

# Wavelength

## Thoughts from the Chairman (no little red books available)

I seem to remember that last month I was wondering if winter was going to arrive.

Well it certainly has. We recently stayed a few nights with friends in Ashburton which, if they did anything, reinforced in us the reason why we live in such a wonderful corner of New Zealand. Cold! Words like fleece and long johns came readily to mind.

Nevertheless the wet has arrived in the Sounds even if it's not as cold as other places. Last night we had more rain than we had in January and February put together.

A perfect time of course to spend those cold nights and gloomy days sorting out the computer (confuser?).

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a schedule of courses we intend to run during August, September and October. Should one or more of them be of interest to you please get in touch with the Tutor who will be running the course so that you can sort out a date and venue which is mutually favourable. Meanwhile have a good July, stay warm and dry and most of all enjoy life, it's the only one you've got.

*Bryan Strong*



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## Special points of interest:

- Contact our Course Organisers for info on upcoming classes.
- Current Committee is listed on the back page. 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.

## Exciting New Seniors programme.

You're a sick senior citizen and the government says they are going to sell your house to pay for your nursing care.

So what do you do?

Our plan gives anyone 65 years or older a gun and 4 bullets. You are allowed to shoot four Politicians.

Of course, this means you will be sent to prison ...where you will get three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating, air conditioning and all the health care you need!

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## SeniorNet Photography Interest Group

An enthusiastic group of ten met on Friday June 5. Members showed their photos based around the topic “trees”. Interesting exhibits ranged from old gnarled trunks, autumn leaves to twisted roots. From each member’s collection one was chosen and from that selection the photo of the month was selected and is by Barb. Allen.



The topic for next month is “Framed”, i.e. looking at scene through a window, door, hole in the wall etc. depending on the imagination of the photographer.

For August the topic will be “Shadows” Looking further ahead it is planned to present an “In group” course on “Eight Types of Natural Light”.

We are just a group of beginners trying to take better photos. Would you like to join us? Phone June 574 1311 or Donald 574 2326. Come with some photos if you wish but not essential.

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Need new teeth? No problem.  
Need glasses? That’s great.  
Need a new hip, knees, kidney, lungs or heart?  
They’re all covered.

As an added bonus, your kids can come and visit you as often as they do now.

And who will be paying for all of this?

**It’s the same government that just told you that they cannot afford to pay for your nursing care.**

And you can get rid of 4 useless politicians while you are at it.

## Microsoft unveils Windows 10: ten things to know

Microsoft will release the next version of its Windows software on 29th July 2015 according to an article in the New York Times of 1st June 2015. Windows powers about 1.5bn PCs in use on the planet. Windows 10 will aim to entice users put off by Windows 8, whose lack of a start menu (introduced in 1995 with Windows 95) was more suitable for touch interfaces than a keyboard and a mouse – even though keyboard-reliant users outnumbered touch users by millions to one!!

Windows 8 was a radical departure from the tried and tested Windows interface introduced in Windows 95. Users were puzzled at best, and businesses were slower to update than usual. Microsoft hopes Windows 10 will bring users back and entice them to ditch the four-year-old Windows 7, seven-year-old Windows Vista and the now-discontinued 13-year-old Windows XP. Windows 10 software will be for tablets, desktops, laptops and smartphones.

### 1. START MENU

After complaints from users about its absence, the start menu is back, but it's still got Microsoft's live tiles from Windows 8 bolted on to the side. Clicking the start button brings up a menu, which – although isn't exactly the same as Windows 7 or those before it – is more familiar than the full-screen tiled interface of Windows 8. This should be much more useful for desktop users.

### 2. CONTINUUM

When connecting or disconnecting a keyboard, Windows 10 will switch between a touch-based interface and a mouse and keyboard-focused interface. One of the smartest things Microsoft has added is Continuum, which detects the state of the computer, and presents the right interface depending on whether a keyboard and mouse is being used or the screen is being touched.

### 3. ONE WINDOWS FOR ALL DEVICES

Microsoft has talked a lot about Windows being more than simply desktop computer software. Windows 10 is meant to unify desktop PCs, Windows tablets and Windows Phone smartphones with one interface, one way of operating and one account.

### 4. UNIVERSAL APPS

Along with the “one Windows for all devices” idea, Microsoft is pushing what it calls “universal Windows apps”, which is the new name for apps downloaded from the Windows Store. The idea is that one app will be able to run on all Windows platforms, including Windows Phone—with a condensed version for phone, and full-size versions for tablets and computers.

### 5. CORTANA DIGITAL ASSISTANT

Microsoft's Cortana digital assistant will make the jump from Windows Phone to Windows 10, assuming control of many of the operating system's search features. Cortana, which will get her own place next to the Start button in the desktop taskbar, can perform many of the same basic tricks she does in Windows Phone. Cortana can be interacted with via text or natural voice queries, just like Siri on Apple devices.

### 6. SNAP ASSIST

The window Snap feature has been enhanced to size windows for better multi-window use. The

snapping feature, which automatically resizes windows on the desktop to fill part or all of the screen, has been enhanced, allowing tiling of windows, snapping side-by-side and an array of new layouts to including virtual multi-desktop modes to try to help computer and tablet users be more productive with both universal apps and traditional desktop Windows apps.

