

Meeting 23/06/2023

In attendance: 7 present, 7 apologies

Introduction.

(As announced in the summer issue of the Newsletter). This meeting was rather different in that we discussed not only some of the history of the group (it's been running since the late 90's) but also its future.

Over the years technology, and members' needs have changed and these days it's much easier for people to research their technical/IT problems, without recourse to a C&T group such as ours, than it was a decade or two ago.

I've been running the group for 13 years now, both live (in various locations) and from the beginning of the pandemic, 8x8 then jit.si virtual meetings.

After each of these, I've prepared detailed notes of the problems and solutions discussed - all can be found on our webpage, [HERE](#). I must admit though, in recent times this has become quite an onerous task and one on which I'm now having to scale back. This will form the last of the email records on the web site.

Actions.

1) After discussion, the consensus was that we should continue to meet bi monthly to socialise and catch up on the latest IT issues of the day. It was also agreed that members will take their own notes as we go along.

2) Whilst the format is changing somewhat, this doesn't mean that our members are going to have a lack of support because the majority have signed up to and can make use of our **WhatsApp** group, where we can post problems without waiting for the next meeting. Please feel free to ask questions any time!

3) As before, in the Newsletter any u3a member is invited to join the group (*link available on application*). Unfortunately, after several reminders, none have taken the opportunity to do so.

4) I was asked if it were possible to video record the whole meeting. In theory it is, one hour at a time, but in practice my Wi-Fi band width is insufficient to sustain reliably. I can however provide an audio file as recorded on my phone at the time. I've lodged it in my Dropbox and (even if you don't have a Dropbox account), you can download (*.....link in original email to members*). We did get through a lot at the meeting so it should provide a useful aide memoire. Please let me know if you find this useful (or if 2 hours is too much to plough through!).

Next meeting. We didn't decide on a date but I suggest **Friday 18th August, 3.00pm**. I'll send a reminder closer to the time.