

# Husborne Crawley Camera Club



9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024  
MEETING 4

Editing

# January Meeting - Editing

Reasons to edit photographs:

- ▶ To correct an image so that it more faithfully represents what you saw
- ▶ To improve an image, remove clutter and irrelevant items, to improve composition
- ▶ To alter an image for a specific effect, to create art or envision a potential scene
- ▶ To have fun!

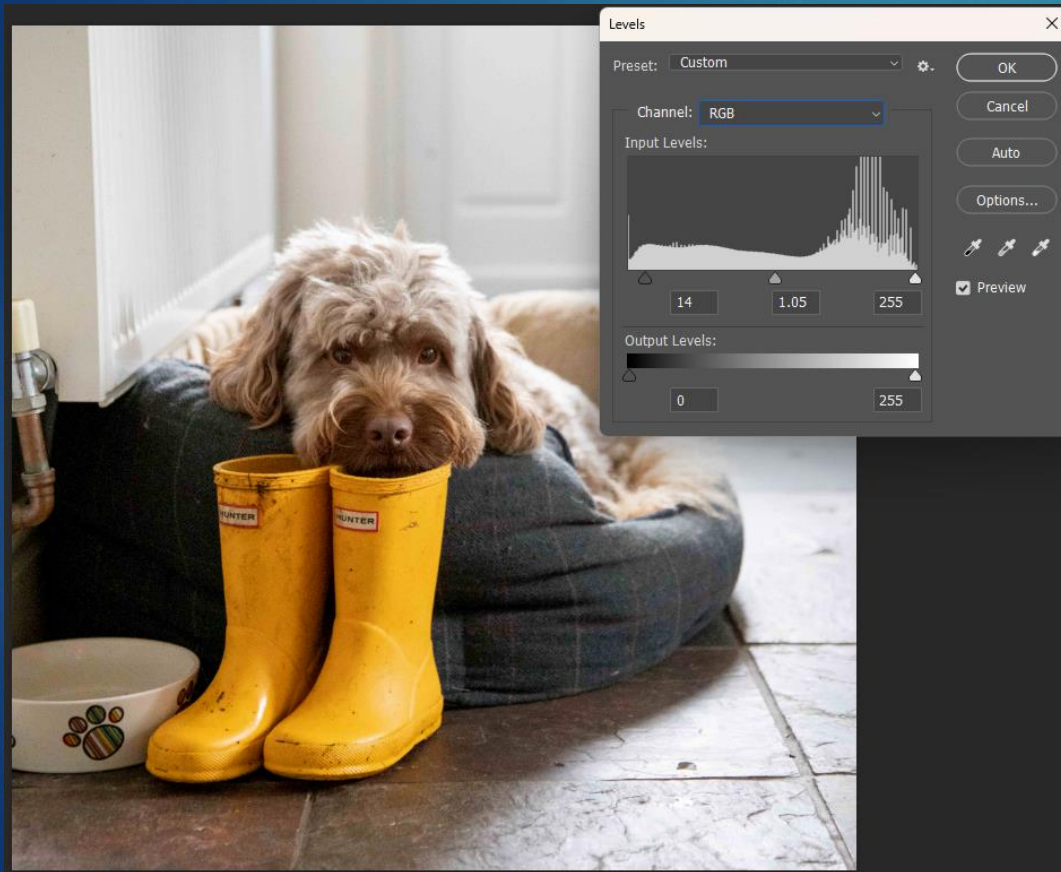
# January Meeting - Caution

Reasons to be cautious when editing photographs:

- ▶ A photograph never lies! Except when it is edited!
- ▶ Before you edit a photo think how it will be used, who will see it and why?
- ▶ Photos for competitions, news/magazines and articles should only be 'corrected'
- ▶ Photos of people can be 'improved' but don't offend.
- ▶ Otherwise go for it!
- ▶ Even the esteemed Frank Hurley of the Antarctic expeditions altered images..



