

# Wavelength

## Chairman's Report



**W**elcome to the last Newsletter for 2015.

It has been an interesting year for Senior Net Marlborough Sounds and it is our intention of making 2016 even more so.

We have maintained our membership at around 60 and hope that we will be able to teach technology as it evolves to even more members in the coming year.

Where we will be teaching is the question.

Currently St Lukes Church in Linkwater is for sale and word has it that it will probably be in new ownership by February. What the new owner will want to do with the building we, of course, do not know. We do have a contingency plan should the building be removed or demolished but more of that when we know exactly what the situation is.

Those of you who live in the western end of our territory can hardly have failed to notice the presence of the military. We had our own little part of that when our learning centre was taken over by 'insurgents'. To see the Church surrounded by barbed wire and sandbags with both mortars and small arms in view was, to say the least, interesting. Insurgents they may have been but at least they were accommodating, on one occasion moving their bedding out so that we could run a course. On schedule they were removed at 9pm on Thursday evening and as the military appear to have no further interest in the premises, everything is back to normal.

All of which means, of course, that the last workshop/presentation of the year will be at Linkwater on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you have an interest in Trade Me, either buying or selling, come along and if you are as 'seller' bring a photo of the item you would like to sell.

May I take the opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Technologically Fulfilled New Year.

Bryan Strong.



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## Special points of interest:

- Contact our Course Organisers for info on upcoming courses.
- Current Committee is listed on 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.**

## Ten Green Bottles Hanging on the Wall

If you are old enough you will remember this song. Well the SeniorNet committee members are feeling that they may well be the green bottles. Gradually members are dropping off the committee. They are members who have gone the extra mile and deserve to be able to retire.

There are only seven of us left—not enough to run our SeniorNet.

Last month I wrote about the need for a replacement treasurer due to the retirement of Faye Daken at the AGM in 2016. Well we have managed to fill that gap but from a person who is already a member of the committee. So we have filled one gap but created another.

We are now looking for people to take over the publicity role and the membership secretary. That is to say a person who will keep our advertising up to date and one who will keep in contact with our members.

Both of these are vital to our continued existence. If you are able to help or know someone worth approaching please do get in touch.

I hope that by now some of you are feeling a little guilty. Did you enjoy the benefit of a SeniorNet course? Your help is needed. Yes I mean you. Please!

Phone Donald 574 2326



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1. There were ten green bott - les hang - ing on the wall,  
 ten green bott - les hang - ing on the wall. And if  
 one green bott - le should ac - ci - dent - ly fall, there'd be  
 nine green bott - les a - hang - ing on the wall. LABBE



Welcome to a New member: Dorothy McLean

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If you wish you may also want to try the website of **SuperSeniors**

<http://superseniors.msd.govt.nz/>

### Shrink to Fit

No I'm not talking about jeans or that spreading waist line but text. Isn't it annoying when you end up with just a few lines of text on the final page of a document in a Word processor..

Well there are a number of ways you can solve the problem.

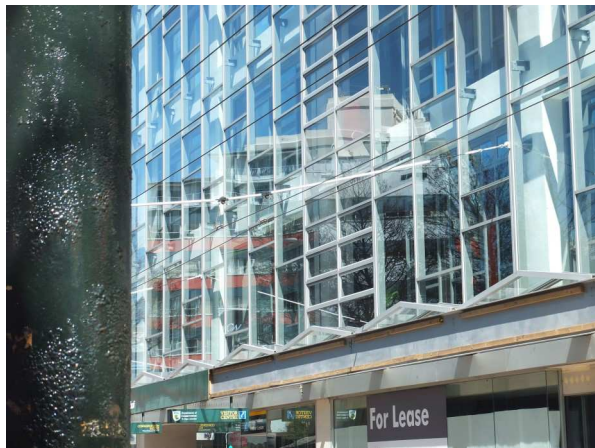
1. Go to "Select All" on the *home menu* then reduce the size of the font. You need not be restricted to the numbers in the drop down menu. Just type in the required size. Even decimals work just fine, e.g. 10.4 Remember to watch what is going to happen before clicking the mouse button.
2. Go to *page design* and reset the page margins to narrow.
3. Not quite enough? Time to get really sneaky. Click on the spaces between paragraphs and reduce the font size. Especially space consuming is that between a heading in large type and the beginning of the document.
4. If you have graphics on the page try reducing their size by selecting then dragging the handles at the corners of objects.

