

The meeting on Monday 8th August 2016 will be a photo walk, leaving at 7pm the

St. John Balcome

(formerly The Hobgoblin, nee The Wood)

21 Balcombe Street, London

The meetup on Monday 8th August 2016 will be a Photo Walk from the Sir John Balcombe in Marylebone. (Long established members will remember this as the Wood and previously the Hobgoblin.)

LMUG Photo walk - Golden hour in the Park

Due to the unavailability of our venue this August, London Mac User Group will take advantage of the summer weather by venturing out for a photo walk starting from our new venue the Sir John Balcombe in Marylebone.

We plan to head East towards the boating lake and Japanese garden at Regents Park, before returning back to base. If summer fails us, we have an indoor environment in mind. *Arrival from 6pm in order to set off at 7pm*

Late comers can catch us up as we'll be walking gently - we will be stopping to take photos at every opportunity, and we will be in the park for sunset. This will be a leisurely walk - we have allowed one hour each way strolling and snapping time for a distance normally walked in 15 minutes.

Any cameras are welcome, whether it is your iPhone, a Box Brownie or the latest and greatest. Composition is all!

Come and have fun on the walk, we can digest the results back in the Pub.



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Regents Park Band Stand

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Apple Releases OS X 10.11.6, iOS 9.3.3, tvOS 9.2.2, and watchOS 2.2.2

Time to update 'em all! Apple has updated all of its operating systems with security improvements and mostly unspecified bug fixes, but no new features.

As always, we recommend waiting a week or so before installing these updates, and then checking to see if early adopters are complaining about any problems. The updates are:

OS X 10.11.6 (716 MB): The OS X 10.11.6 update fixes a bug that prevented settings from being saved in accounts with parental controls enabled and another that prevented some network devices from accessing SMB share points. Mac admins and enterprise users will also appreciate faster startup times when connecting to a NetBoot server and faster Active Directory authentication, plus a fix for a bug that prevented startup from a NetBoot image created with an OS X 10.11.4 or OS 10.11.5 installer.

In addition, the update includes 36 security fixes. Currently, you can get the OS X 10.11.6 update only via Software Update, though we expect standalone downloads to appear soon on Apple's Support Downloads page.

iOS 9.3.3 (55.1 MB on iPhone 6): The iOS 9.3.3 update mentions no bug fixes in its minimal release notes, but a separate security post lists 26 security fixes. You can obtain the iOS 9.3.3 update via Settings > General > Software Update or through iTunes.

tvOS 9.2.2 (Download size unknown): The tvOS 9.2.2 update includes 18 security fixes, and you can get it by going to Settings > System > Software Updates > Update Software.

watchOS 2.2.2 (1.14 MB): Finally, Apple has updated watchOS to 2.2.2, which gains 12 security fixes. The update can be found in the Watch app on your iPhone, in My Watch > General > Software Update. To update, the Apple Watch needs to be in range of your iPhone, connected to its charger, and charged to at least 50 percent. The entire process could take 30–45 minutes all told, so make sure you have time.

ExtraBITS for 18 July 2016

In ExtraBITS this week, Apple is clearing up the relationship between Apple Music and iTunes Match, Eddy Cue opens up to the Hollywood Reporter about the TV business, and Apple is casting developers for its upcoming reality show.

Apple Simplifies Relationship between Apple Music and iTunes Match -- At Macworld, Kirk McElhearn describes changes coming to Apple Music that make deciding between it and iTunes Match much easier: Apple Music will now match tracks using acoustic fingerprinting instead of track metadata (as iTunes Match already does), and it will no longer apply DRM to matched tracks you download to other devices. Kirk explains the differences in detail with recommendations for those who have subscribed to both services.

Eddy Cue Discusses Apple's TV Business -- In an interview with the Hollywood Reporter, Eddy Cue, Apple's Senior Vice President of Internet Software and Services, opened up about Apple's interest in the TV business. Cue said that the Apple TV is "a lot better than a cable box," but when asked if Apple is planning a streaming service, he responded, "Whether we're providing it or somebody else is, it really doesn't matter to us." However, Cue did say that he's not a fan of so-called "skinny bundles" — smaller, low-cost programming packages — offered by services like SlingTV because he feels that viewers are more frustrated by a lack of features than the price. In particular, he criticized the idea of having to dig through channel guides and program recordings manually. Overall, it sounds like Apple has a vision for the future of TV but doesn't know exactly how to get there yet.

Apple Casting Its Own Reality Show -- Apple has issued an open casting call for "Planet of the Apps," the company's upcoming reality series about app developers. Applications are being accepted from developers through 26 August 2016; applicants must have an iOS, macOS, tvOS, or watchOS app in a functional state by 21 October 2016, with filming to take place in Los Angeles from late 2016 through early 2017. The producers are promising "hands-on guidance from some of the most influential experts in the tech community, featured placement on the App Store, and funding from top-tier VCs." We don't yet know the format of the show, which raises important questions: Will we see lots of geeks talking into their iPhone FaceTime cameras while "working" at Starbucks? Will there be judges making catty remarks about coding styles? Will the snarky QA engineer get voted off the team? Stay tuned...

