

Notes on Meeting, 13th September 2107

In spite of the advertised importance of this meeting there were just 8 regular members (and one interloper) attending, with 3 apologies.

We first reviewed the notes of the 12th July meeting (qv), particular the reasons and rational behind the decision taken that the group had to change its method of operation. This is the main topic of today's meeting- see below.

Agony Corner:

1) 'How can I connect my laptop to a VGA projector?'

- We discussed this at our meeting last year on tablets, smart phones and their interconnectivity with other devices.
- You need an active HDMI/VGA converter. All modern tablets have an HDMI socket and depending on brand this could be full size, micro or mini. The connectors are male HDMI and female VGA.
- As examples, here are some short links to converters on Amazon
- HDMI <https://tinyurl.com/y726gvzv> , Mini HDMI <https://tinyurl.com/yaw2m8mf> , and Micro HDMI <https://tinyurl.com/yaze2b3l>

2) 'I'm looking to replace an aging Dell laptop with a new one or equivalent. Only basic computing tasks such as email and social media are required'.

- Dell tends to be business orientated and probably more advanced than your needs.
- Suggest a visit to PC World to discuss your requirements with a representative.
- Should you wish a printer, wireless Wifi printers are very cheap these days and for low volume printing do not cost a lot to run.

3) 'Since upgrading to Windows 10 from Win 7 I can't find 'My Computer' which showed me how much storage I have?'

- You can find the information you want in File Explorer. Click the Start icon, bottom left of task bar or press the Windows key on your keyboard.
- Look for the File Explorer icon in the stack at the LHS (hover over).
- Click this then find 'This PC' on LHS. Click this and explore from there.
- The File Explorer can also easily be accessed directly from the task bar (yellow/blue) LHS.

The way forward:

Following on from discussions at the two previous meetings, the working party has met twice and a functioning Q & A page created on our Wordpress web site.

- To deter spammers, the page is password protected, the password being ***** (given to original email recipients) and here is a direct link to the page, <https://u3astowmarket.wordpress.com/groups/computing-technology-discussion-page/>.
- All managed to log on and several experimental messages were posted. As the moderator, all come to me first for approval and publishing.
- All messages are in reverse chronological order, i.e. latest first.
- To reply to a question, *click the 'Reply' just below the post and write in the pop up box*, then 'Send'. If you wish to start a new topic or raise a new question, *click where it says "Add your own....." and enter your message in the pop-up box*.
- All messages will be on the same page so in time it will get very long. If you wish to search for a subject or word that you know has been used before, hit Ctrl + F on your keyboard. This is a function in both Chrome and Edge and brings up a dialogue box; enter the word or exact phrase and all incidents where this has been used on the page will be highlighted.
- The main Computing & Technology group page will be updated to describe the new organisational structure of the group.....
- Now completed, see <https://u3astowmarket.wordpress.com/groups/stowmarket-u3a-computer-group/>
- Several members were able to subscribe to the group via the link on the page and received Wordpress emails saying that they would be notified each time a new message is posted. *Experience so far suggests that this is not happening*. If this is confirmed, and to avoid confusion, I'll remove the link.
- As an alternative, I've prepared a template email which I'll send out each time a significant change is made. You should already have received at least one of these. If you would prefer NOT to receive these notifications, please let me know.
- All members are encouraged to answer questions if they can. There can be as many as 10 replies to each query.
- Any Stowmarket U3A member will be free to use the facility, but should they chose to do so they will de-facto, become a C&T Group member.

Next Meeting:

As previously discussed, there will be NO meetings in October and November. The Next will be our **pre-Christmas party meeting on 20th December** (3rd Wednesday not the 2nd) at the Scout Centre, where everyone is invited to 'bring a plate' of suitable festive fare.

We will also review progress and uptake of the new Q&A page. This will determine whether the group continues or not!