

October 2022



## Welcome to the latest IT Club Newsletter!

We held the October IT Club meeting this week and it is nice to see the numbers attending are up to pre-covid levels.

For those of you who have not been, it is an informal meeting with lots of discussion and chat. It is not a training session but hopefully gives attendees ideas and inspiration. We also try and help with specific problems.

If you have not been before it is worth trying.  
The next (and last this year) is at 2pm on Tuesday 29 November.

## Age Concern Event



On Friday 28th October we will be holding the popular Age Concern Comedy evening.

Details here: <https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/fundraising-events/comedyatthecollege/>

Tickets here: [Comedy @ The College 2022 \(jumblebee.co.uk\)](https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/comedythecollege2022)

There is quite a lot of information here, if you want more detail on any topic, or would like a new topic covered, just let me know at [steven.p.dow@me.com](mailto:steven.p.dow@me.com).

We have requests to send this news sheet to other people so you can either send their email address to me or you can simply email them this pdf.

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## Information

Our website is here : <https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk>

If you have IT problems you can still get telephone help by ringing our office on **01372 732456** between the hours of 9.30 – 1.00, Monday to Friday. An IT volunteer will then ring you back and hopefully solve your problem.

To keep up to date with Age Concern Epsom & Ewell's news and events please sign up to our charity newsletter. <https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk/list-manage.com/subscribe?u=72744b5e62d99b468ae2072a4&id=9b7e38510d>

All the previous newsheets have been put on the Epsom and Ewell Age Concern website and can be accessed here:  
<https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk/about-us/newsletters/it-newsletters/>

## Useful Links

Government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Age UK: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/coronavirus/>

The NHS has lots of information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

111 phone line website: <https://111.nhs.uk>

Livi information: <https://www.livi.co.uk>

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## Insurance update.

In last month's newsletter we looked at insurance comparison websites and how they can save money.

This month the renewal for my car was due and I was quoted about £880 which was significantly more than last year's amount

Using a comparison search (similar to the example here) I found a reputable insurer who quoted £520.

10 minutes later I had saved £260!

The screenshot displays a car insurance comparison interface. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Cover options' allows users to filter results by 'Cover start date' (19/10/2022), 'Cover type' (Comprehensive), 'Voluntary excess' (£250), 'Protect no claims?' (Yes), and 'Payment' (Annually). Below this, 'Optional extras' like Legal assistance, Breakdown cover, Personal accident, Courtesy car, and Windscreen cover are listed. The main area shows '125 quotes found. 11 telematics quotes included.' with a 'Sort: Annually' dropdown. A table lists quotes from insurers like LVE, SP, and BEAM, with columns for 'Insurer', 'Legal assistance', 'Breakdown cover', 'Personal accident', 'Courtesy car', and 'Price'. Each quote includes an annual price, total excess, and a 'View details' button. A 'Special offer' banner is also visible.

Insurer	Legal assistance	Breakdown cover	Personal accident	Courtesy car	Price
LVE	Available to add	Available to add	Included	Available to add	Annual price: £176.19 Total Excess: £350
SP	Available to add	Available to add	Included	Included	Annual price: £191.49 Total Excess: £325
TESCO Bank	Available to add	Available to add	Included	Included	Annual price: £191.51 Total Excess: £350
AA	Available to add	Available to add	Included	Included	Annual price: £194.94 Total Excess: £350
BEAM	Available to add	Available to add	Included	Included	Annual price: £195.15 Total Excess: £350

## Scams

### Delivery scam

This is a common scam involving a UPS delivery person. Or rather, it **doesn't** involve a real UPS delivery person.

It is very badly written and does not make much sense.

