Meeting 09/09/2015

We had 9 members at the meeting on 9th September at Bacton Village Hall . There were 4 apologies.

Agony Corner:

After a review of the last meeting's notes we moved onto today's new items.

- 1) 'I want to print out the last Group email (in WLM) but the jpg attachment shows in the body of the email and makes it too big..?
 - All pictures (jpg) are sent as attachments, not in the body of the text.
 - This used to be a big problem with Outlook Express but I haven't experienced it since using WLM, and can't reproduce it with trial emails sent to myself.
 - Searching the web I can find *possible* solutions for Outlook Express but nothing for WLM. It seems to be a bit of a lottery!
 - If this is a common problem, I could sent PDFs or jpgs in a zip file which would positively prevent them showing in the body of the email.
 - To print anyway, just select the text without the picture, paste into Word and print out from there.
- 2) How to avoid 'Super Cookies' cookies that evade normal cleaning tools...
 - Dave Potter distributed copies of a Web User magazine article describing how to install and use 'Privacy Badger' (pdf attached to original email)
 - You can find out exactly what it is and how it works here.... https://www.eff.org/privacybadger
- 3) 'How can a print just selected pages from a multipage pdf?'...
 - Double click on the file and it will open in Adobe Reader (most PCs have this ready installed)
 - Click the Printer icon in the title bar (or File, Print)
 - The Adobe Reader printer page comes up with lots of options.
 - Under 'Pages to Print' there are 3 tick boxes, 'All', 'Current page' and 'Page's. Select 'Pages'
 - If, say, you want to print pages 1, 3 and 5, enter this into the box alongside, page numbers separated by commas as per 1, 3, 5
 - If you want a range, say all pages 1 to 5, enter 1-5

Topics for the Day:

1) Continue our appraisal of Windows 10, and assess progress from the last meeting.

Other than on the lap top being used for the presentation, there had been no further upgrades within the group to Windows 10. Amongst other things....

- We worked through real time screen shots/photographs of the upgrade and noted that it could take a considerable amount of time.
- Noted the importance of choosing 'Custom 'rather than 'Express' installation. In the latter, most of the items listed seemed to be all about sending data to Microsoft and allowing them to send purchase information to 'partners'. 'Custom' allows you to opt out of some or all of these.
- After the upgrade all the original programmes and data files seem to have survived intact and the desk top looked exactly as with the previous Win 8.1.
- There was a problem in that the touch pad did not function. A Google search did suggest a solution but it proved not to be permanent. Further investigation suggested that the upgrade had installed what was a Toshiba driver onto this (Asus) machine. The driver was uninstalled and the touch pad function returned to normal.
- One again, we saw that gcflearnfree supplied comprehensive information on Windows 10 at http://www.gcflearnfree.org/windows10 and includes an excellent video which we watched https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcBZCSs9IrQ

2) Wifi for tablets, phones and lap tops, shared experiences and advice.

The availability, usability and security of free Wifi has been a problem for more than one of our members. Today we had an open discussion on the topic and viewed a presentation detailing places to go to find this information and a general outline of connection methods.

Attached (to original email) is a PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation. The pictures on page 3 are links to sites that together should be able to answer any questions you have.

Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday 14th October – 1.30 pm at Bacton Village Hall

Topic for the Day: 'Microsoft Word and others' – Do I really need the MS Office programme? There are now many compatible alternatives to Word and we'll compare and contrast the functions of some free installed and 'cloud' word processors.