Notes on Meeting, 14/10/2022

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

- **Item 1). Still no responses** from the wider membership to join our WhatsApp group**.** I'll put the invitation to join in the November newsletter again
- **Item 9). Computer Active magazine,** and the 'One Line' version. We now have 3 members who have cancelled the print version and switched to online.
  - **John H** who is happy with this format as he can read it more easily than in print
  - **Ann**. Not yet fully immersed as a few copies of the magazine are still due. Thinks it's a good idea to save paper.
  - **Myself**. As mentioned last time I am disappointed that, contrary to what I was told on the phone, the online version does not have clickable links (to enable an instant follow up, say, nor does it allow 'copy and paste'. It seems to be just a picture rather than PDF. Another restriction is that only the current page can be downloaded, rather than the whole magazine.
  - **On the plus side,** all issues back to 2019 are available, you can share a page by email, Facebook etc. The search function is excellent – we experimented with 'Windows 11 upgrade' and got 483 results over numerous issues (at least 4 of our members have already upgraded to Windows 11 without problem).

- **Suggest** that for those who don't have a subscription, buy a copy from the Newsagent and see if you like it, and there are attractive offers for new subscribers. Or have a look [HERE](#).

- **There were no further matters arising.**

2) HP Laptop support assistant.

- Rick explained that he is getting a persistent red triangle warning on his task bar saying he should check for errors on his machine. He has followed all suggestions and everything comes up clear but the warning remains.
- Looking online, this seems to be a persistent problem with HP laptops. Ann discovered a forum [LINK](#) which may help
- Suggest also trying 'Gary Utilities' for disk clean up. Get it via the '[Ninite](#)' web site.

3) Losing space on C: / drive.

- **I have 120 Gb SSD C: drive** and a **1 Tb data drive** on my PC. I have to keep an eye on the C: drive because it fills up quickly and less space means less performance. Because of this I put new programmes on the data (I: Drive) when I can.
- I usually keep the C: drive at something like 18 Gb free from 110 Gb available but suddenly I noticed it was down to 4.8 Gb (marked in red on 'This PC'). This was a mystery as I'd made no new changes. I examine the folder tree in File Explorer but couldn't find any recent changes to explain the sudden loss of space. I did a disk

clean up with Glary Utilities but as I'd done that the day before it only recovered a few Mb

- I then vaguely remembered reading in Computer Active about the Windows hibernation file, hiberfil.sys, and that it could build up to quite a size. On an SSD it's not really necessary so I thought I could recover something there.
- I downloaded a tree size programme, 'Tree Size Free' and had a look there. I found the hibernation file was using around 5 Gb so I thought that I'd have that. The hiberfil.sys file cannot just be deleted, it has to be disabled and I found full instructions HERE.
- Imagine my surprize when I checked my C: drive to find that it had not just recovered the 5 Gb but the available space was back up to 20 Gb!! We debated this at the meeting and could only conclude that there were more files related to the hiberfil.sys than were immediately visible.
- In truth, I've no idea why I suddenly lost so much space the managed to recover much more than I expected. Any other ideas would be welcomed.

4) Difficulties with Excel file on old PC: Colin has an old PC that he keeps for an old programme which won't run on his Mac which he now uses. It saves data to an Excel file but the Excel programme (Office 2013?) has ceased to run on the old PC.

- Last year, Dave provided us with a standalone version of Office 2016.
- This is for 64 bit machines and the old PC may be £2 bit. Libre Office (get from ninitecom) could be installed and set as the default reader for xls or xlsx files.
- For the time being, Colin is copying the Excel file onto a memory stick and opening it on his Mac.

5) Excel, how to print just what you want (Jean)

- Select the area you want to print (left click on top left cell required then drag to bottom right
- Go to ribbon, Page Layout > Print Area > Set Print Area
- Go to File > Print. In the dialog, select Portrait or Landscape as required
- If this doesn't fit on one page > Scaling > select option required.