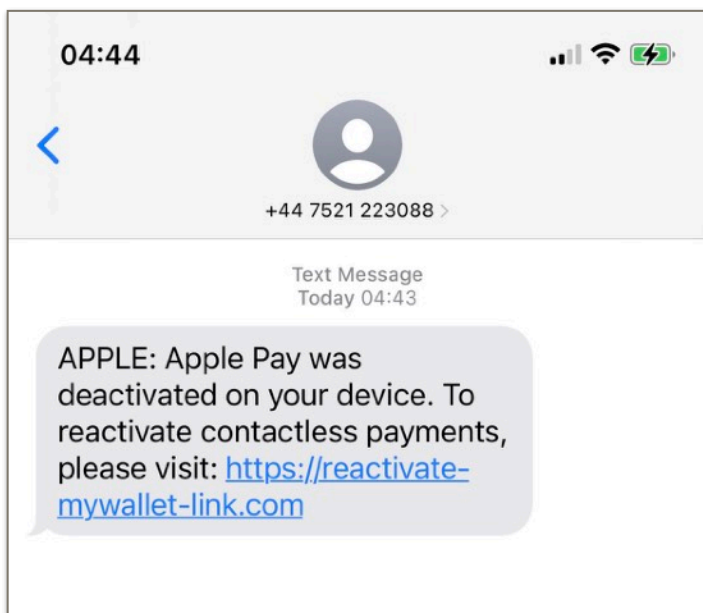
Apparently they will try and extract insurance money from you.

Here is a interesting article about this scam and how to avoid it and others:

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/crime/facebook-marketplace-scam-police-in-yorkshire-issue-urgent-warning-this-is-how-you-could-be-targeted-3453000>

Ok I take but I would like to come tomorrow but I am currently busy with work, I will send a UPS postman to your home to give you your money in cash and collect the item. I explain to you, a UPS agent will come to your home give you an envelope containing your money, and once you have checked your money you give him the item so that he can send it to my home.

### Apple Pay Scam



This scam, of course, means nothing if you do not have Apple Pay on your iPhone, but many of us do.

Millions of these texts are sent out randomly in the hope that one or two people will take the bait (hence the name phishing) and click on the link.

If you clicked on the link in this text you probably be taken to website which would ask for personal details

Which? magazine has an excellent article here all about this scam:

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/iphone-users-targeted-with-new-apple-pay-text-message-scam-aRiJ77u99MJQ>

