

Practical Camera Club

Mentoring for New Members of the Club

Welcome to The Practical Camera Club!

The members of the club have a wide range of photographic and editing experience, and we would like you to feel very welcome, whatever your own level of experience. If you have little or no experience, we want you to have the confidence to contribute to our meetings with your own questions, opinions and ideas, and to benefit from the support we can offer to develop your hobby in the digital age.

At this stage you should have met the members of the committee and been told their roles. The next stage is to find out more about you and how we can help.

The Initial Assessment

Your mentor will discuss your experience of photography with you to find out how much mentoring you may require and prepare a plan to deliver that. The plan can be updated as you gain knowledge and a better understanding of the direction you wish to follow.

The Designated Mentor

Please feel free to approach your mentor on any subject. The mentor will provide initial advice and, where the question is not within the mentor's expertise, introduce you to another member for advice and instruction. If you feel that your question has not been adequately addressed, your mentor will be there to ensure that you receive a full response. We are happy to continue your mentoring until you feel fully integrated into the club and feel comfortable addressing questions to whoever is appropriate without help or support.

The Remote Mentor

This mentor is an alternative source of information available to you when not at the club. Much of the actual learning of a skill demonstrated at a club meeting is done by trying things at home. However, when a problem is encountered it is difficult and frustrating to find a solution without some assistance. We will provide you with contact details for remote mentors who will aim to provide a prompt response.

The You Tube Mentor

There are numerous 'You Tube' tutorials to be found online but, if you are a newcomer to editing, we will send you a "clickable" list of You Tube videos that cover the basic functions that are easily transferable to any photo editor.

We hope you find this mentoring programme and your membership of the club a positive experience. The club's Chair or Secretary would welcome any feedback and ideas at any time on how the club can improve or help you to develop your hobby in the digital age.