

Wavelength

Greetings,



For those of you who are interested in keeping up with technology I would recommend an email/blog that comes out weekly called 'Ask Leo'. A week or two back he posted a very thought provoking piece called "You are never too old" which struck a chord with me.

Should you wish to follow this further Google for askleo.com/20433 and while you are there, and if you like what you see, you can sign up to receive the blog on a regular basis.

Senior Net Marlborough Sounds has just about wound down for 2015. There are still some courses open for November and the schedule for those is elsewhere in this newsletter. As usual we will be shutting down over December and January. Not only is it the festival season and the summer holidays but I suspect that for many of you Grandchildren loom large in the reckoning.

By now many of you will have downloaded and installed Windows 10. The New Zealand Federation of SeniorNet Societies, to give it it's full name, has produced a "How To" DVD on Windows 10 and we will be using it for workshops at the Learning Centre. If you would like to learn more about Windows 10 and partake in a workshop let us know and we can arrange a (some?) date.

"Technology is anything that wasn't around when you were born. – Alan Kay (Computer Scientist)"

Enjoy the better weather

Bryan Strong

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Special points of interest:

Contact our Course Organisers for info on upcoming courses.

"Trade me" Presentation

**Speaker: John Noble. November 14. 1:00p.m.
St Luke's Linkwater. Members \$2 public \$5**



November Courses and Tutors . Please contact tutors for information and bookings.
Times and dates for courses are arranged to suit students and tutors.

<p>Working with Photos 1:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Course is five hours with breaks for morning tea and lunch.</p>	<p>Donald McIver</p> <p>Phone 03 574 2326</p>
<p>Tips and tricks on getting the most from Google:</p> <p>Learn how to find what you are looking for in Google more effectively. Included is how to use Google maps and the snipping tool.</p> <p>Three hours</p>	<p>Bryan Strong</p> <p>Phone 03 574 1311</p>
<p>Computer housekeeping.</p> <p>Keeping your computer tidy and running faster.</p> <p>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".</p> <p>Three Hours</p>	<p>Peter Radcliffe</p> <p>SNMShousekeepingOct15@gmail.com</p>
<p>Compiling your Family History using Roots Magic:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Three hours.</p>	<p>Bryan Strong Phone</p> <p>03 574 1311</p>
<p>Card and Envelope Making:</p> <p>"Create your own personalized cards and envelopes for special occasions using " Printmaster freeware".</p> <p>Two Hours</p>	<p>Gary Graham</p> <p>Phone 03 574 2548</p>
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<p>Geo Cache using Tablets or Smartphones:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Hint there is a hidden cache near our learning centre and thousands of others throughout NZ.</p> <p>There is a small charge for the downloadable app for smartphone/tablet.</p> <p>Two hours</p>	<p>Gary Graham</p> <p>Phone 03 574 2548</p>

Additional course information.

**Nothing is hard once you
learn how to do it**

Apart from the course schedule for November there are a three other courses that have been requested. We are working towards making these happen.

We have been asked to run a Mac course and Forbes Wilson has agreed to take it at Linkwater. It will be sometime in November and we already have 2 students ready and willing. So all you Mac, iPad and iPhone users get in touch with Forbes who wants to hear from you to set a time and date. His phone number is 03 573 6299.

There has been a request for a spreadsheet course using Excel and although it's a bit late to sort it for this year we have it on the calendar for February. If you are interested call Brian Cameron on 03 574 2267.

Is anyone interested in a PowerPoint course? Donald McIver is keen to hear from you if you are. His phone is 03 574 2326.

SCAMS

Sadly there are a lot of them about. The internet has made it much easier for criminals to rob you of your valuables. No need to hold you up at gunpoint anymore; just phone or email you and say that they are from some reputable company and ask you for some details. One of my favourites is the very Asian voice who after a long pause when you think that there is no-one there will tell you they are from Microsoft and that there is a problem with your computer. Microsoft will never repeat never phone you.



There are several ways to deal with this.

The simple way is simply to hang up. However if you have the time and want to spend some of their money on the phone call, try asking which computer. When they answer the one connected to the internet tell them that you have five computers and that they are all connected. Be inventive and string them along as long as you can, just for fun but whatever happens do not give them any personal information.