# Epsom and Ewell Times

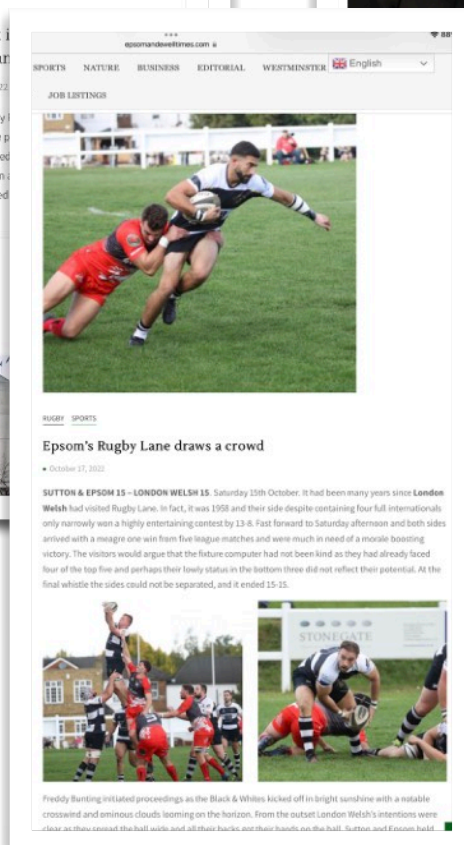
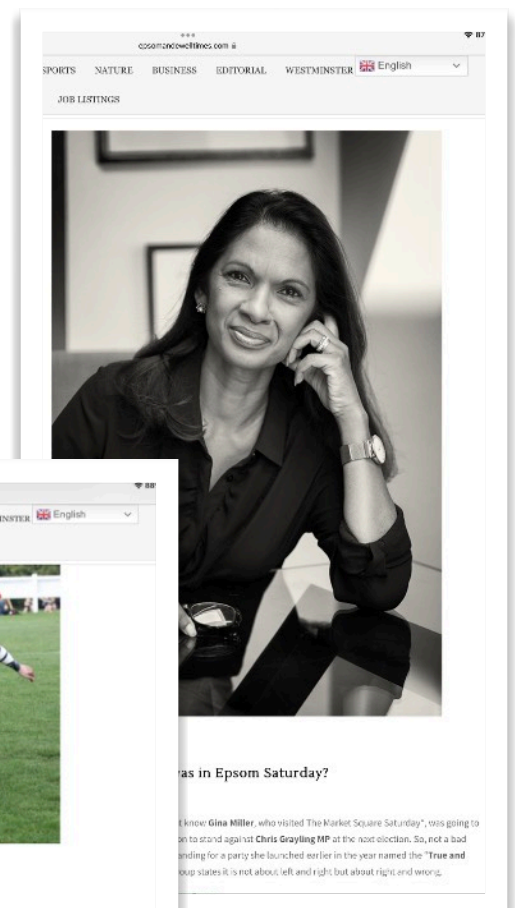
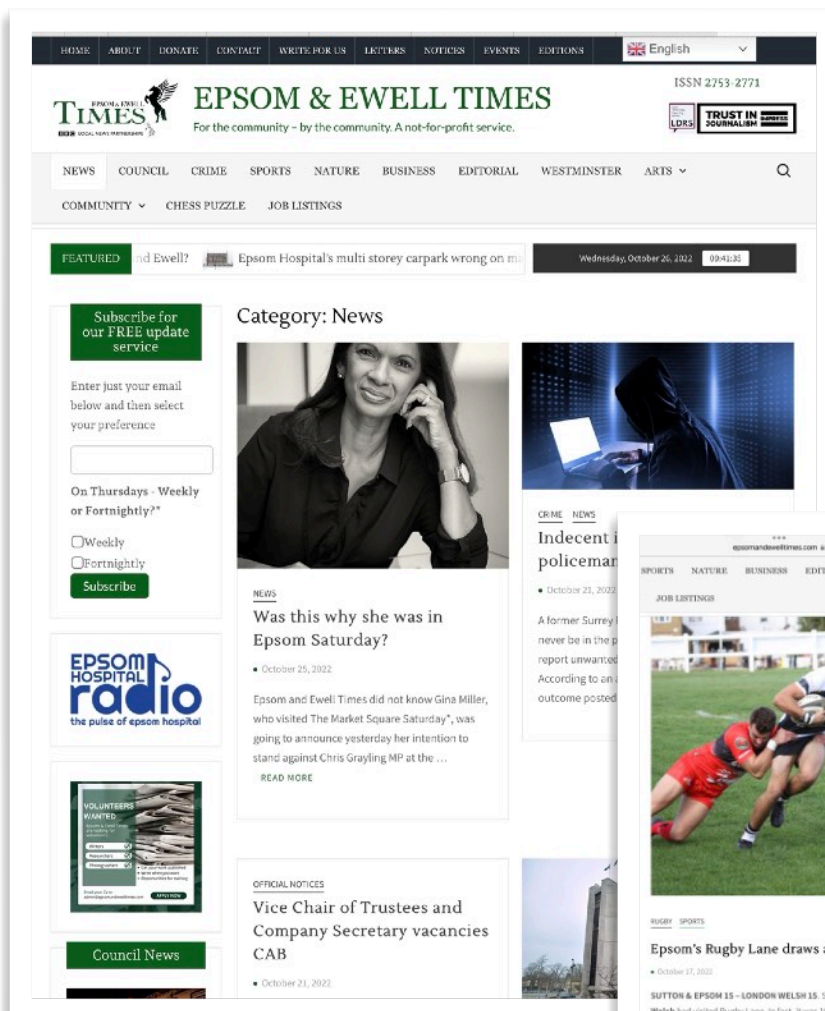
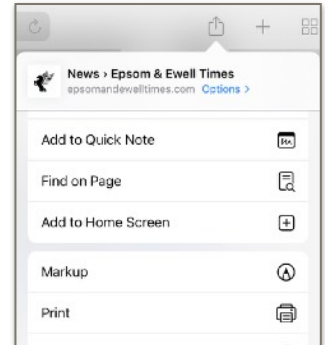
The original Epsom and Ewell Guardian seems to have disappeared in to the Surrey Comet which is hardly “local” so some enterprising people have started the **Epsom and Ewell Times**.

