

Our Digital World is ending

Between February 2011 and our final meeting on 22 March 2017, the group met 35 times to air concerns and enjoy presentations, demonstrations and collective knowledge sharing.

We started because some of us had learned to enjoy and exploit the benefits of our digital world but most of us didn't grow up in one. Some of us were baffled, frustrated and even angered by the deluge of new technology and clunky, seemingly risky, on-line 'services' that were being foisted upon us. Our aims were simple:

- To get to grips with digital technologies that can or will make a real difference to our lives
- To learn enough to feel comfortable ignoring those technologies which need not impact our lives

We have tackled a huge range of topics - as diverse as digital and cable TV; digital cameras; eBooks; emails, smartphones and tablets; on-line shopping banking and government; safeguarding our files and online presence; preserving memories; social networking; video editing and conferencing; even online project collaboration, writing and publishing.

We began in a limited analogue TV, Windows XP, 2G Mobile world. Six years on we have Google, Apple, Microsoft, Sky and Amazon dominating the world market all selling us 'fashionable', hugely powerful and relatively intuitive digital devices and an incredibly wide range of usable 'Apps'.

Over our last two winter seasons attendance has steadily fallen, suggesting audience members have either found a level of comfort in our digital world, or made rational decisions to opt out of it as much as they possibly can.

The group seems to have run its natural course and, with many fewer than 10-15 attendees at each meeting, it is no longer viable.

It's been great fun; a genuine pleasure. Thank you all for your support.

And if you get stuck, well you know where to find me...

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