



## ***Iceni Newsletter June 2024***

### **Coronavirus Impact Covid-19.**

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### **Our Next Meeting : Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

#### **Security Software including NAS Security**

Cyber crime seems to have increased considerably over the years and we are all at risk. Knowing and installing good security software, anti-malware, anti-virus and keeping a check on password security is very important. Also of course is maintaining good backup procedures and strong distinct passwords and ensuring that all security updates are installed as soon as possible. This should be a very worthwhile evening. Not to be missed.

### **Our Last Meeting : Annual General Meeting**

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – All**

This was once more on Jitsi.org for convenience at 8:30 p.m this year to allow Michael to participate. The formal report will be presented at next year's AGM, but there will be a summary report here for those who were unable to attend.

There were only four us this year with apologies from Paul. The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true record.

The Chairman's report was considered to be a very good record of our year's activities and is given here in full.

### **Iceni Computer Club AGM - June 2024 Chairman's Report**

We kicked off the year of meetings for the club in June with a look at the Ubuntu 23.04 release, "Lunar Lobster", together with discussions on browsers, snap packaging and Duncan's experiences trying Ubuntu on Raspberry Pi.

In July we held an evening on Interesting Websites, covering a lot of subject matter from overlaying old maps onto current aerial imagery, abandoned railway stations, lightning maps and much more.

August was our Summer social evening where we returned to the Anchor. Slow service but very tasty food and a good opportunity to catch up with Gerald, Daniel and Anne, our Essex friends.

September saw us visit databases for the first time in quite a while, with Paul presenting a detailed dive into Maria DB and MySQL.

In October we once again looked at 3D printing. Both Gareth and Peter have a Creality Ender 3 v2, a budget 3D printer. While Gareth's remains stock, Peter has done a number of upgrades for easier setup and reliability of prints such as automatic levelling and build plate upgrades. Gareth described some of the things he has printed, from mounts for custom quiet fans in servers, to Brio compatible toy train tracks for his Son.

November was our annual photo evening, with Paul showing photos of his visits to London, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Duncan showed the boats used to film "Swallows and Amazons", now in need of restoration at a boat yard in Norfolk, Beth Chatto's gardens, his parish Church, a family wedding and a tour of Harwich Guildhall. I was sorry to have missed this one due to illness.

December was of course our "Gadgets and Party" evening, although it is more difficult to socialise and enjoy seasonal fare when on Jitsi. On the night we had everything from Gareth's mobile/camping Wifi router, a USB power cable for Raspberry Pi with a power switch, network cable crimpers and connectivity testers, field replaceable belt buckles, LCD writing tablet, and my favourite a desktop railway departure board with live times. Oh and much more!

In January due to the weather we did not hold a social evening, but rather held an online meeting for general discussion chatting about a lot of things from Linux on the Raspberry Pi 5, to Peter's latest 3D Printer base plate upgrade.

February saw Steve talk to us on Modern AI systems (LLMs) focusing on free/open source models which run on home PCs rather than in the cloud. This I found to be a really informative, detailed and interesting evening!

For March we held an update on MacOS 14 "Sonoma", mostly evolutionary rather than breaking new ground but a lot of discussion on the performance of modern Apple designed ARM processors.

Rounding out our year in April was an evening billed as "Raspberry Pi and Arduino" but mainly focussed on the Pi this time round. Paul has probably used the Pi more than most of us and talked of his experience with the Pi 5 and it's performance. Steve has also used a Pi 400 as an Amiga emulator. Duncan also uses a Pi for SDR (Software Defined Radio).

An interesting year although I did miss a number of meetings due to illness and work commitments. As we hold our AGM and set the topics for the next 12 months I hope we continue to find things of interest to everyone, so do let us know if you have specific items of interest.

Gareth

### Treasurer's Report

The club has had no external visitors or meetings in person since the last AGM. We haven't taken any member subscriptions fees as all meetings have been online. The activity of the clubs accounts therefore remains unchanged. The last rent was paid to Bourne Vale in December 2019 which included November, October, September, July, June, May and April. February 2020 is owed with all meetings since March 2020 being held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We still owe Gareth £31.96 for the domain renewal costs for 2020 to 2024.

The current bank balance is £122.84 but this does not reflect the true balance as a cheque £7.50 is owed for February 2020s rent and £31.96 being owed to Gareth for 2022 to 2024 domain renewal. The total bank balance once the liability has been paid and money from the cheque been received is understood therefore to be £83.38 with no money being held in cash.

I consider the accounts to be in good health with no changes required other than paying Gareth the money owed. I am however concerned about the lack of activity on the back account and feel we should arrange for Gareth to be paid what he is owed to make sure the bank can see the account is still active.

Michael

The Committee were re-elected en bloc as in previous years.

Chairman – Gareth.

Vice – Chairman – Duncan.

Secretary – Peter

Treasurer - Michael

There was no Any Other Business.

The AGM was followed by a Committee meeting to discuss the future programme which is presented here.

## ICENI Future programme

<b>2024</b>	Subject	Speaker(s)
19 June	Security Software including NAS Security	Gareth, Steve, et al
17 July	Starlink systems with solar power.	Gareth
21 August	Social Evening TBA	All
18 September	Telephony and VOIP BT landline changes. Porting Numbers	All
16 October	Dream Machine and Networking	Gareth and Michael
20 November	Video and Stills	All
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Party & Gadgets	All
<b>2025</b>		
15 January	Software defined Radio SDR	Duncan
19 February	3D printing, Octovision and RPi	Gareth and Peter
19 March	Operating System upgrades, Windows, IOS, Ubuntu and Riscos	Gareth, Michael, Steve et all.
16 April	Chrome OS	Gareth
21 May	AGM and Extras	All
18 June	Open	

The programme is open to changes as the year unfolds and topics may become more detailed.

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

## **Our Website and Email and Jitsi meetings**

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.

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