Neath & District Photographic Society

Introduction to Adobe Lightroom

What is Adobe Lightroom?

Adobe Lightroom is aimed at Photographers, unlike its bigger cousin Photoshop which is used by Photographers but aimed at Graphic Designers. It is a Catalogue, Raw Converter, Image processor and much, much, more. It is easier to use and understand than Photoshop and once you get used to it you will find you can do most of your image adjustments in LR and you will use more of the program. More importantly it is cheaper to buy, around £100 at time of writing, compared to PS at nearer £900. It is fully compatible with Photoshop and Elements so if need be you can switch between the two. Some third party programs like Nik Software are fully compatible with LR as well.

Lightroom is broken down into 7 modules

1. **Library** – This is where you can view all or some of your files and folders.
2. **Develop** – Most of your work will be done in this module
3. **Map** – Geotagged images show their location on a world map.
4. **Book** – Create books for friends and family.
5. **Slideshow** – Create slide shows.
6. **Print** – Print your images or contact sheets.
7. **Web** – Design and build web pages for your images ready to upload to your website.

Most of this course will concentrate on the first 2 modules, Library & Develop.

So sit back, import or upload your images, and get ready to experience Lightroom.