining about our often inclement weather, why not look at the positives. We don't have soaring temperatures that are killing people and causing fires that destroy land and animals. We don't have droughts that cause crops to fail leading to famine. We always have fresh water to drink.

As photographers, we don't need bright sunshine; we welcome dark and moody skies. The rain causes our countryside and gardens to explode into a 'paintbox' of colour. Rain makes our hedgerows grow forming places for our wildlife to hide and birds to build nests so that people who like to photograph nature have excellent opportunities to do so.

Rain washes buildings, bringing up the brickwork and stone so that it sparkles giving those who like photographing architecture new insight to the patterns that make the buildings interesting. Rain causes people to use colourful umbrellas, perhaps struggling against the wind offering photographs of street photography and action.

Photography is about looking and actually SEEING a photograph in almost anything. It's about emotions, feeling the love and passion of what you are photographing. It's about meeting like-minded people, like our Wednesday morning group, who want to learn, improve their skills, share their photographic knowledge and have fun.

As a group we have visited many places this year on our Summer Programme. [*Please visit the links on this page to view our photos*]. We've experimented this year on trying to use public transport more, to get us to our varied destinations; on the whole this has worked for us.

Now our attention turns to our Autumn Programme which will be packed with both camera and laptop workshops, competitions, Guest Speakers, members presentations and, not forgetting, our **Annual Exhibition in Carnegie Library** where we invite members of the public to view our work. If you would like to join our group we would be delighted to welcome you along to **LOUDEN HALL, Wednesday mornings, between 10 am and 12 noon**. Why not come along at 9.30am to sample our tea/coffee and biscuits .

I would like to emphasise that we are a **Digital Photographic Group** and advise that you have access to a laptop/computer/tablet to enable you to be able to download, view, organise and work your masterpieces.

**REMEMBER:**

Life is like a camera.  
Focus on what's important.  
Capture the good times.  
Develop from the negatives  
and if things don't work out 'take another shot'.

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