



## *ICeni Newsletter February 2023*

**Coronavirus Impact Covid-19.** We are continuing to hold our meetings online as this seems to suit everyone and saves travelling during the dark Winter months.

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and will be able to join us online.

If you wish to join us just follow the link or paste into your browser:-

<https://meet.jit.si/IceniComputerClubMeeting> and follow instructions to allow camera and microphone access. We have found some problems with screen sharing on the Mac if using Firefox, but using Safari or Chrome is ok as is using Windows.

There is nothing to download or install. We still meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. via Jitsi.org Video conferencing.

### Our Next Meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### Audio Processing.

We are not sure who suggested this one. Peter will mention some audio software associated with video processing.

### Our Last Meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### Computer surgery and Open Topic Evening held instead of a Social Evening.

There was a lot of discussion about City fibre and other local installers of fibre cable. The offering from most of these fibre installers is to provide the last mile of transmission. They offer symmetric services and Gareth has been provided with 1GB up and 1GB down. CityFibre give morning appointments only which leaves the rest of the day to sort out any issues. You can't online order so you need to wait until you get an email. It uses a WABN port on the router. Another company locally is Gigaclear offering a similar package.

## **Asahi Linux on Mac OS**

Gareth said he would talk about Asahi Linux on the ARM based Mac. Gareth is using Chrome on his ARM based Mac . The Apple ARM processors uses bootcamp on Windows.

Asahi used Python used to reverse engineer memory management and they got a working system with WiFi MDE and full image based on the ARCH Ubuntu Apple image. The installer runs from MAC and needs full disk encryption so you can't boot from USB stick. It is early days and the first driver was written in RUST ( Blackbox GPU.)?

However he had not had much time yet to implement the set up. He hoped he could revisit it later this year.

Duncan was still in the process of moving his domains and changing his hosting company. He had paid a release fee and got an invoice but no release code. He had to pay for one year's renewal from the new company and was expecting an email confirmation but did not get one.

[Ed. There was a lot more to this story which I haven't documented here It certainly isn't a straightforward process to change hosts or to move domain names.]

## **ICENI Future programme**

We can be flexible and rearrange topics if the need arises, so if anyone would like to present a talk or suggest a topic to be covered please let us know. Now we are once more able to have social evenings we are always looking for suitable venues. We would like to hold these in a restaurant in the area between Ipswich and Colchester so that friends from Essex can join us without having to travel too far.

It has been suggested that we alternate our meetings between online and in-person meetings, although online meetings have been quite convenient for several of us to avoid going out and also saving travelling time. Since now the cost of fuel has rocketed it may also be more prudent to stay online only. Gareth suggests this may need a decision at the AGM.

We are going to need a meeting to decide on next year's programme soon so please let us have a few ideas.

Peter

# ICENI Future programme 2023

February 15th	Audio Processing.	All
March 15th	Raspberry Pi and Arduino, USB-C - single board computers and RISC OS.	All
April 19th	Computer Surgery / Firewalls and Computer Security.	All
May 17th	AGM + Extras	All

**MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD ONLINE BUT STILL ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED..**

## Special Notice - Insurance

"ICENI does not have any Insurance cover for computers or other equipment so please be advised that you bring machines to the club at your own risk."

However many household insurance policies will include cover away from home often with no increase in premium. (Ed.)

## Our Website and Email

Our website URL is

<http://icenicomputerclub.org.uk>

Email to: [iceni@woolridge.org.uk](mailto:iceni@woolridge.org.uk)

The website is where you will find copies of the Newsletter from Previous years and also where you will find our Committee Members and future programme.

I am open to suggestions on what people would like to have included in the website.