### 7. WHAT WILL IT RUN ON?

Windows 10 will run on most things that Windows 8 can run on. That includes almost any new PC bought in the last couple of years, but will exclude some older PCs, as Windows 8 requires a 64-bit processor. Processors supporting 64-bit operation have been on sale since 2004, so most PCs still in operation will support 64-bit software.

### 8. WHEN WILL IT BE AVAILABLE?

Windows 10 won't be available to buy until later in 2015. Most people will buy Windows 10 with a new PC.

N.B. Microsoft will offer a free upgrade to Windows 10 for qualified new or existing Windows 7, Windows 8.1 and Windows Phone 8.1 devices that upgrade in the first year!!!

### 9. NEW BROWSER

New to Windows 10 is Edge: a clean-looking, lightweight browser. This new browser includes a note-taking mode that lets you annotate a webpage. Edge also integrates an updated version of the Reading Mode found in Windows 8's Metro Internet Explorer app; this Reading Mode strips all the ads and sidebar crud out of webpages, formatting articles so that they appear similar to a book, and will let you save content to read offline.

### 10. WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

Yes, Microsoft did skip from Windows 8 (or 8.1 to be precise) straight to Windows 10.

What happened to Windows 9? Perhaps 10 just sounds better :o)

*Previews from Oct 2014 article in The Guardian, & various computer news websites via Motueka NL June '15*

## 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

<b>Compiling your Family History using Roots Magic:</b> 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
<b>Tips and tricks on getting the most from Google:</b> 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
<b>Working with Photos I:</b> 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
<b>Saving Filing and Archiving Photos:</b> Includes things you need to know to organise and protect your valuable photos. The course is two hours	Donald McIver Phone 03 574 2326
<b>Card and envelope making</b> "Create your own personalized cards and envelopes for special occasions using Printmaster freeware. <b>A two hour course.</b> "	Gary Graham Phone 03 574 2548

### September

<b>Geo Cache using Tablets or Smartphones:</b> "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. <b>A two hour course.</b> " There is a small charge for the downloadable app for smartphone/tablet	Gary Graham Phone 03 574 2548
<b>Photo Story:</b> Create a slide show for your photos. This free program provides numerous way 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
<b>Getting the most from your Flash drive plus CD/DVD burning.</b> 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
<b>Desktop publishing using Scribus.</b> 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



<b>Computer housekeeping. Keeping your computer tidy and running faster</b> Basically, you'll be keeping your computer in good running order by giving it a regular "wash & brush-up". If you do this regularly – and the frequency is a reflection of how much use your computer gets – it keeps the machine running smoothly and minimises e-infections. You'll possibly have seen this process referred to as "optimising your computer". Three Hours	Peter Radcliffe <a href="mailto:SNMSHousekeepingOct15@gmail.com">SNMSHousekeepingOct15@gmail.com</a>
<b>Internet Banking. Learn how to bank safely.</b> "What is Online Banking", "How to keep safe online", "How to register and login", "How to complete transactions online". and an appreciation of how Online Banking works together with hands-on practice using the "Westpac One" Online Banking program Two Hours	Peter Radcliffe <a href="mailto:SNMSbankingOct15@gmail.com">SNMSbankingOct15@gmail.com</a>
<b>Spicing up Microsoft Word.</b> Learning how to add photos, graphics, captions, tables, create envelopes, labels and a whole host of things that will make your letters and other publications come alive. The course is for three hours.	Bryan Strong Phone 03 574 1311
<b>Working with Photos 2.</b> Uses free software and a series of exercises to enable students to work with layers at an advanced level. Students wishing to take this course must have first completed Working with Photos 1. Four hours with a break for lunch.	Donald McIver Phone 03 574 2326

### Enable "GodMode"

From Windows 8: Tricks, Fixes & Apps magazine.

Microsoft has endeavoured to make Windows 8 friendlier to new users by hiding away many of the options, particularly in Explorer. If you want full control you'll have to activate the impressive sounding GodMode. This hidden control option allows you to access all of the settings and system options on your computer.

1. Despite how it sounds enabling Godmode is actually very simple. First you need to switch from the Start screen to the Desktop. Right click anywhere on the Desktop and click New > Folder.
2. The new folder will appear on the desktop. You then have to change it's name. Highlight the name and type: `Godmode.{ED7BA470-8E54-465E-825C-99712043E01C}` You must type exactly this.
3. When you've typed in the code exactly hit Enter. The folder icon will automatically change to a settings icon, and the label will change to "GodMode".
4. Double click on the new icon to open it. Inside you'll find a whole bunch of options giving you full control over your PC. If you accidentally delete the icon, you can simply reveal it again using the same process
5. GodMode doesn't actually add any options or settings to your copy of Windows 8. It simply reveals them all and puts them in one place. You can access each option separately by opening the Start screen and typing a setting name. (Note: I find it easier to double click on the item to gain access to the option. (Godmode can also be activated in Windows 7 using the same procedure). Ed.

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