This online website, as its name suggests, covers just our local area. It is professionally produced, not-for-profit and is well worth looking at.

You can visit the website here:

<https://epsomandewelltimes.com/>

To add a quick link from your home screen to the Epsom and Ewell Times simply go to the website and select the box with an arrow pointing upwards (send) then select Add to Home Screen. This applies to any website.





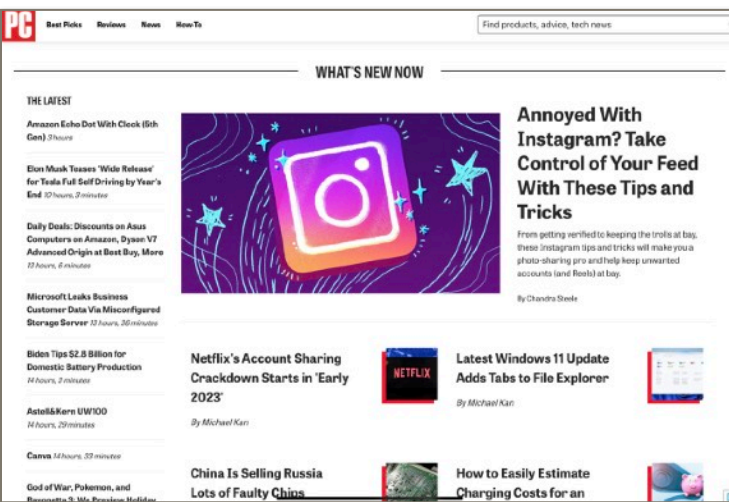
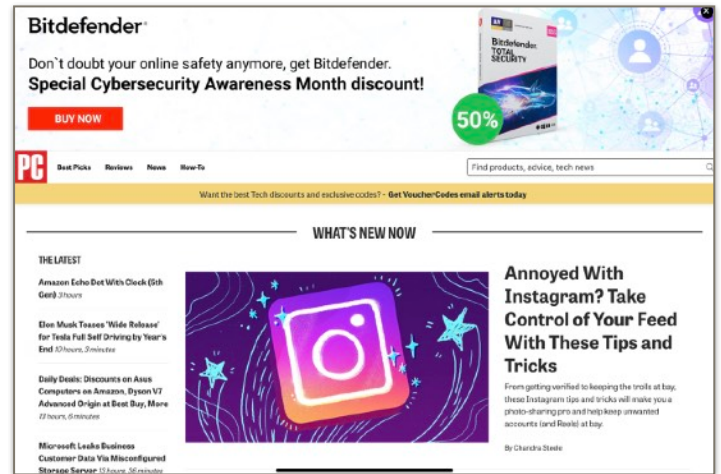
# Ad blocking

Are you annoyed by advertisements popping up all over the place or taking over your screen? If so, then “ad blockers” may help. I particularly dislike some websites which load adverts slowly resulting in the screen jumping around.

An ad blocker is an app or programme which sits in the background of your tablet or computer and will attempt to stop advertisements reaching you. They are normally free.

Here is an example:

There is no ad blocker in this example on the right and an advertisement for Bitdefender is taking over almost half the page



This example on the left is using Adblock Plus and the large Bitdefender advert has been removed.

