

iPPIG SEPTEMBER meeting, Colin Hooker

As the annual Apple presentation had taken place earlier in the week we watched a video of some of the topics that were discussed. The first item was the Apple Watch - this included several users talking about how they used the watch in their fitness regimes and then a description of the heart rate monitor in the watch. This was followed by a more detailed description of the other functions of the watch which included a live phone call to an Apple worker who was paddle-boarding on a lake.

The second item was the new iPhone X. This new phone uses face recognition in place of a fingerprint to unlock the phone. The phone has 2 12MP cameras and an improved display compared to the previous models. One feature that amused us all was the ability to send animated 3D emoji in a message. These "animoji" were cartoon animal faces which followed the user's facial expressions and so were able to speak a message.

Peter showed several short videos that introduced some of the features that will be available in the soon to be released iOS11. In answer to a question Colin spoke about the i-EasyDrive, a flash drive that could be used to transfer photos and other files between a computer and an iPad.