

iPad and iPhone Group Meeting – January 2023

Members of the Group had submitted suggestions for topics for this session.

These included a question about QR Codes, see below:



These are used in restaurants, advertisements, on loyalty cards and information boards to name but a few uses. We talked about how they came to the fore again during the pandemic. They had previously fallen out of use due to security concerns.

We moved on to creating additional email addresses. These can be useful across the spectrum, at one end being used for secure transactions where you may want to limit those who know the email address you may use for your online bank; at the other, perhaps a new source of online information that does not have your complete trust.

Keeping emails tidy was next. Many people have perhaps hundreds of emails in their inbox. To make it easier to find and manage those emails, they can be sorted into topic specific mailboxes or folders. We practiced setting these up in the Mail app.

How do we overcome the size restrictions on emails? Not as easy as it used to be as many of the files we send today are already compressed as far as they will go. Compressing or zipping them can still be useful if someone wants to send perhaps tens or hundreds of files and make it easier for the recipient to manage them when they arrive in one bundle.

Finally, following on from the session on Apple Translate in November, we looked at Google Translate. It is perhaps simpler to use than the Apple equivalent and certainly has a much greater range of languages available. The app will translate from text typed or copied, handwriting onscreen, an image of text from the camera in the phone, or voice. It is possible to carry on a voice or text conversation. All languages can be quickly downloaded so that they are available where there is no signal.

Our next meeting will be at 2:10pm on 24 February 2023.