However they are not 100% successful and sometimes websites will not function with an adblocker installed. However they are worth trying because they can improve your experience and can be easily removed.

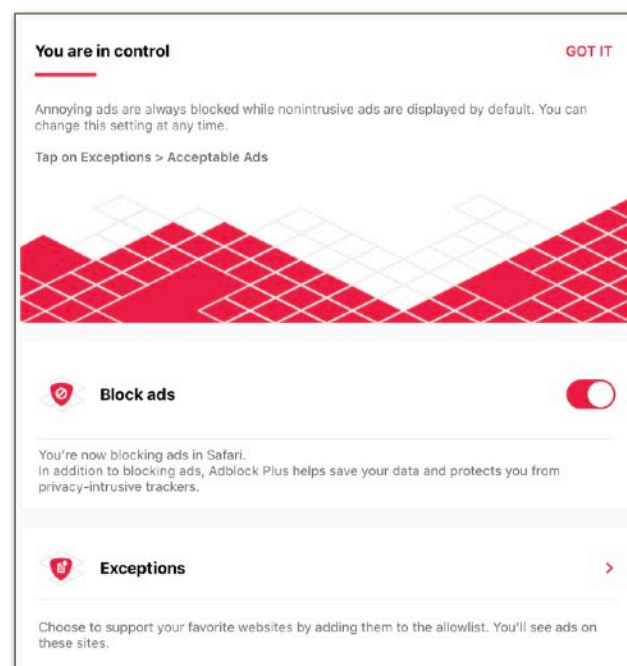
The example above uses AdBlockPlus which is available from the App store, Google play and for download to your computer.

Setup is very straight forward - simply follow instructions.

For example for iPads download ADBlock Plus then, simply go to Settings, Safari, Extensions then turn on the Ad Blocker.

Here is webpage for ADBlock Plus:  
<https://adblockplus.org/>

Wikipedia has an article on ad blocking if you wish to know more.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ad\\_blocking](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ad_blocking)



## Photos App

The Photos App is a digital photograph album which is on all iPads, iPhones and Apple Computers and this article will look at the features and functions of this impressive app.

Android tablets and phones (samsung etc) tend to have Google Photos which is not covered in detail here but it can be in a future news letter if required.

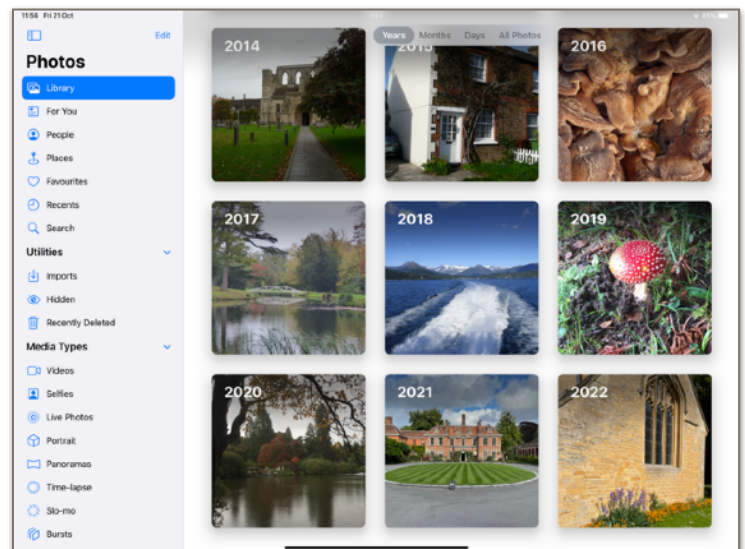
It is so easy to take photographs with mobile phones, tablets and digital cameras so we can easily end up with 1000s of photos on our tablets, phones and computers.

The Photos App makes enjoying and managing your photos very easy. In fact it is easier to view photos (and in greater detail) than the old method of printing and sticking into an album.

