iPad & iPhone Group Report - January 2022

The regular feature on Settings continued with a look at WiFi, Bluetooth and Airplane Mode. WiFi is the universal wireless communication system in buildings and often in town centres giving access to public networks such as those in The Witham. It was emphasised that care needs to be taken over privacy when using open public WiFi or allowing others to use your home WiFi.

In the final part of our communications strand, we looked at WhatsApp. Not many in the group currently use the app. The features, including the recently introduced facility to link to WhatsApp on desktop or laptop computers, and benefits were discussed and demonstrated.

A question had been asked in a previous session about creating email groups in Mail. As a preamble, we looked at how new email accounts are set up and controlling more than one email account through Mail. We referenced the recommended text 'iPad for Seniors in easy steps', specifically the chapter on Emailing.

Mail groups are created in the Contacts app but not, it turns out, without using a separate (non-Apple) app. They can however be created Mac or MacBook computers or through iCloud.com; they will then be replicated in Contacts on the iPad or iPhone. Typing the name of the group in the address box in Mail then adds the complete list to the new email.

The final topic of the day was about transferring all the information and settings from an old device to a new one. Apple has made this a straightforward process as we would expect if they want us to regularly buy new kit.

Apple Support links:
Create and change groups in Contacts on Mac
https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/contacts/adrb3280fe91/mac

Create and change groups in Contacts on iCloud.com
https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/icloud/mmfba73c71/icloud

Transfer data from your previous iOS or iPadOS device to your new iPhone or iPad
https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201269