



SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Farnborough Camera Club's Handbook for Members. Hopefully you will find it written in a style that is easy to understand, even for Members who are new to the world of Camera Clubs.

The purpose of this Handbook is to provide Members of the Club, and particularly new members, with a clear understanding of all the activities and facilities available to them. It aims to provide an outline of how the Club is run so that Members will know where to go to obtain help on any of these activities and facilities, and also who to contact to get further information on any aspect of their photographic interests. It is a work of reference, and Members are encouraged to look up the appropriate section for the information they require.

By way of background, the Farnborough and RAE Camera Club was formed in 1941, its current name being adopted in 1983 when the RAE (Royal Aircraft Establishment) withdrew its support. Over the years, the Club has achieved success in major competitions and it has gained a reputation for the quality of the photographic work produced by its Members.

Members are encouraged to take part in all Club activities and to compete in competitions, both in the Club and elsewhere. The aim is to help Members improve their photographic skills and techniques, leading to the enhancement of a most enjoyable hobby and to the attainment of photographic honours where these are sought.

The Club is officially a "not-for-profit organisation" which means that it can make a profit for its own purposes, which are usually charitable or social, but the profit must not be used to enrich others. Any money that is raised should be used for the organisation's own activities. Thus when the Club engages in money-raising activities such as selling tickets for keynote speaker presentations to the general public, it is important to state in any promotional media that proceeds are to be used for the Club's own activities.

Comments about this Handbook and any amendments should be passed to the Handbook Editor. Major changes to the Club's management, organisation and procedures that arise during the season will be advised to Members at the time. The Handbook will be up-dated on an annual basis, during the close season, and Members will be advised when Handbook updates are posted to the Club website.