When you load the Photos App you will get a list of options on the left.

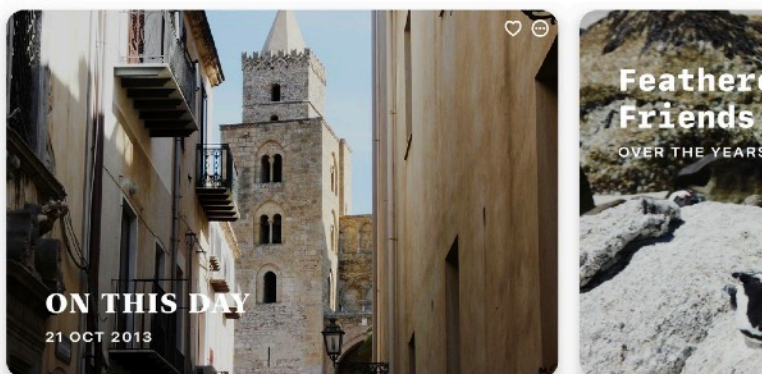
The **Library** is an overview of all your photographs and will display them by Years (see example), Months, Days or All Photos.

The Photos App has helpfully sorted the photos into years, months and days so you do not have to. This makes it easy to find photos from a particular date, eg Christmas 2014.



### For You

#### Memories



#### Featured Photos



**For You** option puts together groups of photos it thinks may be of interest to you.

In the example on the left it has put all the photos taken on this day in any year.

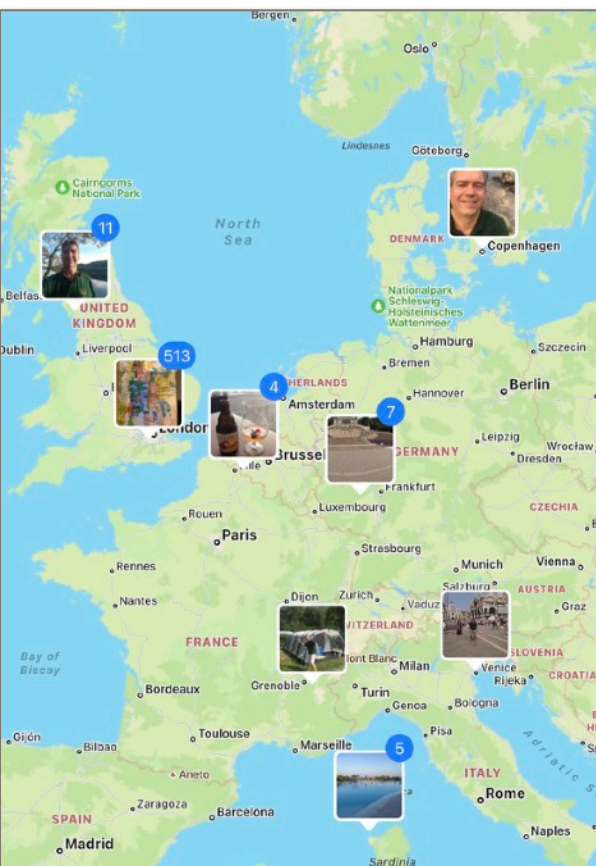
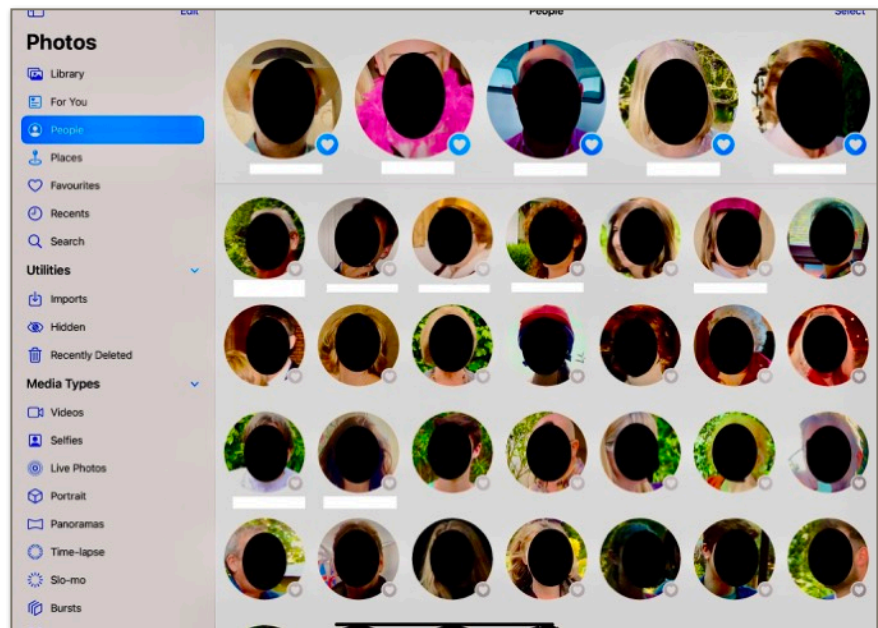
However, using clever programming, it has processed all the photos and grouped together all pictures of birds and labelled the album "Feathered Friends". This is only temporary and will disappear after a few days. Other albums it had created were "Flowers", "Celebrations", "Autumn". They change all the time.