If you really can't be bothered, I heard of a lady who kept a referee's whistle next to the phone!

If you get an email from a friend with just a link to another website – Blow it away.

If you get an email from a friend saying that they are stuck in some outlandish place with no money and asking you to help. Blow it away – It's a Scam.

And Banks will NEVER contact you by phone or email either unless of course you ask them to and even then make certain that it's really your bank and they will NEVER ask you to confirm details either on the phone or internet, except, of course, security questions.

And sadly one other thing. If you find a CD/DVD or Flashdrive lying somewhere like a car park, do not exercise your curiosity about it's contents. They are almost certainly a means of hacking into your computer. Bin it at the first opportunity.

The Department of Internal Affairs has a website where you can check on the latest reported scams – so if you have any suspicions it is a good idea to visit

http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Services-Anti-Spam-Reported-Scams?OpenDocument .

John Herbert

At the September committee meeting John advised that he would be stepping down from the committee in November. His departure will be a huge loss to SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds.

As our senior technician since not long after SNMS started he has given his time and energy to our cause. He has kept our equipment in working order, built new machines for us from scratch, advised on the purchase of new gear and provided us with a wealth of technical information. He has been on call when problems arise and has been generous with his time and know how. In purely monetary terms he has saved us thousands of dollars.

We thank you John for your years of dedicated service to SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds and wish you and Barbara well for the future.



The Digital Imaging Group (Camera Club)

The October meeting was a busy one. Nine members were present and showed many interesting photos on the subject of cobwebs. A difficult subject that proved challenging. The best liked photo was the stunning one shown here by Sigrid.

In addition we covered the first part of a course on Eight Conditions of Light. There will be some busy photographers around as they complete homework assignments before the next meeting.

The second part of the course will be presented at the November meeting. If you would like to join us at 1:30 pm on November 5 at St Luke's community room you would be most welcome.



SOS for SeniorNet Committee Members

Next year the committee will be unable to function unless we get some new members. It is interesting that although women make up three quarters of our students there are just two ladies on the committee. As well, a third of our members come from Picton but there are none on the committee. Our treasurer Faye Daken has been a member of the committee since its inception and has indicated that she will not be standing for the committee next year. Without a treasurer we cannot continue to run classes and workshops. Would some of those who have benefitted from classes please put their names forward now, **this is really urgent.** Phone Bryan 574 1311 or Donald 574 2326

Profile Donald McIver Deputy Chairman

My early years were spent in Dunedin, and I was educated at Otago Boys High School, during ww2, and later at Dunedin Teachers' Training College. I was fortunate to study music privately under some very able teachers and was appointed organist and choirmaster at St John's Roslyn at the age of seventeen. The first service I played for was broadcast—quite some ordeal. It was a steep learning curve, at that age, training choristers aged from eight to eighty. I went on to similar roles at All Saints' Dunedin, St Luke's Oamaru, All Saints Palmerston North and Nelson Cathedral and was fortunate to obtain teaching positions to compliment these roles including a year's secondment to lecture in music at Palmerston North Teachers College. I can claim to have taught students and choristers from the age of five to eighty five. I was also lucky enough to be part of a small choral group who made regular broadcasts for which we each received the handsome sum of two guineas.



I was involved in conducting choral societies in Palmerston North and Nelson including works as diverse as The Messiah, Bach's St John's Passion, and Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten. Conducting large performances with choir and orchestra was particularly challenging. In schools my involvement included productions of The Pirates of Penzance, Oliver, The Daniel Jazz and many others including the vast work "Under the Sun" by Jenny McLeod where I was one of six conductors with thousands of performers in a huge stadium.

I was also involved with the Royal School of Church Music, a world-wide organisation, and was a special commissioner for a number of years conducting choir schools throughout the country. A highlight of my work in this field came in 1987 when I was invited to Addington Palace to receive an RSCM honorary diploma. (Hon RSCM)

In 1988 it was time to retire, coming to live in the Sounds, and was one of those involved in setting up SeniorNet Marlborough. However it was a long trek to town to tutor classes. Keeping one page ahead of the students was also quite a challenge. In 2001 Margaret Rodley and I held discussions with a number of Sounds residents and decided it was time to form a Sounds SeniorNet group. Early classes were held in the old Grove motels and then at Linkwater school, before moving to St Luke's.

