

Camborne-Redruth Camera Club.

Last Thursday evening (14-01-10) at the Treleigh Church Hall, the Camborne-Redruth Camera Club held its first meeting of 2010. Reg Poad (Chairman) welcomed members and wished them a Happy New Year and a successful photographic one.

The evening opened with a short Audio/Visual presentation appropriately entitled '*Frio Inverno*' which was provided by Mike Adams.

The rest of the evening was devoted to a '*Hints and Tips*' session with Mary Poad. Mary opened with an explanation of '*Depth of Field*' with examples ranging from landscape to macro photography, showing how this varied with the focal length of the lens and the aperture being used. Members discussed where the critical point of focus should be to attain the maximum *DOF* and the stacking of images of the same subject taken at the same aperture but at different points of focus that when processed via specialist software resulted in an image of great *DOF*. The latter technique was particularly useful in static macro and table top subjects.

Mary continued with a short illustrated tutorial on Composition and the often quoted '*Rule of Thirds*'. She also showed how an unbalanced picture by judicious cropping could be made to conform to the said rule. It was pointed out that a subject taken in a landscape format could often be improved by cropping the image in a portrait format.

Other subjects covered by way of revision were: resizing images for projection, adding a star to highlights, replacing the sky in an image, adding a vignette to a portrait and monochrome conversions.

Finally members discussed how to improve an underexposed and distorted image of a tree lined road. The following Photoshop tools were applied including perspective, selection, feathering, levels and curves plus layers, layer masks, all combining to give a greatly improved and acceptable image.

Members thanked Mary for another interesting and instructive evening.

Tonight at the Treleigh Church Hall starting at 7.30 pm there is a practical portrait evening.

Further details of the remaining Winter Programme can be obtained by e-mailing rosewarneimages@msn.com or telephoning 01209 714557