The **People** option displays photos grouped by person.

Photos very cleverly identifies a face and then scours all the photos for the same face then groups them together.

You can add the names if you wish.



The **Places** option goes through all the photos and takes the location data which is often saved with the photo.

Not all photos record the location where they were taken but you can add the location yourself if you wish.

All the above “albums” are created automatically by Photos but you can easily create your own.

**Favourites** contain all the photographs you have selected by touching or clicking the blue heart which appears alongside every photograph.

**Recents** displays all photographs chronologically from today.

**Search.** This will search only photographs which have been categorised.

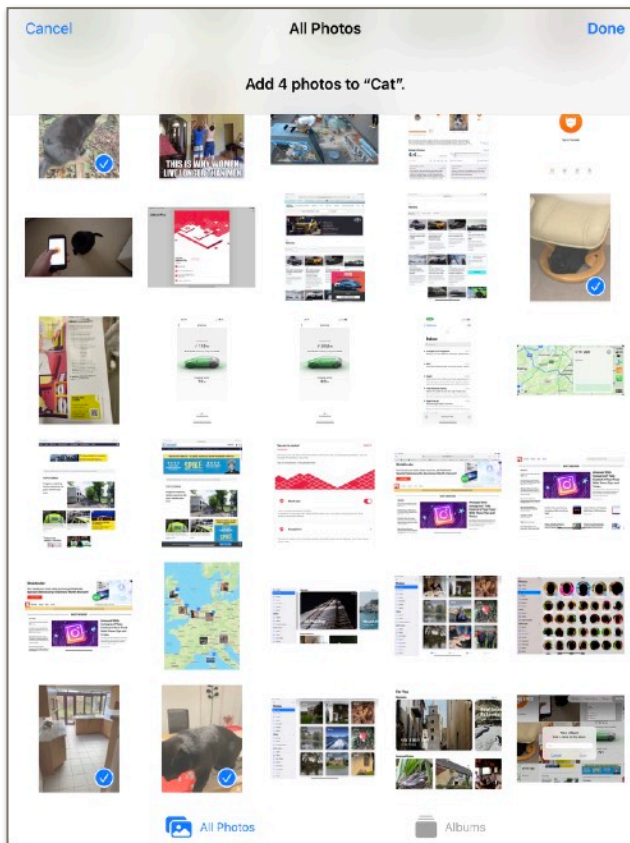
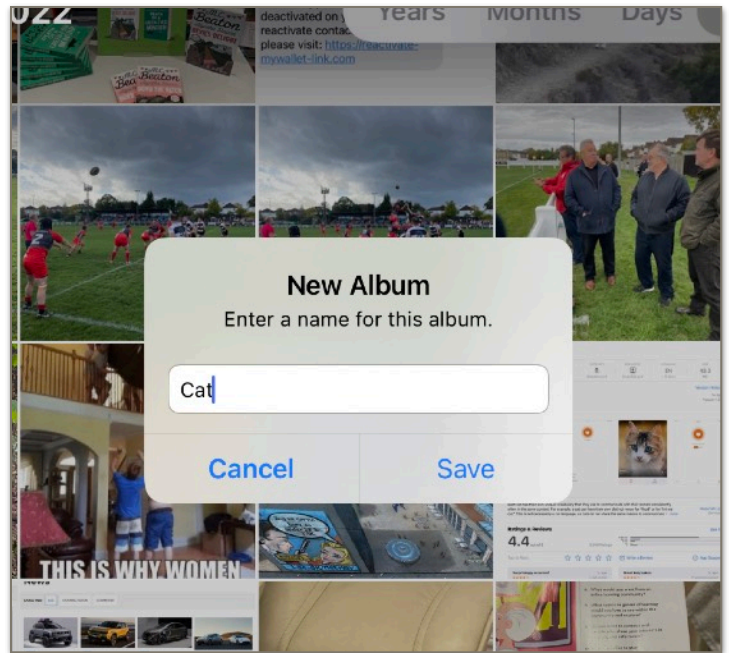
## Creating your own Albums.

