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Processing Your Images

You should now have images and folders in your catalogue. Select a folder and open it in the Library Mode in Grid View (fig 1).

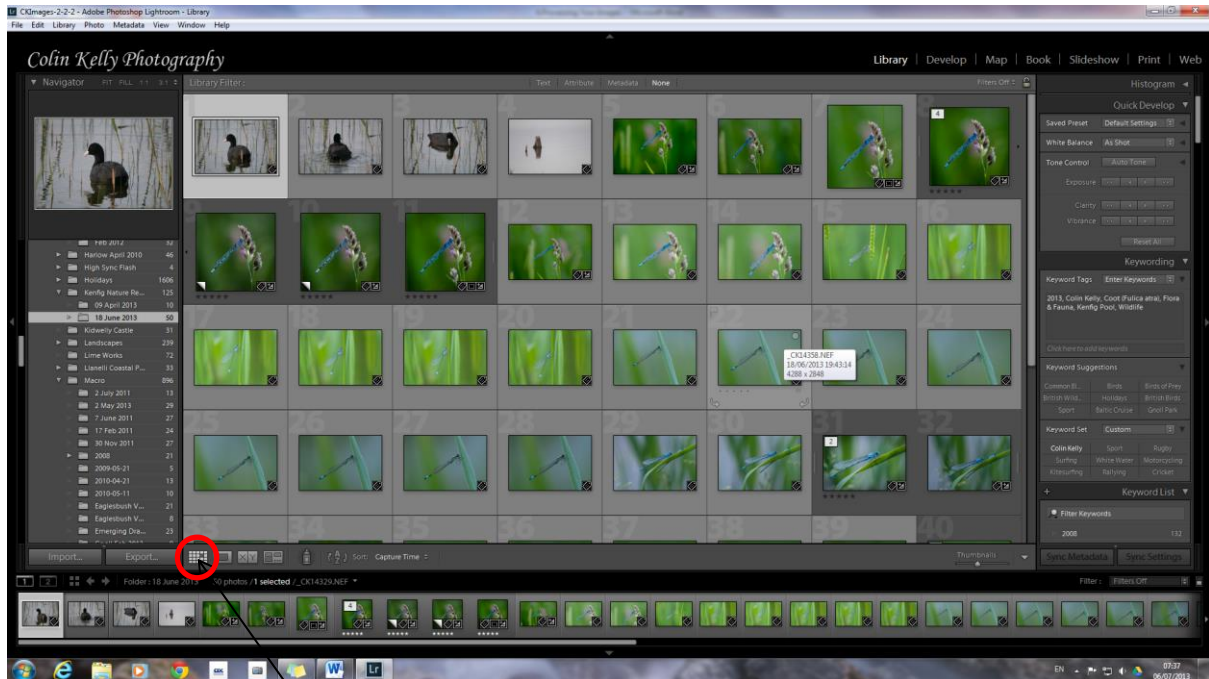


fig 1

Select Grid View

We can now start going through our images and filtering them in order of their importance. To do this we will be using the numerical keys to Rate the images from 1 to 5. 1 being the worst of the images, and 5 being the best (fig 2).

So spend the next few minutes looking through your images and rating them. This is particularly useful if you have returned from a shoot, upload everything into the catalogue, view the images in Library and then rate your images accordingly. Tip – If you double click your first image you can then view all your images at full size, just advance the image by using the left and right cursor keys.

