

# Wavelength

## Greetings,



Members,.

In the early days since it started in 2001, Senior Net Marlborough Sounds has been helping the people of the Sounds come to grips with technology. In those days technology largely meant computers and the early members worked very hard to get the equipment and the knowledge to help with this new paraphernalia.

Today technology is far wider than simply a computer. It is an integral part of the world we live in. Satellite TV, smartphones, GPS, Internet Banking, online news, