

Memories of Tavcom

In 1999 I attended a regular Saturday morning Men's Breakfast and there I met Mike Tennant who asked me what I did before retiring. He then asked if I would be interested in working a couple of days a week in a CCTV workshop. Sounded interesting so I joined Tavcom on a part time basis.

The offices were in Abbey Mill and the workshop a shed at the Uplands Park Hotel in Droxford where we set up cameras and recorders to train engineers from around the country. Dozens of the early candidates were amazed at the difference back-focusing a lens could make

Several different courses were on offer and that meant changing the set up in the workshop the set up was also subject to Mike thinking of different arrangements so often when we had set up the workshop Mike would come in a change it all. The one or two days a week soon expanded to sometimes seven days and the supervision of candidates was part of it all.

The Uplands Hotel was popular with students because the food was great, the accommodation was fairly basic.

The move to Claylands and getting sorted out there was interesting and a busy time.

In 2005 I moved to Manchester and Mike asked me if I was interested in working in northern customer's doing assessment of competence for operators and invigilating test.

As with everything else 'Norrh' was flexible with trips to Weston Super Mare, Torquay, Central London and Slough

My last trip was in 2018. Eighteen years of working with some of the most knowledgeable people in the CCTV business and the highest level of instructors

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