

iPPIG meeting 21st February

The meeting opened with a video apology from Peter and Trish on holiday in Bournemouth, England, and this was followed by a humorous video about a motorist using Alexia in his car.

We then watched a tutorial from Macmost about Mark-up, which can be used in many apps. We were amazed by the range of instruments and the huge range of line thicknesses and colours that could be used. Colin showed the group an example that he and Barbara had prepared - a 50th wedding anniversary card for Barbara's sister.

Sandra then spoke about passwords, and that in many iPads and iPhones, previously used signons and passwords are visible in Settings/Passwords and Accounts - a concern if the device is stolen and the thief has found the passcode. You can turn off the "autofill" option in Passwords and Accounts, More recent models use touch ID (fingerprint) or face recognition to reduce the risk. There followed a general discussion on passwords and how they could be strengthened and stored safely.

Colin spoke about how superscripts and subscripts could be inserted into emails using cut-and-paste from Pages (a rather lengthy method!) and Helen pointed out that the degree symbol was available by sliding up the zero in the Numbers keyboard.

Malcolm demonstrated a handy iPad stand with 3 different angles made from foam rubber. He then spoke about the Neighbourly app which includes a message board for buying and selling items and for other notices. It also provides access to some newspapers and a weekly gardening magazine.

Finally people spoke about some of their favourite apps, including a jigsaw without a picture to help you (John) a crossword game (Shirley) and a game making words from a given set of letters (Malcolm). Colin mentioned a good cheat app for working out answers to crosswords.

Colin Hooker