

As last year, we've had another busy twelve months for the members of the Computer Club. We continue to meet in the Memorial Hall at Bayston Hill and have covered some interesting topics:

We learnt about *passkeys* – a big improvement over *passwords* as they are faster and far more secure because your device proves who you are without ever sharing a secret that could be stolen.



Esims: The tiny little circuit board that you plug into your phone may now not be necessary. The SIM card that you traditionally use can now be replaced by an electronic version. One you download from your mobile provider making it easier to change sims and numbers (and for going abroad).

We learnt about building a computer from its component parts to run Windows 11. For the builder, it was a very rewarding experience. Tip. If you are still using Windows 10, perhaps it's time to upgrade. Windows 10 is no longer supported by Microsoft, so your device will be more liable to security issues.

The big practical project of the year, was dismantling an old laptop – well five of them actually. It's amazing how many small screws there are and how tight everything fits together. Not a bit of space is wasted, very different to the layout in a traditional desktop computer

The Computer Club exists to share knowledge and help those people who are wishing to learn more about their computer/s phones or tablets. A few of the group are keen enthusiasts with a lot of knowledge, but we find that everyone has something to contribute. The second half of our meetings is where we ask questions and share ideas. We bring our laptops/notebooks/tablets to either demonstrate a problem or practically learn a new skill.