

## 25 TIPS & HINTS

Here is a list of 25 tips and hints which were highlighted by our Judge Mr Kevin Bell (LRPS) on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014 when he commented on our 40 digital images taken on our Discovery Day Challenge in Canterbury.

1. Use of letter-box to eliminate unwanted elements
2. Include a person to add interest (e.g. outside a pub)
3. Include or exclude some elements depending on their significance to the image
4. Remove distracting elements from main content of image
5. Include foreground interest in certain wide angle shots
6. Wise use of "lead-in" to a picture
7. Advantageous to sometimes take several shots at different exposures to then merge appropriately
8. Avoid very dark areas unless it is intentional.
9. Key-line around an image can help to outline the intended limits of image with dark borders.
10. Consider using a border which does not distract unduly. A white border may not be the best choice.
11. Consider cropping an image to avoid distracting elements
12. Sensible use of Photoshop to enhance an image
13. Some images should not have anything taken out.
14. Avoid bright bits on the periphery of an image
15. Consider the portrait format rather than landscape for some images
16. Diffused lighting can lead to better images for some subjects to avoid too much contrast such as in some flower images.
17. Increase separation where necessary to make main subject stand out
18. Black and white versus colour. Consider when this may make a better image.
19. Tone-down highlights to reduce distraction and bring out more detail when possible.
20. Use of complementary colours to enhance image
21. Isolate main object from the background by diffusing/rendering it out of focus.  
Particularly useful in some flower images.
22. Use of dodging and burning
23. Balance the composition
24. Use of soft lighting for appropriate images
25. Take photo from higher/lower angle than usual for added interest.