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A good turnout for the September Mac Group meeting, and some interesting topics. An easy question was how to move a picture from an email to the Photos program—answer, just drag and drop. We talked about the upcoming new Apple picture and video format, which in the immediate future will be used by professionals, but everyone else will stick to jpegs. Quite a lot of discussion about Vodafone abandoning email, and most seem to be moving to gmail.

We then had a video on the Launchpad program on the Mac…yet again, a piece of software with a lot more features than most users realise. Even more so this applied to Mission Control, another built-in program with a lot of very useful features.

Finally, a couple of folk had tried downloading the photo editing program GIMP but had not had success. Most of the reason was Mac's Gatekeeper setting which prevents unapproved software from running. Older versions of Mac OS used to have a setting "download from anywhere" that could be enabled, but this has now been removed for safety reasons. However, we found that by downloading the program and RIGHT-clicking it, a menu appeared which included the command OPEN. Selecting this first warned that the program was not officially authorised, and that once it had run, it would continue to do so. We clicked, and all was well.

This led us to check out some of the excellent YouTube tutorials for GIMP — to discover that the new Mac would, apparently, not run YouTube videos It turned out the answer was to go into Safari browser preferences and turn on Java, after which all was well. So if you have problems, check Safari preferences under Security, and ensure that the JavaScript box is ticked.