

Chairman's Blog

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It seems no time since we started the season and now we are nearly at Christmas. We have done some different and new things at the Club and I hope that members have enjoyed themselves.

I am debating whether I should tell you where I went last week because it really is a photographer's paradise and I am tempted to keep it secret! Many of you have probably already been to the Shard but how many of you stopped off in the new London Bridge station just underneath. There is lots of modern architecture with gleaming chrome and sweeping roofs and escalators. The low autumn light creates great shadows and perspectives. The shopping arcade in the old railway arches reminds me a little of the Mesquita in Cordoba. I grabbed some shots as we were passing through but I think there is more to capture on a solo visit without a partner who is anxious to get to lunch!

Christmas is a time when family takes precedence over hobbies but some may manage to get time off with their cameras. I feel that there must be photographic opportunities to do something with the bright lights and sparkly colours of the Christmas baubles, but I have never been very successful. Perhaps I will have another go this year.

I was rather pleased to bag a 20 score with one of my images in the last print league. It was interesting because the picture was a very straightforward cityscape which I had originally started to mess around with applying some HDR type treatments. Luckily, I abandoned them because I realised that the treatments did not add anything to the original. There is a temptation to apply treatments to images just because we can. Maybe less is more?

Happy Christmas and happy shooting

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