

Wavelength

Chairman's report

Members, It's very hard to know what to write in this edition of the newsletter. The months of June and July have been very quiet. I'll be charitable and suggest that the cold weather has stopped our members from turning out to the workshops and courses on offer.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the schedule of courses available during August, and September.

Take the time to read them through and see if there is something that you would like to learn and then contact the tutor shown to arrange a date, time and venue.

In August we are having two Open Days.

At the Linkwater Learning Centre on Saturday 8th August from 10am 'til 3pm.

On that day at 1pm Robert Boren will be showing the new Windows 10 operating system. It's available from the 29th July and if you hadn't already downloaded it or have some reservations about it, come and have a look, and while you are at it, bring your friends and neighbours so that they can see what Senior Net is all about.

Our other Open day is at the Picton Library on Thurs 20th August. Again there will be a demonstration of Windows 10, albeit on the smaller screens available at the library.

Your committee is working hard on your behalf. If we are not getting it right please tell us.

Stay warm.

Bryan Strong



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Special points of interest:

- Contact our Course Organisers for info on upcoming classes.
- Current Committee is listed on page 6. Please contact any member with comments or suggestions.
- Newsletter inputs are due to John Wright; johnbp.wright@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

A no frills Document Writer that comes free with MS Windows Accessories

When the time comes to buy a new computer or update your software, both the salesperson you deal with and Microsoft will probably encourage you to buy a version of Microsoft Office. This is good for business but will set you back a minimum of \$150. (SeniorNet web site price) The most frequently used application in the office suite is probably MS Word. It is a powerful word processor, but do you really need its sophistication and wide array of tools?

If you use your computer for emails and write nothing more than straight forward documents, letters etc. then the answer is probably no. Hidden within the applications that come free with all versions of Windows is a word processor that can perform most straightforward tasks. You can even paste clip art or pictures into it, add the date and time and do basic formatting.

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds is preparing a short course on how to make the most of this useful application titled **Word Pad**. Find out about it before you part with your hard earned cash. You can use it to read attachments created in Word 2010 onwards but not earlier versions. What it lacks is a spell check, however there are plenty of free spell checkers available on line.

Would you like to know more about this course or be notified when it is due?

Please phone Donald 574 2326.

DIG: Digital Imaging Group

The July meeting of the SeniorNet digital imaging group produced a diverse array of photos by members. The top photo of "Coniston Highland Cattle" was this magnificent shot by Barb Allen. Next month's topic is "shadows".



In the coming months we will see examples of work done by some of the fourteen who attended the Working with photos courses. As well we plan to run two in house courses based on 8 types of natural light. We are just a group of enthusiastic learners all helping one another. Like to join in the fun? For more information **phone June 574 1311 or Donald 574 2326**

Terminology of Online Safety

There are a lot of strange names that you will hear when talking about online security. Here's a quick explanation of what some of them mean.

Malware. Malware is a collective term of any type of computer program that is designed to disrupt operations, gather private information, gain unauthorised access to a computer or any other abusive operation. The expression is a general term used to mean a variety of forms of hostile, intrusive or annoying software. Malware includes viruses, spyware, adware and other types of disruptive or unwanted programs.

Virus A computer virus is a program that is designed to run secretly on a computer, to make copies of itself and spread itself to other computers via network or internet connections. It is usually designed to simply damage, or even destroy, the computer it's actually running on.

Spyware Is a type of computer malware that is used to secretly gather information about the user. This may be fairly innocuous things such as online shopping habits or TV preferences, but it may include things such as credit card numbers or passwords. Some websites and computer programs are known to install spyware on the user's computer.

Adware Is a type of computer program that downloads and displays annoying adverts to the user's computer. Thankfully this is becoming rarer as most modern web browsers automatically block them.

Trojan Named after the wooden horse of Greek legend, a Trojan is a malicious computer program hidden inside a harmless-looking or completely legitimate program, so that when the container program is installed, the Trojan is installed as well.

Phishing More social engineering than computer programming, phishing (pronounced "fishing") is an attempt to get you to volunteer information such as passwords or credit card details by pretending to be someone you'd trust with that information, such as a government department or

