



Iceni Newsletter June 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 on Wednesday 21st June 2023

Ubuntu 23.04 – Gareth

This is the latest version of Ubuntu issued in April. As always there is a rather alliterative Code Name for each new issue whilst choosing the next letter of the alphabet and this one is called “Lunar Lobster”. It is available as a desktop image so you can try it out before installation.

It should be of great interest to anyone using Ubuntu as there are many new features which Gareth will no doubt cover. Not to be missed!

Our Last Meeting on Wednesday 17th May 2023

ICENI Annual General Meeting

This was once more held on Jitsi.org for convenience. A full report will be sent out before the AGM next year. A resume is presented here. The meeting started at 7.49.

Present: Gareth, Peter, Duncan , Michael and Paul.

There were no apologies for absence.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as a true record
Proposed by Gareth and Seconded by Michael.

The Chairman's Report was read by Gareth and accepted as a very good account of the club's activities. Acceptance was proposed by Peter and Seconded by Paul.

The full text of Gareth's Report is given here.

Iceni Computer Club AGM - May 2023 Chairman's Report

Our Club year began in May with our AGM and a discussion on "Easter Eggs" in Operating Systems and software both old and new.

In June we held a meeting on 3D Printing with both Gareth and Peter discussing their progress with the Creality Ender 3 v2 printer.

For July we looked at Operating System updates with Gareth showing Ubuntu 22.04 (Jammy Jellyfish) and MacOS 13 Ventura, Michael discussing Windows 11 and Steve on Fedora 36.

August was our Summer Social Evening and finally allowed us an in person meet up for a lovely meal at the Stratford Anchor, where it was also good to catch up with Gerald, Daniel and Anne.

In September Duncan discussed Digikam, the photo indexing and editing software initially released for Linux but now also available on Windows and Mac. He also showed a small GPS tracker and software he can use to synchronise pictures taken with routes on a map.

October was our Network Attached Storage (NAS) evening, with a guest appearance from Aidan who would not let Gareth leave the house to use his office that evening! Here we looked at both Synology and QNAP NAS systems, how to hook them up to various Operating Systems including RISCOS and other uses such as CCTV recording/storage.

November was our Stills and Video evening, a chance to show off all the places we have visited over the last year, from holidays abroad, to local museums and boat trips on the Orwell together with some discussion on the construction of the Orwell bridge.

In December we held the customary Gadgets evening where we had everything from bright LED torches to a Wifi endoscope used with a mobile phone app. Duncan also had a toy box from the Mad Factory that had a toggle switch on top. Toggle the switch to on and a hand popped out, turned the switch off, and closed the box again, such fun!!

January saw us hold a general discussion evening in lieu of a Social event. Here we discussed CityFibre 1Gb broadband becoming available in East/South East Ipswich, Asahi Linux (Linux on ARM MacBooks) and more.

Our February meeting was on the topic of Audio Processing. Here Duncan gave a detailed demonstration of Audacity, the open source recording/editing tool and how to use it to reduce noise and imperfections in old recordings using the various filters.

March was a return of Raspberry Pi and Arduino, where Paul demonstrated the Badger which looked like a digital ID badge and could be programmed to display various images. This used a Pi

Pico as the controller with a few megabytes of memory. Steve also discussed the PineBook ARM laptop and Andrew Wallace a former member sent it an update on his use of all things Raspberry Pi at home from NAS to day to day desktop computer.

Last month in April we rounded out the Club year with an evening on the subject of Computer Security with discussion of recent Zero Day exploits in the Chrome browser and how to identify if emails are phishing or sign of a real hack.

All in all a year of interesting topics and discussions, and as we put together a programme for the coming year please do let us know if you have a topic either to present, or even just to offer up as a potential for discussion!

Gareth

The Treasurer's report was read by Michael and showed unsurprisingly little change from the accounts of the previous AGM. Balance was recorded as £122.84 with some debts to be paid. (£23.48) leaving a true balance of £99.36. It was again decided not to request a subscription from members since we had few outgoings.

The Treasurer's report was accepted, Proposed by Paul and Seconded by Duncan.

The Election of Officers was once more agreed to be voted in en bloc approved nem con and General Consent.

So the Committee remains as Chairman Gareth, Vice Chairman Duncan , Treasurer Michael and Secretary Peter.

There were one or two points raised under Any Other Business. Peter had requested that our meeting night might be other than a Wednesday. Thursdays appeared difficult for some, but Tuesdays were more acceptable. No real decision was reachable since several members were absent and we should contact them before making any decisions. So at present we remain meeting on Wednesdays.

The meeting ended at 8.36

Extras

Since we had been unable to have a Committee meeting before the AGM we decided to use the “Extras” slot following the AGM as an impromptu Committee meeting and arrange the future programme. [Sadly there was no custard available.Ed]

ICENI Future programme

ICENI Future Programme 2023/2024	Title	Presenter
2023		
18 June	Ubuntu 23.04	Gareth
19 July	Interesting websites	All
16 August	Summer Social Evening Venue TBA	All
20 September	Maria DB and MySQL	Paul et al
18 October	3D printing update	
15 November	Stills and Video Evening	All
20 December	Party and Gadgets Evening	All
2024		
17 January	Social Evening Venue TBA	
21 February	Open for Steve and Sue	
20 March	Mac Evening IOS updates	
17 April	Raspberry Pi and Arduino etc.	All
15 May	AGM + Extras TBA	All
19 June	Open	

This programme is open to changes as the year unfolds.

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 and Jitsi meetings

Our website URL is

<http://icenicomputerclub.org.uk>

Email to: 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.

JITSI Meetings

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