iPPIG AUGUST meeting, Colin Hooker

We opened the meeting with a couple of news items - firstly that iOS 11 was expected to be introduced in September, and secondly that there was a rumour that the iPad mini was to be discontinued. We warched a video about a useful app, Apple Support, which contains many useful troubleshooting hints for Apple products as well as links to the Apple help desk for more difficult problems.

For the next item we looked at the MacMost website for their selection of free ringtones for the iPhone. We listened to some of them, ranging from gentle Mozart tunes and footsteps getting closer to more intrusive ones such as "Annoying Canary".

Then Barbara gave us an in-depth look at Spotify, a really good replacement for the very popular and now defunct Pandora. She demonstrated how to listen to one of Spotify's generic collections of music or individual pieces of music ranging from popular songs to whole symphonies. Then she showed how to set up our own "radio stations" for listening to our favourite music. She mentioned that the free version had advertisements every 30 minutes but these were avoided by taking out a subscription.

John then demonstrated the new iPad Pro, mentioning the large memory, up to 512 GB, the much improved display and its speed. He said that accessories, such as the Apple pencil and the separate keyboard were not held in stock at Noel Leeming but could be ordered.

Finally Colin showed a novelty app, FaceApp, which could change the age, sex and mood of a person in a photograph and we went home giggling!