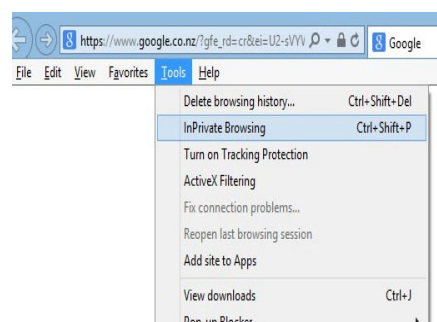
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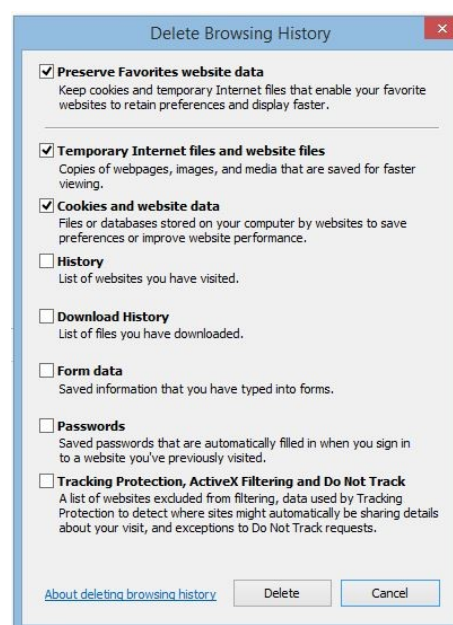
Online security isn't just a matter of protecting yourself against viruses and hackers. There are many reasons why you want to keep your web browsing history private. Whether you're planning a surprise party or

just keeping your online banking details secure, here's how to keep prying eyes out of your business.

In private browsing. Both versions of Internet Explorer have an "InPrivate" mode, where you can surf the Web without the browser storing any details. This includes data like History, Cookies and temporary internet files. To start an InPrivate session make sure the Command bar is visible, Click the "Tools" menu, then select the "InPrivate Browsing" option. To end the InPrivate session just close the window.



Delete Browsing History. In the case of birthdays and similar occasions you may want to remove your browsing history in case your gift ideas are found by accident. To do this open Tools > Delete browsing history. You can choose what items are deleted depending on the situation.



If you've been searching for a gift, then just ticking the "History" option would be sufficient but if you're using a public computer or similar situation then a more thorough deletion would be advisable.

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds Course Timetable for 2015.

If you are interested in any courses shown below, please contact the tutors direct and discuss with them suitable dates and venues. This allows those interested in a course to work out dates and times that will avoid other commitments. Full course descriptors will be available

August

Compiling your Family History using Roots Magic: Learn how to use this highly acclaimed application to record your family history through a series of webinars. This program produces charts and family trees and aids you in further research. The course takes three hours.	Bryan Strong Phone 03 574 1311
Tips and tricks on getting the most from Google: Learn how to find what you are looking for in Google more effectively. Included is how to use Google maps and the snipping tool. This is a three hour course	Bryan Strong Phone 03 574 1311
Working with Photos I: Uses free software and examples to show how to restore old photos and enhance pictures you have taken. Resizing photos for email and printing purposes and different file types explained. The course is five hours with breaks for morning tea and lunch.	Donald McIver Phone 03 574 2326
Saving Filing and Archiving Photos: Includes things you need to know to organise and protect your valuable photos. The course is two hours	Donald McIver Phone 03 574 2326
Card and envelope making "Create your own personalized cards and envelopes for special occasions using Printmaster freeware. A two hour course.	Gary Graham Phone 03 574 2548

September

Geo Cache using Tablets or Smartphones: "Learn how to be part of this popular worldwide activity in NZ, and the world. A great activity to enjoy with grandchildren, and heaps of fun for yourself. All you need is your smartphone or tablet. Hint: there is a hidden cache near our learning centre and thousands of others throughout NZ. A two hour course. There is a small charge for the downloadable app for smartphone/tablet	Gary Graham Phone 03 574 2548
Photo Story: Create a slide show for your photos. This free program provides numerous ways to transition from one slide to another and allows you to add music, narration and captions to the presentation. Great for showing off special events; holidays, weddings, grandchildren etc. The course is for four hours with a break for lunch.	Donald McIver Phone 03 574 2326
Getting the most from your Flash drive plus CD/DVD burning. A two part course, firstly using the Flashdrive as a means of moving files from one computer to another and secondly, using CDs or DVDs to keep a copy of important documents. The course is for two hours.	Bryan Strong Phone 03 574 1311
Desktop publishing using Scribus. A free publishing programme. This free software is invaluable for creating documents where flexible setting out is important such as in manuals, biographies, cook books, articles etc.	Brian Cameron Phone 03 574 2267



The Last Kiss

Back on January 9th, a group of Pekin, Illinois bikers were riding west on I-74 when they saw a girl about to jump off the Murray Baker Bridge . So they stopped.

George, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the State Trooper who was trying to talk her down off the railing, and says,

"Hey Baby.....whatcha doin' up there on that railin'?"

She says tearfully, "I'm going to commit suicide!!"

While he didn't want to appear 'sensitive', George also didn't want to miss this 'be-a-legend' opportunity either so he asked..."Well, before you jump, Honey-Babe... Why don't you give ole George here your best last kiss?"

So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that... And it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another even better one.

After they breathlessly finished, George gets a big thumbs-up approval from his biker-buddies, the onlookers, and even the State Trooper, and then says,

"Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had, Honey! That's a real talent you're wasting, Sugar Shorts.

You could be famous if you rode with me. Why the hell are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl."

It's still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed

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