I have three children living in Nelson and Christchurch, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Sadly my wife, Daphne, whom I met in the Choir at All Saints Dunedin, passed away in 2014 after a battle with cancer. She had been a wonderful supporter, as well as an artist, embroiderer and potter. I had to give up my association with SeniorNet while she needed my care. We were fortunate to have sixty two years together.

I don't pretend to be a computer whiz- quite the opposite. My computer is full of gremlins and some sit on my shoulder poised and waiting to pounce. I do enjoy helping people learn about some computer applications and belong to both the SeniorNet Photographic Group and the Genealogy Group.

I believe SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds has a role to play bringing advances in technology to the local community. I would like to see more seniors actively involved in learning and tutoring about the age in which we live.

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If you don't have a sense of humour you can skip this page.

Have you often wondered why the Help Menu provides so little useful help?
Is this where your questions are answered?



A Poem by Valerie Waite

*The computer swallowed Grandma,
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Mr. Google
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her,
And send her back to me ..*

This is a tribute to all the Grandmas & Grandpas, Nannas & Pops, who have been fearless and learned to use the Computer.....

They are the greatest!!!

We do not stop playing because we grow old;

We grow old because we stop playing ...

NEVER Be The First To Get Old!



Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. .. Well, for example, the other day my wife and I went into town and went into a shop. We were only in there for about 5 minutes. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and said, "Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a storm trooper. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So my wife called him a ****-head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, we didn't care. We came into town by bus. SeniorNet Otago

MARLBOROUGH REPERTORY SOCIETY PRESENTS

YOU CAN ALWAYS HAND THEM BACK

A PLAY BY
Roger Hall

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
Peter Skellern

DIRECTED BY **DUNCAN WHITING**



25TH NOVEMBER - 6TH DECEMBER

THE BOATHOUSE THEATRE

NB

In order to keep this flyer to a single page it has been photo reduced.

To enlarge it for easier reading use the magnifier tool which is part of your PDF application. It may be under view on the menu bar or the bottom right of the screen on the notification bar.

Ian Cameron has offered to coordinate those wishing to be part of a group booking .

Phone 574 2558

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Clubs of Marlborough will give any group booking on the presentation of their show ticket to You Can Always Hand Them Back a 20% discount on their food and beverage order.

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ROGER HALL'S YOU CAN ALWAYS HAND THEM BACK

Roger Hall, New Zealand's most loved playwright returns to the Boathouse Theatre this time with British musical heavyweight Peter Skellern ('You're a Lady, Love Is the Sweetest Thing') to take on a light hearted journey through the joys and horrors of grandparenthood, with all its painful pleasures.

Maurice and Kath's kids have left home, the nest is finally empty, a life of gin, golf and overseas holidays awaits. That is until the grandchildren arrive. Can there be a greater joy? Getting that first smile! Little Sophie is bright, and young Leonard has a great left foot. Though being grandparents also means being free baby-sitters. Then its dirty nappies, driving the kids to school and chasing a slippery tot once he's out of the bath. Hall's script is beautifully balanced with Skellern's witty and tuneful songs.

You Can Always Hand Them Back is a vintage Hall, with his usual gift of providing instantly recognisable situations which grandparents and parents will find lots to laugh at.



The Boathouse Theatre	Tue 1 Dec, 7.30pm
Wed 25 Nov, 7.30pm	Wed 2 Dec, 7.30pm
Thu 26 Nov, 7.30pm	Thu 3 Dec, 7.30pm
Fri 27 Nov, 7.30pm	Fri 4 Dec, 7.30pm
Sat 28 Nov, 7.30pm	Sat 5 Dec, 7.30pm
Sun 29 Nov, 4.00pm	Sun 6 Dec, 4.00pm

Adult Price	\$31.50
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Wouldn't it be great if some of the members who have attended courses in 2015 wrote a little article about how much they enjoyed their courses. Perhaps this is expecting too much??

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It is your newsletter and it will be what you make it!

Is there anybody out there? How about a contribution for the next newsletter?

- Newsletter inputs are due to John Wright; johnbp.wright@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.