# Editing - Corrections



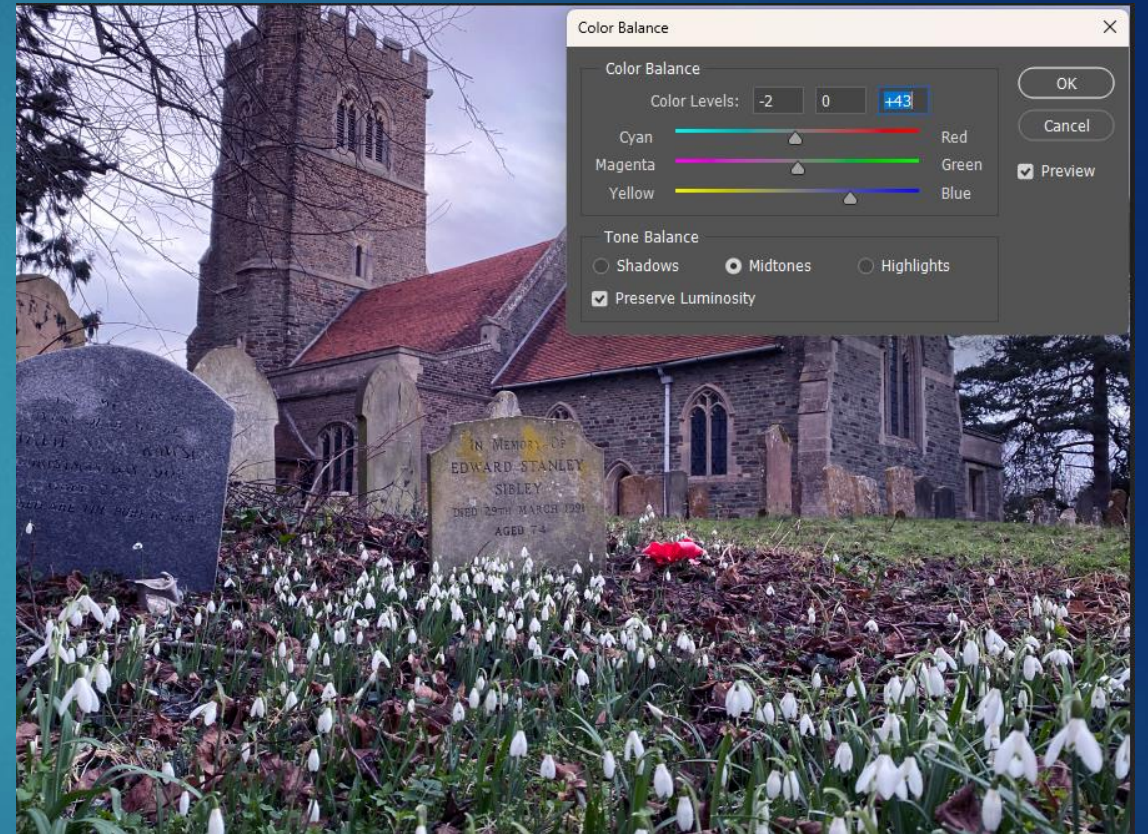
Brightness or Exposure and contrast

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- ▶ You don't want 'clipping' to occur, unless you want to create a high or low key effect.
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# Editing - Corrections

