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Greetings,



Members,

For the last Newsletter of 2017 I'm struggling for something to say. This has been a quiet year for Senior Net Marlborough Sounds and as that has followed on from a previous quiet year I'm getting concerned for our durability.

The encouragement towards the end of the year was the 'drop in' day at Linkwater Hall on the 15th of November. Five people showed up with various issues and, thanks to the fortuitous arrival of Robert Boren, all issues were resolved.

Also in November we assisted three ladies in getting over the Vodafone email withdrawal. It's a bit late now but if any of you have any email concerns, whether connected to Vodafone or not, do get in touch.

I believe that one way to enliven Senior Net is with fresh ideas, ideas to do with what is happening in the technological world today. To that end we have been contacted by Steve Alcutt who has agreed to take a look at what we do and more importantly, how we can do it better.

One thing that is becoming more and more important is "cloud computing". Before you reel away in horror, "the cloud" is a way of storing your "stuff" safely on someone else's computer for free. One Drive (Microsoft) Dropbox, iCloud and Google Drive, among dozens if not hundreds of others, all offer varying amounts of free storage and there is no reason why you should not use some, or for that matter, all of them. For instance, I run 3 google accounts (Senior Net, Sounds Vehicle Trust and Me) and with each of those I get 15 Gb of free storage.

Have a splendid Holiday Season, may the Grandchildren be considerate, the sun shine and the New Year bring all that you wish for yourselves and the community.

Merry Christmas

Bryan

There are three things I love. Eating family and not using commas!



SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds Open Day 4 November

Wow what a bunch of talent we have in the top of the South. The SN open day started with a bang with presentations from Phillip Middlemiss, Ian Grant and Brian Cameron; covering topics such as Raspberry Pi, Google suite and Backing up. After a delicious lunch, the afternoon flowed smoothly with further input from our morning presenters. Also of interest was an explanation from Deb Leov on how Linkwater School pupils are using information technology to further their education by developing self-help skills, finding their level of expertise and working largely independently. Haley Hawkins from NMIT neatly followed up with showing how their online component has been integrated into most of their courses.

A great day – pity we did not have the turnout of participants the programme deserved.



Deb Leov



Yum,yum

1100	Philip Middlemiss	Raspberry Pi
1115	Ian Grant	Google Suite and some apps
1130	Brian Cameron	Backing up
1145	Philip Middlemiss	Free Office Programs
	Shared Lunch	
1300	Deb Leov	Linkwater School and technology. N4L
1315	Haley Hawkins	NMIT
1330	Haley Hawkins	NMIT
1345	Ian Grant	Bluetooth, how it works
1400	Brian Cameron	Windows 10
1415	Bryan Strong	Family History Research
1430	Ian Grant	The Internet of things and why you should care
1445	Ian Grant	You Tube – An introduction

Typing email using all upper-case characters is the email form of shouting and is considered quite rude. Don't be surprised if you get a grumpy response.

WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE EVERYONE I EMAIL OR INSTANT MESSAGE GETS ANGRY OR CURT WITH ME? DOES THE INTERNET JUST MAKE PEOPLE GRUMPY?

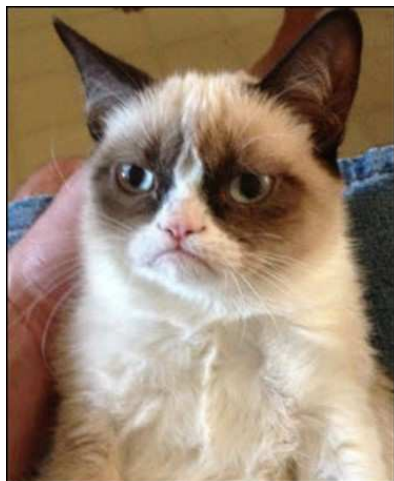
Well, computers and the internet certainly make people upset from time to time, but in this case, I'll bet that it's something much more specific.

In this case, it might just be you.

The "problem" might be that you're typing your message in all upper-case characters. That's typically read by others on the internet as shouting. Imagine you're having a conversation in a quiet room with someone who is shouting loudly for no apparent reason instead of talking normally. You'd get grumpy, too.

All caps as shouting has become deeply ingrained in [net etiquette](#), or "netiquette". When reading text in all caps, many people internalize that as shouting without even thinking about it and react accordingly.

You may not be doing it on purpose, but I definitely suggest using all caps **only** for emphasis or when you're really trying to convey that you are, in fact, shouting.



Ask Leo from Leo Noteboom

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I have just setup a Linkwater weather forecast. At the moment it will be updated twice a day, at 8.30 am and at 2.30 pm. See <http://linkwater.soundswx.nz>. If it is of any use, you can pass it on.

Cheers
Philip Middlemiss

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and a

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