It is easy to create your own album.

Step 1. Decide if it just for you or you would like to share the album with other people.

In this example we will do a simple non-shared album.

Step 2. Select **+New Album** and give it a name. In the example the new album is *Cat*



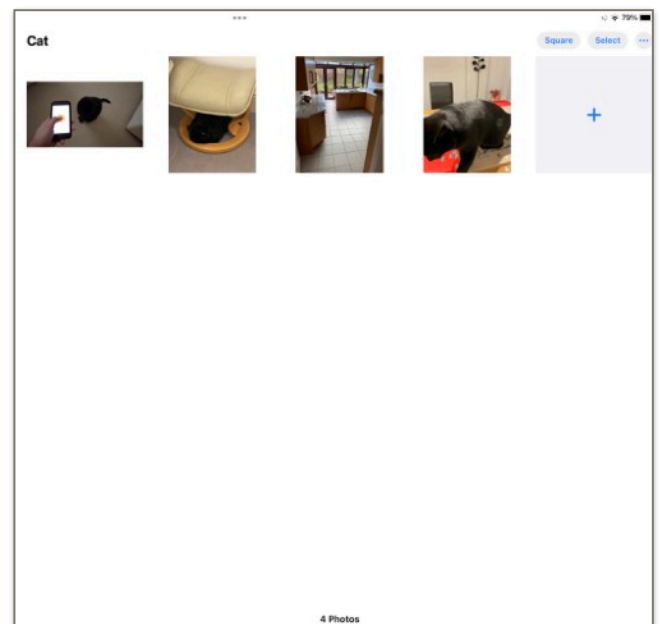
Step 3. Select some photographs to put in the album. Simple touch or click on the desired photos and a blue tick will appear. When all required photos are ticked, select **Done** and they will be added to the album.

In the example just 4 photos have been selected. There is no limit to the number of photos in an album.

Note that a photograph can be added to any number of albums.

Note that you can add a photograph at any time, not just during the initial set-up.

You can select the *Cat* album now and the 4 photos will be displayed. To add more photos to the album, touch or click on **Select** at top of screen and repeat Step 3.





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Puzzling picture

Another amazing piece of pavement art!



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Finally

Comments please!



If you have a favourite App you would like to share, just let me know at [steven.p.dow@me.com](mailto:steven.p.dow@me.com)