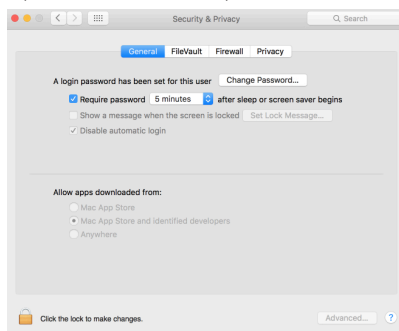
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Macs and Malware: Do you really need virus protection on your Mac?

Apple's computers are very popular with photographers. In fact, most of my friends run Macs in preference to Windows computers. I suppose it's something to do with Apple's historic advantage in the design world. Or, perhaps, it's that the Mac OS is seen to be safer. Historically, Macs occupied a niche market and, apart from having inherently stronger resistance to malware to start with, they were not top of the list in criminals' priorities. The pickings were much more lucrative, and the mayhem much more satisfying, by concentrating on the Windows world.

But things change. Apple is now mainstream and has a big presence in the higher end of the computer market. Professionals and discerning private buyers flock to Macs and, without doubt, they can be identified as potential targets worth bothering with. The question remains, however: Do you need virus protection on your Mac?

I've thought about it often. A few years ago I installed a system—I've forgotten what it was by now—and disabled it after a few weeks. It slowed down the system and nagged me too much. It created too much hassle. Since then I have been sailing along serenely, but always there is a nagging worry at the back of my mind. I've been lucky.



One of the easiest way to infect your computer is to click on unknown attachments which then instal malware. That's where Apple's Gatekeeper comes in. Introduced in Mountain Lion and version 10.7.5 of Lion, the Gatekeeper is a first line of defence. It can be disabled and

you may have deliberately switched it off for a transient reason and forgotten to re-enable it. Gateway, which is enabled by default, restricts the source of application downloads. I have mine set as shown above, for Mac App Store and identified developers. The safest option, to allow only Mac App Store downloads, can be a bit restrictive and it's up to you whether you can live with that. If most of your software is supplied by the App Store, then it is a good idea to put this restriction in place.

I use several applications which are downloaded direct from developers' sites and, provided I keep an eye on things, the centre option is acceptable. The one option you do not want to allow is to accept downloads from anywhere. It is possible that in the past you had to make this selection in order to buy a particular known application; but it is essential to untick the box as soon as the download is complete. This informative article on Cult of Mac explains why you should never disable Gatekeeper.

I am also content to keep the Mac's built-in Firewall switched on. It causes no problems and I cannot remember when I last had to disable it because of conflicts. Again, if you do disable it for any reason make sure that you switch it back on as soon as possible.

So far these simple precautions have worked for me. But is it now time to consider installing virus protection software? This article in Tutsplus explains everything you need to know about virus protection on the Mac and whether you need it or not. It is interesting for me that, while the author, Harry Guinness, recommends a virus protection system (such as the free Sophos application) he suggests you should not leave it active all the time in order to avoid slowing the machine. Instead, he says, keep it available and run a scan periodically to check that the system is clean.

All this said, in the eleven years I have been using Macs I have not experienced the same sort of problems that were commonplace during my Windows-owning years. Virus protection was then a fact of life and I had to put up with the many inconveniences and speed penalties which resulted.

With a bit of care and an intelligent appreciation of potential threats, Macs still offer a safer computing environment for a majority of users.

All the articles on this page come from Michael Evans www.macfilos.com. These and many others are well worth reading.

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Boombottle quenches a thirst for music

For most of our meetings now, LMUG's has a main raffle prize and a backup second choice for the winner. Our current back up prize is the Scoche BOOMBottle. This is a Bluetooth wireless speaker (and speakerphone) with 10-hours battery life and an IPX4 rating (splash and weather-proof).

It has an attractive rubberised coating for outdoors use and it is shaped exactly like a water bottle. You can attach it to your bicycle or swing it from a backpack with the included carabiner. It has omnidirectional speakers at each end of the device; a passive sub-woofer and just three buttons: power; volume up and down.

Pairing with an iPhone for music is easy, hold down the power button for 3 seconds to start pairing mode (it will speak and tell you!), and then open Settings then Bluetooth on your iPhone. The BOOMBottle should appear at the bottom; click it to connect and channel all you sounds through the speaker. The sound is clear and warm with good bass,

a great improvement over a phone or iPad. We bought the BOOMBottle from Amazon, the cost is currently between £40 and £80 depending on the colour.