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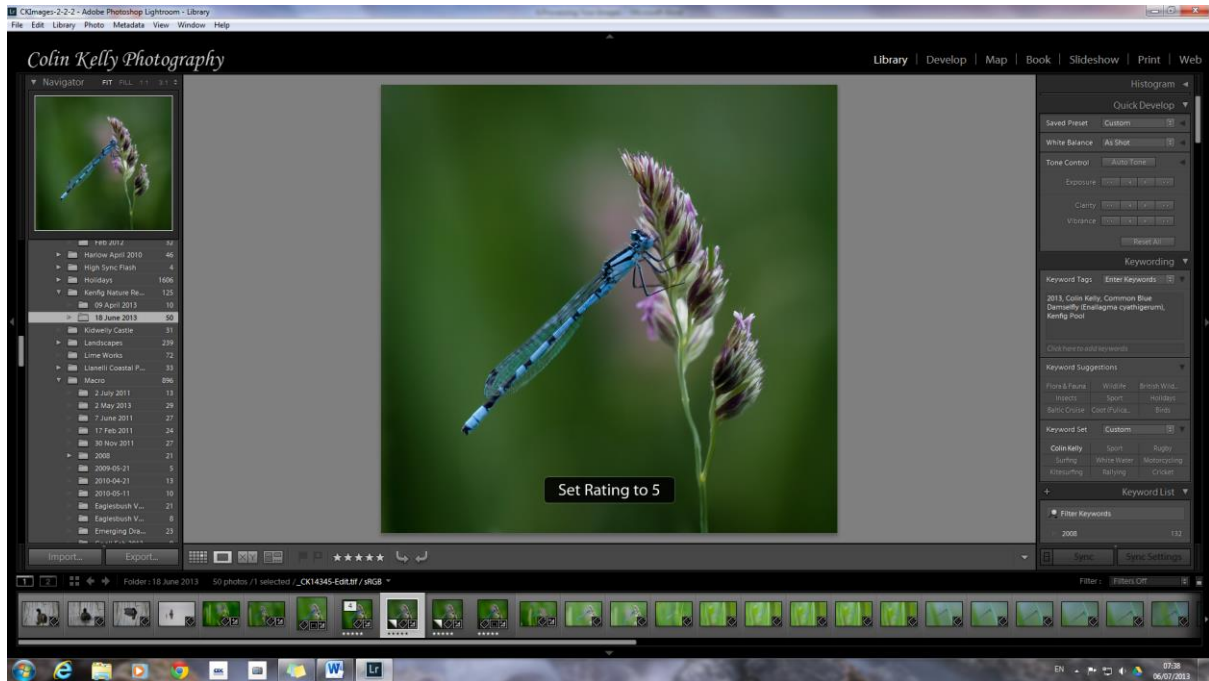


fig 2

Once you have rated all the images in the folder you need to decide if you want to delete them or keep them as rated images. Go back to Grid Mode (press G) and in the bottom right corner you will see the following (fig 3) –

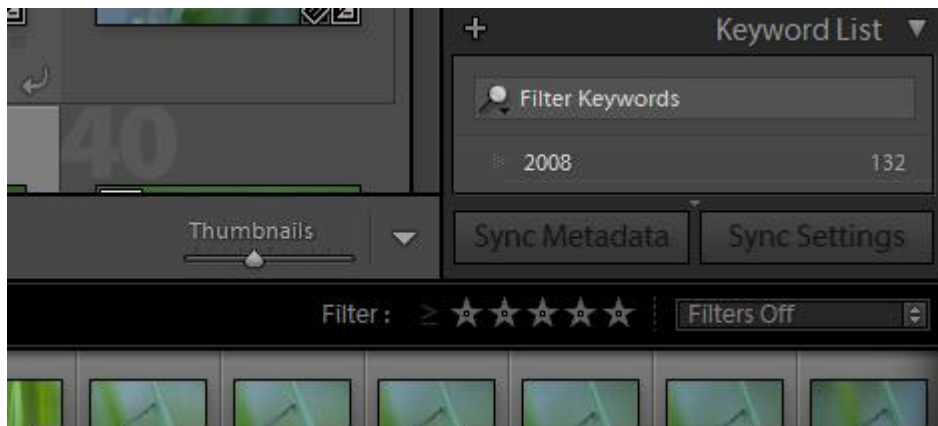


fig 3

This is one method of filtering your images, by selecting the star rating you will see the corresponding images in that folder.

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The symbol in front of the stars will give you the option of selecting images greater than, less than or equal to the star rating you select (fig 4).

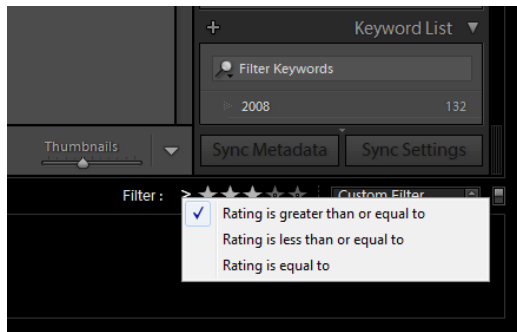


fig 4

So the example shown in figure 4 will show all the images of 3 star or greater.

Using this method you filter your images, so if you decide to delete all the images rated 1 then set the Rating is Equal to 1, once you have all your 1 star images in the grid you can select them all (Ctrl A) and press the delete button. You will then be asked if you want to Remove the images from the Disk (delete from Hard Drive) or Remove from Catalogue (the images will remain on your Hard Drive but will not be shown in your catalogue)

Other Methods of Filtering.

- Rating – set star rating as shown above
- Colour – set different colours for different types of image
- Rating – Set a flag, these images can then be shown or deleted using the Flag Filters
- Camera Type, Lens Type, Date Taken, Text, Metadata

The list is endless.