

Wavelength

Chairman's Report

We've had a good month, if good means running the courses you wanted.

The courses on offer for October and November can be found on pages 4 & 5 in this publication.

Five of your tutors attended a Regional Tutor Training Day in Nelson. It was fascinating and very instructive to hear what the other Learning Centres do and how they do it. We are a part, possibly the smallest part, of TOTS, (Top of the South), Senior Nets. The others are Marlborough (Blenheim), Nelson, Motueka and Golden Bay. Nelson for example is about ten times our size which makes it easier for them to find specialist tutors from within their ranks but we are extremely lucky to have in our group people with real expertise in all the operating systems, Windows, Apple and Android, so we should be able to cater for any needs you might have where the latest technology is concerned.

Try it and if we are not doing what you want us to do, tell us.

Might I put in a plug for the course that Gary Graham will be running in November? Make your own Christmas Cards. Especially timed so that you can make your cards personal and say exactly what you want to say.

Roll on Spring. It should arrive sometime.

Bryan



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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.**

How to Keep up with the Latest Technology for Free.

It's easy really. All the latest developments and the latest best buys come up at committee meetings so it's a no brainer. **Join the committee.**

Joking aside there are too many tasks and not enough members to cover them all. Those on the committee simply cannot cover everything as well as they would like. To make matters worse our treasurer and our chief technical expert have advised that they will not be standing for the committee next year.

These are the last straws that could break the camel's back and SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds will cease to exist. Clearly there is a need for SeniorNet as our membership has grown to just over sixty.

The committee meets once a month for two hours as do the small band of tutors for one hour afterwords. There too we have far too few tutors trying to cover a large number of courses and workshops.

We need your help.

I will be waiting at the telephone for your call... Donald 574 2326.

Internet Security

Imagine that you are walking down Market Street in Blenheim and a man you don't know comes up to you and says that he works for your bank and would like you to give him your credit card and pin number so that he can verify that it works OK. You'd be telling him where to go, and it isn't the nearest cash machine.

So why would you do exactly the same thing on the internet.

If you don't know the source of the e-mail, blow it away. If it appears to come from someone you do know and all that is in the e-mail is a link, blow it away. You might like to phone the person who is supposed to have sent the e-mail and tell them that their e-mail address list has been hacked.

If in any doubt whatsoever.... Get rid of it.

There are no penalties.

It's not Monopoly, you won't have to "Pass Go", "pay a \$200 fine" or "Go to Jail".

Digital Imaging Interest Group

The SeniorNet digital imaging group, camera club might be a more easily understood name, had **"Old and Interesting buildings"** as their topic for the month. The range of photos shown was amazing. Everything from a long drop to bird houses and churches produced much interest and many a chuckle. The most popular photos are shown here with the one by Sigrid being voted tops.

The topic for next month will test everyones' ingenuity. **"Cobwebs!"**

In addition next month's meeting will include part one of a course on **"Eight Kinds of Natural Light"** This course will only be available through the camera club. Like to join us on **October 2nd at 1:30 p.m.?**
Contact June 574 1311

Belonging to this group helps you get the most from your camera, makes you very aware of your surroundings and allows you to share your discoveries with others. You don't need to be an expert just a happy snapper.
Donald McIver.

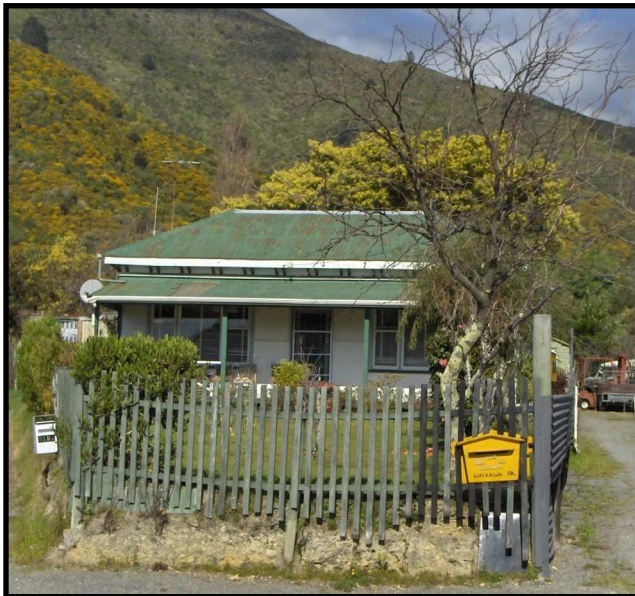
Digital Interest Imaging Group Photographs



Donald



Sigrid



Viv



Yvonne



June

October/November Course Timetable

October

Working with Photos 2

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

Spicing up Microsoft Word. 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. **3 Hours**

Bryan Strong Phone 30 574 1311

Computer housekeeping.

Keeping your computer tidy and running faster
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
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Internet Banking. Learn how to bank safely.

'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**

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November

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.

Course is five hours with breaks for morning tea and

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November (Cont)

<p>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. Three hours</p>	<p>Bryan Strong Phone 03 574 1311</p>
<p>Computer housekeeping. Keeping your computer tidy and running faster. 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</p>	<p>Peter Radcliffe SNMShousekeepingOct15@gmail.com</p>
<p>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. Three hours.</p>	<p>Bryan Strong Phone 03 574 1311</p>
<p>Card and Envelope Making: "Create your own personalized cards and envelopes for special occasions using " Printmaster freeware". Two Hours</p>	<p>Gary Graham Phone 03 574 2548</p>
<p>Internet Banking. Learn how to bank safely. '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</p>	<p>Peter Radcliffe SNMSbankingOct15@gmail.com</p>
<p>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. There is a small charge for the downloadable app for smartphone/tablet. Two hours.</p>	<p>Gary Graham Phone 03 574 2548</p>

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