

IPS President's talk 2016

MARY: Richard was sorry that he could not be here to give his talk, but he had to work.

To say that we are obsessed with shorthand is probably NOT an understatement.

There are many old systems and we have spoken of them in past years.

This year my talk is about a new sort of shorthand – texting – and emoji's.

Be careful, however, when using these as they may not mean what you think.

I have my handout showing a lot of them, some having double meanings!

They are not just used for speed – as it may take longer to switch from your ABC keyboard to the numerical one, but when Twitter only allowed us a certain number of characters, people became very imaginative in the way they wrote.

BTW - By The Way

Jimmy Young's TTFN – possibly by others before him – Ta ta for now

GR8 - Great

IMHO - In My Humble Opinion

A very popular one is:

LOL - Laughing Out Loud -or- Lots Of Love -or- Living On Lipitor

BTW - (by the way) Lipitor is a drug!

OMG - Oh My God

Who wouldn't want a little:

TLC - Tender Loving Care

Over 50 years ago my brother wrote in my autograph book:

YYUR
YYUB
ICUR
YY4 Me

PAT: Too wise you are, too wise you be, I see you are too wise for me.

MARY: Excellent!

Emoji's, of course are something quite different.

We are familiar with the Smiley Face, but there are many more out there



There are flirty ones

Kissing

Sad faces

Angry faces

Please take the list home and use them wisely.

Members present were given a list of text speak and a list of Emoji's.

That very short and sweet is the end of Richard's talk. Another aspect of shorthand.

Members felt the lists were very helpful.