

## **iPPIG meeting for May, Colin Hooker**

Our first video reminded us of the simple steps we should take to minimise the threat posed by ransomware - keep software up to date, don't open strange emails and be alert to warnings in the media. Then we watched a video about using 4 and 5 finger gestures on the iPad.

We then had a look at iCloud which provides 5GB free storage as well as enabling photos, documents and other files to be accessed from both iPad and computer. Icloud also provides a convenient back up for the iPad. This was followed by a demonstration of FaceTime, an easy way of making video calls to other users of iPads, iPhones and Mac computers.

Helen then gave us a demonstration of the iEasy Drive, a flash drive that has both USB and Lightning plugs. Several of us had purchased the device after she had introduced it to the group recently and had struck a few problems. She showed us how to transfer files from the flash drive to an iPad and answered our questions.

Malcolm told us about iTunes U, an app which allows one to take university courses in a wide range of subjects: science, languages, history, etc. You can choose to do assignments, and some courses even allow you to take exams.

Then Colin spoke about Grab One, an app which gives access to discounted restaurant meals and accommodation and special deals on other purchases. And to end the meeting we had a 10-minute question and answer session.