## Colour balance:

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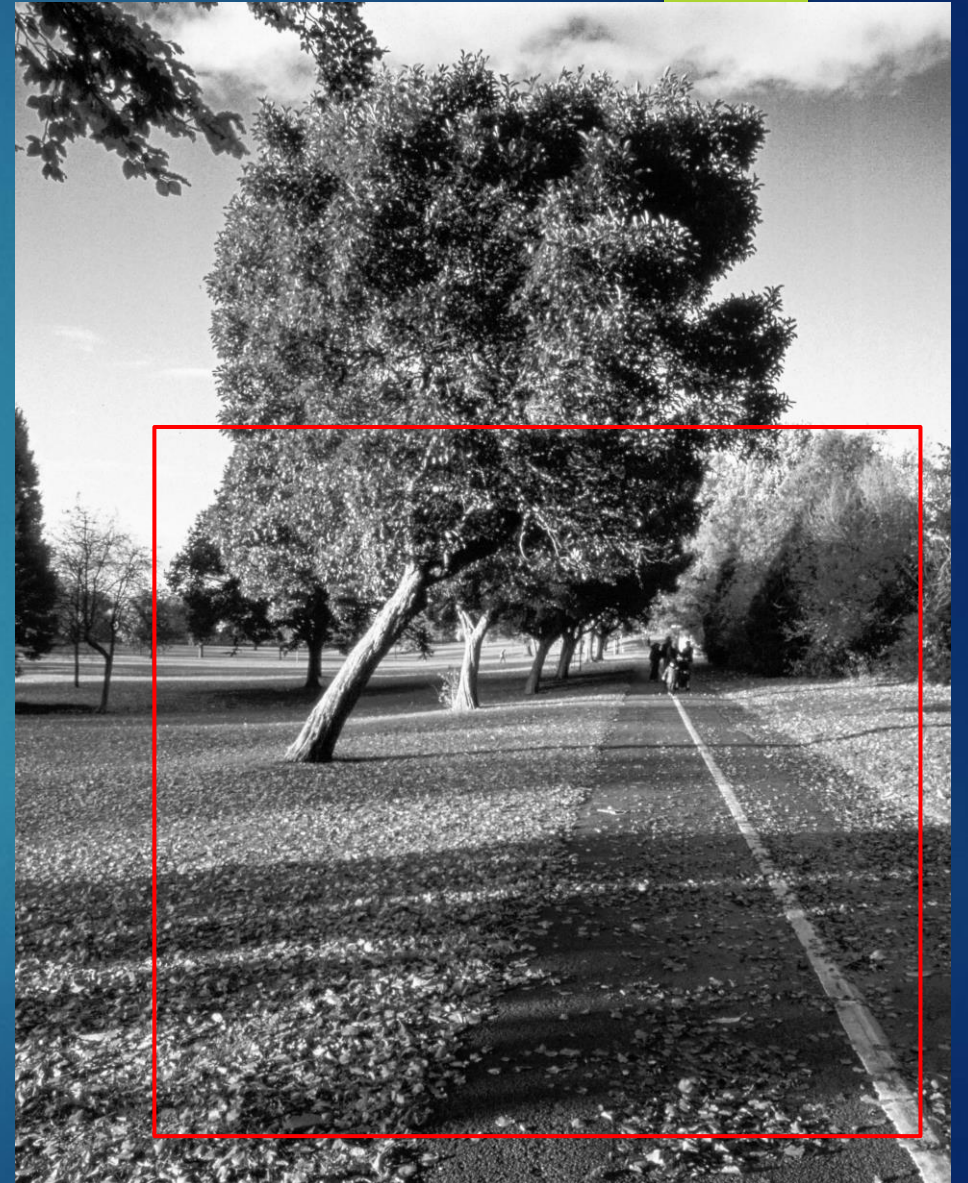
# Editing - Corrections

## Cropping:

- ▶ Crop to improve composition
- ▶ Crop to remove unwanted items in the image
- ▶ Crop to suit the final use, e.g. to fit a frame, magazine cover and even social media

## Black and White or Two tone:

- ▶ Convert to B&W to emphasise detail
- ▶ Boost contrast for a nice edgy shot



# Editing - Improvements

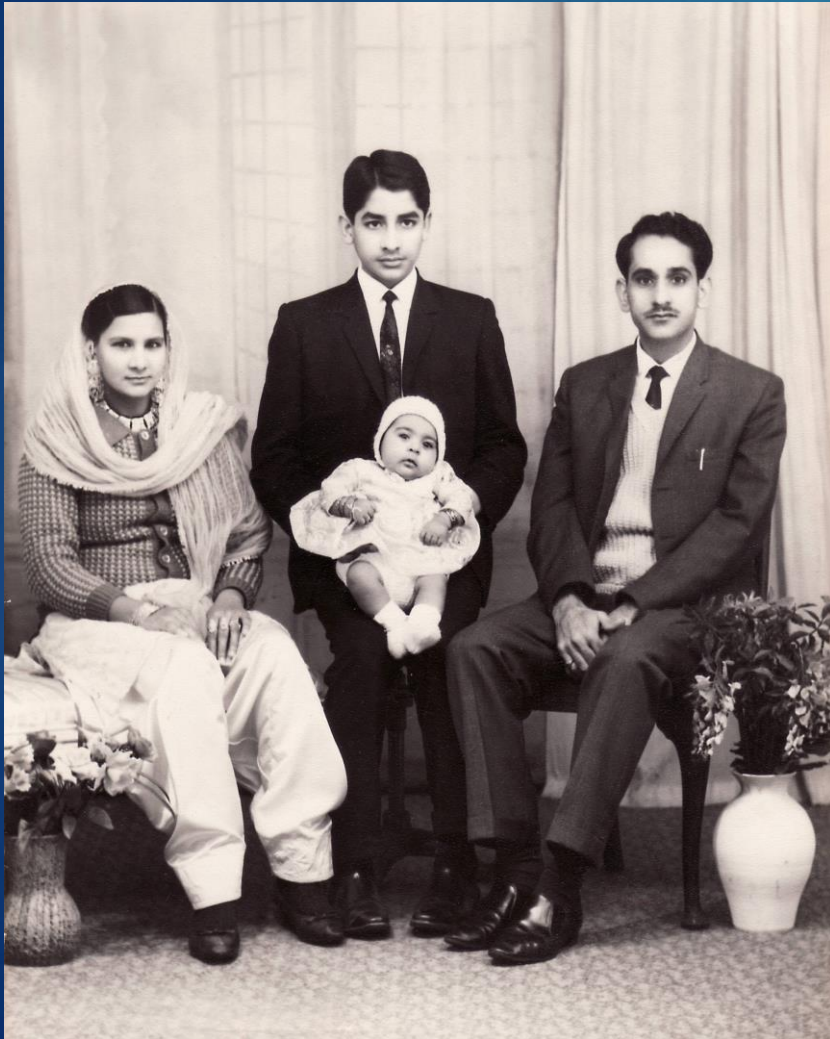
## Cut and paste, clone tool:

