



Iceni Newsletter December 2024

Coronavirus Impact Covid-19.

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<https://meet.jit.si/IceniComputerClubMeeting>

and follow instructions to allow camera and microphone access. 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 18th December Gadgets and Party Evening -All

This is our traditional evening to show off any new gadgets, programs which you have acquired this year. Gadgets being interpreted very loosely.

Just prepare some still photo shots and be prepared to chat about it. It is also a party evening so having a pleasant drink or tasty morsel to hand would make for a better atmosphere since we are only meeting on-line via Jitsi.org.

Our Last Meeting: Wednesday 20th November 2024 Video and Stills -All

There were quite a few entries again this year. We had a preliminary chat about using image search on Google in order to identify where pictures had been taken. Geolocation can also be used from GPX points and Digikam. Duncan had had problems with losing face tags in Digikam but

was generally liked as a program. Face recognition did not always work as expected as any triangle of objects might be considered a face.

Paul began with a shot of road sign declaring that “Humans are tolerated but children should be kept on a lead!” Followed by a shot showing a hostile unreliable service Community Bus. He is always interested in the slightly quirky shots. Then came a double rainbow and an egret and a heron at Princes St Bridge in Ipswich. The next shot relating to Eastern Counties Farmers Ltd , who he used to work for, caught his eye. He then moved down river to the Orwell flood barrier and its control room. He then showed the Gainsborough Line sign seen at Mark’s Tey station (sign also photographed) on his way to – the East Anglian Railway Museum. He had to alight at the Chappel and Wakes Colne station. At the Museum they were giving rides in what I call a sprinter train- just a single carriage. And Ipswich Historic vehicles run showing motorbikes - A Grieves.

He also had a shot of the wooden sculpture commemorating barn owl Mabel in Christchurch Park and Icehouse in the park.

A Dennis Fire engine, there is a YouTube channel called Laurie’s Mechanical marvels and this was a picture of his fire engine.

The Gillies Garrison Bell caught his eye but he could only get a shot by looking down slightly. `However he later was able to get the shot he wanted without the tilt.

He had pictures of Red squirrels. and golden pheasant seen at St Mary’s Tresco on his Isles of Scilly annual trip. Also a helicopter used for island ambulance. On the wild life front he had pictures of puffins showing that the colour of their beaks drops of during the winter and a wren and stonechats. There was an interesting red and white painted landmark marking a trig point. There was a memorial to Muriel Gibbs marking the RNLI 200th Anniversary.

Finally back in East Anglia an historic engine at Suffolk light railway and another at North Norfolk Light railway. Paul finished with shots at Brockford and the Ferris wheel at Felixstowe.

Duncan then showed some of his photos of North Norfolk light railway.

Views over river- sculpture, an unusual galvanised steel globe.

The “Amazon” boat renovation outside Woodbridge Cinema. Also a vintage car 160,000 miles on the clock.

He also showed shots of renovations at his vintage home and discovering old newspapers behind the walls dated between 1795 and 1882.

Gareth then showed a picture of a playground model railway followed by photos on his trip to Holt and the N. Norfolk railway between Holt and Sheringham. Also of the Bure Valley diesel light railway. Aidan liked driving his electric mini car around the garden. They had visited the transport museum (Ipswich) and at Bourton on the water transport museum. Hawkstone bear. One of their favourite campsites is in the New Forest and they had visited RAF Beaulieu. Aidan has now graduated from his Nursery school – here is the photo! They had also visited Banham zoo – to see “bluey”. He also showed a picture of Grandma’s birthday cake and Garage East 2CV rally.

Peter had intended to show photos of his walk with Alpacas with his daughter and granddaughter, but unfortunately there was an operating system setting which prevented screen sharing for this. He did manage to sort this out after the meeting and it should work in future. I’ll include one shot here to give you an idea. The farm is not far from Wattisham. I must tell you that I am now a fully qualified Alpaca walker. I’ve got a card to prove it!

Unfortunately some of this meeting did not record and so I have had to use my handwritten notes for Gareth’s pictures so there might be a few errors.



ICENI Future programme

2024	Subject	Speaker(s)
20 November	Video and Stills	All
18 th December	Party & Gadgets	All
2025		
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

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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