

Notes on Meeting, 09/12/2022

We had 6 members at our December meeting and 3 apologies.

In the rush before Christmas, I'll keep it as brief as possible this time!

1) Notes from the **October** meeting notes ([HERE](#)). Reviewed - matters arising

- **Item 1).** **Still no responses** from the wider membership to join our WhatsApp group. No response from the notice posted in the November Newsletter.
- **Item 9).** **Computer Active magazine**, and the 'One Line' version
 - Both John H and I have been unable to access the magazine during October and November which has only recently been rectified. A very poor advertisement for a Computer magazine!
 - We did, however, look at a couple of advantages of this format; back copies available until 2019 and topics searchable across all issues (see item 4, below)
- We discussed the remaining content in some detail, but there **were no further matters arising**.

2) Spam email messages....

- I reported that just the previous day, I had received a 'please contact me' message apparently from Connie. Because of the wording it obviously wasn't from her and in the source information another 'reply to' email address was evident.
 - I forwarded the message to [CYBERUK](#) but later noticed the relevant source code had been stripped out!
 - I alerted Connie, who had received other reports of her compromised email address (not one she uses for U3A issues), and she has taken the necessary action.
 - Dave said that he had received 126 similar messages (not from Connie's address) the last 11 days!!
 - Again we continued this topic at length.

3) Bryan reported that he is highly disappointed with Talk Talk. Part of his broad band deal with them included a recording box. This has now broken down and Talk Talk cannot/will not replace on a like for like basis. He is concerned if he moves away from Talk Talk he will lose access to his email address.

- **Humax** are the name in recorders to go for (although they have had some bad publicity in recent times) or you could consider [Manhattan](#). Best place to go for advice is Stannards (euronics) who supply Humax – and have now relocated to the Charles Industrial Estate.
- **Email address.** Best long term solution is to set up another email address like [Gmail](#) [or similar](#) which is independent of ISP. Contacts can then be weaned off your Talk Talk address over a period of time – [Talk Talk allows a year](#)
- Or, you can get your own **private domain name** from [any number of UK providers](#)

4) Useful search results from **Computer Active**.....

- Improvements to the free version of the [Dashlane Password Manager](#) (bottom of page)
- [Fake QR codes on parking machines](#) , discussed at length.

5) **Windows 11** users need to be aware of the importance of the **22H2** update. Dave talked through the detail...

- A full explanation and explanatory video can be found on this [Windows Central](#) site, and represents a major changes in how Win 11 looks and performs.
- Be aware that, as with Windows 10, you may not be alerted. Go to 'Start>Settings>Update & Security'. [Here is a screen shot](#) of an available update to Windows 10 (also 22H2) even though the automatic update had been earlier that same day! This Windows 10 22H2 took less than 5 Minutes to download and update and shows negligible changes to the system.
- Dave emphasised the importance of regularly forcing an update even when your system tells you otherwise...

6) Our **WhatsApp group**....since the last meeting

- Throughout November, Pam had a variety of issues ranging from 'HP Support Assistant' to 'Google verification'. With some online help and her own persistence she's managed to sort most things out.

You can see I've kept it short but provided many links which should clarify most matters.

We agreed the date for our next meeting, **Friday 24th February, 3.00 pm**

[Meeting link](#)

Finally, Season's Greetings to everyone!! And this video I've found, ['The 12 Days of Christmas re-imagined by CIT'](#), seems quite appropriate for our group....

All the best!

Peter