- ▶ Remove unwanted distractions, e.g. light switches, exit signs, rubbish on the floor
- ▶ Copy textures over unwanted parts, e.g. hedges, wall papers, sky or water

## Red eye removal:

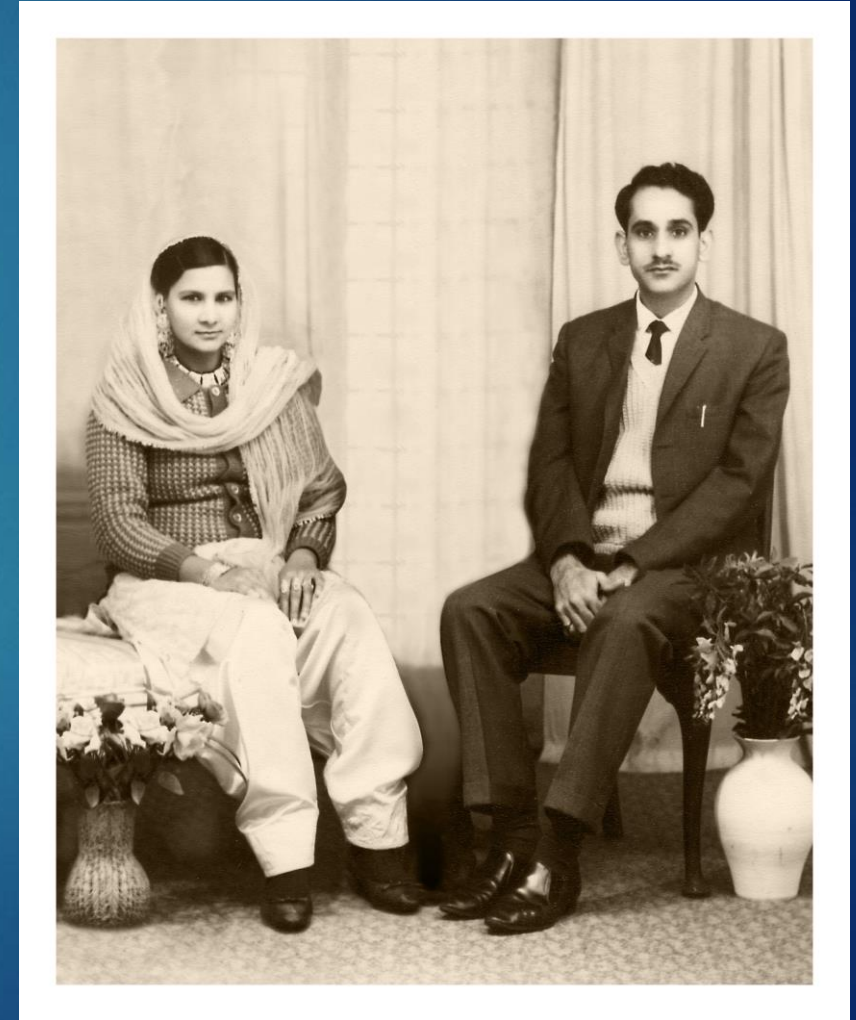
- ▶ Counteract the effects of direct flash
- ▶ Desaturate to whiten eyes and teeth

# Editing - Alterations



Go mad but don't offend

- ▶ Remove people
- ▶ Alter figures
- ▶ Add new features, e.g. a badger!





# Let's do some editing

There are many editors out there. Start with a free one or trial version and see what works for you.

Options to consider:

- ▶ Lightroom and Photoshop – probably the best in the business but costs ~£8 per month
- ▶ Windows and Mac have versions of 'Photos' included. Quite comprehensive and should suit most
- ▶ GIMP – a free open-source package that has many features. Might be a bit complex for starters
- ▶ There are many others out there. I have not tried them.
- ▶ Let's play!



# Time for a break

Photograph some Christmas decorations and then try and print one