

Apple recently updated the operating system for the iPad so we spent the whole meeting looking at some of the new features. The first video was an overall look at some of these features, adjusting the size of the icons on the home screen, displaying the widgets and personalising them, Apple Pencil tools and multitasking. Peter then spoke about a MacMost course on iOS13 and showed a section of it which dealt with the Mail app. He will be using the MacMost course in his photography workshop later this term.

Colin then showed a video on the new features in Safari and demonstrated a couple of the points mentioned in the video including taking a screen shot of a complete Wikipedia article and saving it on the iPad. Next was a video and demonstration of slide typing - this enables you to type by sliding your finger or the Apple Pencil from key to key instead of tapping on the individual keys. With a bit of practice typing is more accurate and faster using this method

Barbara then demonstrated a fascinating feature in the new system - how to create a Memoji, or cartoon portrait. This can be done in the Messages app where you can select and adjust a wide range of facial features including the eye colour, the style and colour of the hair, the mouth, ears, nose and the shape of the face itself. The app then uses this information to create a wide range of Memojis with different moods and emotions. Great fun!

Finally, Colin reminded people about the helpful information on iOS13 and other iPad apps in the Tips app.

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