



Iceni Newsletter May 2025

Coronavirus Impact Covid-19.

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. 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.

AGM and Chrome OS talk now changed to June 18 2025 owing to the Chairman being unwell.

Our Next Meeting Wednesday 21st May 2025

AGM (held online with Jitsi as usual.)

8:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting
3. Matters Arising.
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers and Committee.
7. AOB.

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## **Extras**

Following the formal part of the evening Gareth will present some information on Chrome OS.

## **Our Last Meeting: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

### **Computer Surgery Evening – All**

This did not throw up many computer problems as such but various items were discussed. Initially a discussion by Duncan on a Radio Amateur satellite used as a transponder launched in 1974 ( OSCAR 7 with an anticipated life of 3 years. . It was solar powered and used NiCad batteries which failed going open circuit. Usually NiCads fail by going short circuit. So it was assumed that the satellite was then dead. However apparently the solar panels still worked and during daylight hours the transponder still worked. The computer system used EPROMS and had hard wired logic and so no rebooting was needed. They usually had a different up and down channel so two users could converse continuously.

Peter related being able to fix a friends TV which had inadvertently been switched to Arabic language making it difficult to use! He went into the menu tree and worked his way along all the branches until he reached the language page where he knew it would display an english option to select. So if it ever happens to you you'll know what to do.

The next issue was related to Peter's NAS which has to be reset as he is locked out at the moment. Backing up appears to be difficult since you would need a lot of drive space and seems to defeat the idea of the NAS anyway. Pal suggested removing the disks before resetting so that no data would be lost. Peter thought his system was RAID 5 so not fully protected.

Duncan Apache 8.3 paid for and downloaded but ran the wrong DB version. (MariaDB). He had to download a new DB which needed a fast connection because of the size. He used a friend's Church's connection saving hours of download time. QNAP control page copies everything to

an external disk. He then had to find out how to install the update on his QNAP. Apparently a front USB socket allows and a rear USB socket could increase storage capacity.

There was then some discussion on full-fibre Broadband providers Lightspeed 150Mb £23.99 a month or 2Gb at £49.99 /month and GigaClear at 300Mb for £48 and 500MB £57/month ; this had shown a big increase from £29/mo. These figures are for broadband only. Peter was expecting an upgrade to full fibre from BT .

There was some discussion on DAB+ and cessation of BBC long wave several stations are moving from DAB to DAB+ like ClassicFM . This affects car radios too. Some devices may have RoMS which can be flashed for an upgrade, sadly the Evoke 3 isn't one of them.

Long wave had also been used for various alarm applications and these would now all have to be supported otherwise.

## ICENI Future programme

| 2025    | Subject                                          | Speaker(s) |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 21 May  | AGM and Chrome OS<br><b>Postponed until June</b> | All        |
| 18 June | AGM and Chrome OS                                | Gareth     |

**We still need a Committee meeting so that that we can determine next year's programme. Any topic suggestions would be useful.**

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.

## **JITSI Meetings**

I am repeating this here from the top of the document.

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