

## MIG report, by Anton Petre

Use of Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) was the first subject discussed at the February Mac Group meeting....these hide your on-line identity and location from snoopers, hackers, or bureaucrats, and some of them are now free. The Opera browser, for instance — which is available for Windows machines as well as for Macs — has a free VPN built in, and you can switch it on and off with a click. You can choose the country which the VPN will show you as working from if anyone checks.

We then had a close look at both questions and hints on mail, talking about both Mac Mail and, in brief, why using the excellent Gmail service can be a good idea. MacMost Now videos also looked at hints and tricks with mail, and also at excellent advice on the various clever searches able to be used on Mac files and folders.

Creating a slideshow with the excellent Mac Keynote presentation program — arguably better and easier to use than Powerpoint — was the subject of another video instruction session, and we had a close look at the many things that can be done with the Mac's calendar program.....lots of features of which most users are not aware.

Providing easy and quick access to frequently-used files was another video session, and by the end of the afternoon everyone seemed content that they had learned a lot of useful information.....can't do better than that!