

MASTER
DSLR
SKILLS!

DISCOVER
YOUR DSLR'S

HIDDEN SECRETS

THERE ARE FEW who would argue that digital SLRs have allowed more people than ever to enjoy shooting high quality images more easily and affordably than ever before. The wealth of features, in particular the superb metering and focusing systems on offer, have ensured that sharp, well-exposed photographs are easier to capture than they ever have been.

How much of a camera's range of functions users tap into varies from photographer to photographer. Some are more experimental than others and enjoy trying out different features and settings, while others have a more pragmatic approach and stick to tried and tested methods to get the results they're looking for. Of course, the bottom line, regardless of how you achieve it, is to capture great images that you're happy with, and the versatility of today's digital SLRs means

it's possible to do this using a variety of different features, settings and modes.

However, ask yourself these questions. Are you really aware of your camera's capabilities? Are you sure that there isn't an easier way to get the pictures you're after? Could your camera be better set-up for the way you shoot and, most importantly, could you set it up to deliver even better quality results? The truth is that with so many functions, it's difficult to work out those that could be useful from others that aren't worth trying. This month's *Beginner's Guide* aims to unlock some of the secrets of your DSLR and help you take better pictures more easily. We'll also be highlighting some ways to fine-tune your DSLR to help customise how it operates, allowing you to get the most enjoyment from your camera, as well as improve your photography!

