

Notes on Meeting 16/04/2021

1. We reviewed [the notes](#) from the last meeting, 19/02/2021

- There were no particular matters arising, but....
- because much of the discussion revolved around computer/Windows 10 basics, we did have another look at our most popular source of such information, [GCF Learn Free](#). Here, all the basics are covered with tutorials available to follow through with questions at the end to see what you've learned. Highly recommended!
- Dave P said he'd decided to use a professional service to digitise his Hi8 video tapes to ensure that quality was optimised

2. New question

- Colin wishes to pass his old lap top onto a relative, keeping Windows but removing all unnecessary programmes and personal data.
- Again, the recommended programme (DP) is [Revo Uninstaller](#) which is free and safe. Trust it, it is intuitive to use and will only remove what you tell it to.
- To save space here, please find attached (*original email*) a PDF giving step by step details of an actual uninstallation, in this case an old version of 4K Video Downloader.

3. Our C&T Archive

- For the benefit of our newer members, we had a look at the range of subjects the group has covered since 2010 as recorded on [our page on the web site](#).
 - The first one to be recorded is [11/10/2010](#) when I took over the group from Wendy Morgan. This was essentially a planning meeting when the format for future meetings was discussed and agreed. A programme for the [first 8 months of 2011](#) was also prepared including specific lessons by members of the group. Thereafter, (email) notes from all the meetings are listed in date order, newest at the top.
 - We looked at a few randomly selected; [14/11/2012](#) – Marion on 'Online Genealogy', [11/12/2013](#) – at his second meeting and with a practical demo, Dave P answered all our questions about the insides of our PCs, [12/11/2014](#) – Philip W on Tech Savvy hints and tips (an early reference to GCF Learn Free), [11/03/2015](#) – Ann W on word processing (Word 2003), [11/11/2015](#) – Dave P talking about portable apps, and [13/01/2016](#) – Ann on 'researching your Family History'.

4. U3A Archive

- Our web site overall holds a wealth of archive material which, I believe, needs to be nurtured and maintained.....e.g.,
 - [Newsletters](#). Using my own records from 2008, some files passed to me by Philip W when I succeeded him as secretary and some remaining paper copies, we now have PDFS of every one since 2000. Apart from the first two, 1990/91 there are no surviving copies from the 1990s.
 - Again, we looked at a few random copies: [November 2003](#), when we saw in Wendy's Computer Group report that there were some 30 members with a high proportion attending, necessitating 3 meetings a month to cover the various classes given by members, [October 2004](#) – in a long piece by Wendy we read

that numbers are up to 34 and describes a variety of activities in the preceding months, and [October 2006](#) with another interesting entry by Wendy.

- Also on the web site, there is an archive record of [Outings and Events](#) since 2008
- Finally, we have our [own YouTube channel](#), staru3a, with all the videos posted since 2008
- All important u3a documents are now archived on a special Google Drive account (which can be handed down). Using a lot of different sources we now have copies of – all AGMs, 1991 to date and Committee meetings 1997 to date (1997 to 2000 from handwritten reports – earlier ones missing from paper files), plus many other valuable documents.

5. Useful news source

- I drew members' attention to a reliable news source '[The Conversation](#)', which gives unbiased, non-political insights into issues of the day. Part of their charter is to 'Inform public debate with knowledge-based journalism that is responsible, ethical and supported by evidence' which I believe it does very well.
 - It is free to access but you can donate if you wish to
 - It's well worth signing up to receive daily reports on current issues..