

## What's the approach?

**You will find that I have a patient teaching style. I provide friendly and relaxed home-based tuition. Depending upon circumstances, occasionally, I can offer training in my own office.**

- I am very happy to begin at the beginning with the basics, equally well we can start from wherever you want.
- Being one-to-one, the pace of the course can be fast or slow and your personalised course can be basic or more advanced and last for as many sessions as suits you. Don't worry, whatever form the training, I go at your pace.
- I aim to put together some training for you that will meet your needs and leave you feeling more confident about using your digital camera, or digital photography.
- For those more interested in developing their creative digital art skills in using a digital canvas, I follow a similar approach but based upon the use of imaging software and use of a digital camera as a electronic sketch book and input device to transfer ideas to computer.
- My course-style can be particularly good in helping to build or restore your confidence in your chosen type of learning.

## How does tuition work?

**Following discussion of your needs, some tailored training is agreed.**

- You provide the digital camera, the computer, the software and if relevant the printer, inks and appropriate photographic paper.
- You arrange for any computer used to be in a suitable location in your home e.g. where there is sufficient room for you and myself to sit around.
- Training sessions last for 2 hours.

- Training can be one-off; stretch over weeks, or be more frequent with a couple of sessions in a week it's up to you.
- Daytime hours are 10 .00 am - 4 pm. Evening hours by arrangement.
- If wanted, homework can be set between lessons but normally I would expect you to practice new learning between lessons.
- Depending upon the training, handouts/information sheets, many with illustrations of the software, are provided.
- Depending upon the circumstances I would bring my own PC notebook for reference or demonstration purposes.
- Where a lesson would involve the use of your digital camera, you would need to ensure that the batteries were fully charged and that the camera user guide is available in printed form.

### **Some starting points**

**A course of training could introduce you to digital photography, starting by helping you decide on the purchase of a digital camera to meet your uses. Often, I pick up from the point that people have made a purchase. Some want training because they are finding their digital camera more complex than they had expected or want to learn how to get more use out of its functions other than auto-settings etc.**

- Any starting point is welcome, and so maybe it is more about using image editing and manipulating software or getting better prints out of your ink-jet printer that is the main driving force behind your interest.
- Going on a special holiday has been another popular reason to book some training. This has usually involved a lesson or two on how to get the most out of the camera that will be used.
- Accompanied photo-shoot lessons (up to day-long) can be arranged.

- Also, short courses for more than one person. I have arranged intensive courses across a few part-days in a week for people who have especially come to me to learn with their visiting relatives.
- Courses as gifts are another approach.
- Training could involve brushing up your skills in digital photography or topping up your understanding of your versions of a program like Adobe Photoshop Elements software.
- If this topping up is following another of my courses (including those through Devon ACL) I offer a specially discounted charge rate.
- Topping up your understanding may involve learning more about the use of the many additional uses that Adobe Photoshop Elements might offer you like slide-shows, on-line printed calendars, special photo-books, photo cards and other creations to meet special occasions etc.
- Maybe you are in a job that could benefit from making use of a digital camera and digital imagery? I have examples of business work and business projects.

### **What I don't offer**

- I do not offer general computer skills training (other than those skills needed to use a computer with image editing software). I am not able to repair or upgrade computers. I know a fair bit about them, as a user, but this does not extend to providing a repair service. However, if repairs or upgrades are needed, or particular computer skills training are required, I can usually put you in touch with appropriate trainers and services etc.