Good luck! Donald



## Digital Imaging Group

We have been studying different types of light. Members produced some really professional looking photos of the first four. Deciding which were the best proved extremely difficult. We were sent away with four more light types to photograph and these are the results shown under. **Like to join us? Phone June 574 1311 or Donald 574 2326**



Reflected Light



Side Light



Backlight



Front Light

It is rare that I will recommend a website but the following is something that I believe all computer users, especially those that use the internet (who doesn't?), should look at very closely.

**Ask Leo – Making Technology work for Everyone** - is a site run by *Leo Notenboom*, an ex-Microsoft programmer, who writes and videos a weekly, and sometimes a more frequent blog on all sorts of computer and related subjects.

I have learned a lot and continue to do so and would recommend that you do also. From there you can go to other pages and judge for yourself if continuing with the site is worthwhile.

[askleo.com/20657](http://askleo.com/20657)

I would be interested in your feedback about Ask Leo.

*Bryan Strong.*

## Do you use Skype ?

If so, when you are online do you check the little transmission picture in the bottom right hand corner whilst you are talking. You know the one—the picture that your correspondent is receiving of yourself. If you have a laptop on a desk where it will be stable. you are probably alright. If you are using your laptop on your knee, a tablet or an iphone, keep checking the small picture. My experience of Skyping tells me that people don't check it at all. They start off fine with their face in the centre of the screen then after a bit the face wanders off to the left or right so you are receiving half of their face or, you end up with the top of their head or neck. One experience was a person using an ipad which must have been laid on the desk at an angle of sorts and I ended up with a wonderful view of the inside of the person's nostrils. Sometimes you may have another person enter the conversation so there are now two people in view. You will have to check our little transmission picture again and adjust accordingly. Just keep checking that small picture!!

The other thing is lighting. Don't sit with a light or a window behind you. That way your face will be dark to the person you are Skyping. Preferably, have light in front of you. (A small desk lamp I find is adequate). It doesn't have to shine directly on to your face but it gives some light so the camera picks your picture up. (Just imagine you are taking a photo of someone outdoors and how you use the light).

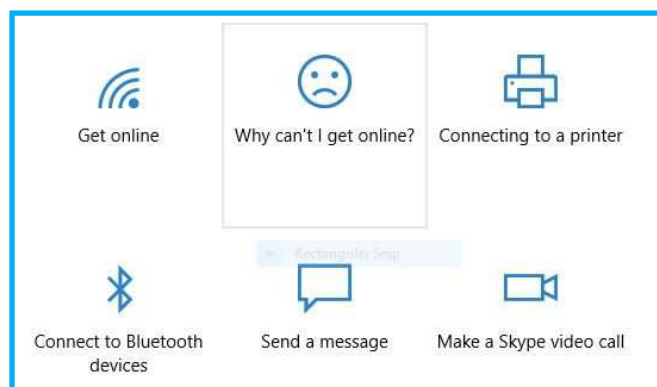
Remember; you are most probably indoors when you Skype where the light is not so good.



## “Get Started”

In Windows 10 Start Menu >All Apps >Get Started. (scroll down to G).

There are 17 items available to check out in Get Started. I think you will find them very helpful. This is just an example of one item, “Getting Connected”



## SeniorNet Committee:

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AS THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER OF 2015 IT IS MY PLEASURE, ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, SENIORNET MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS, TO WISH YOU ALL, "A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS" AND, "A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2016 "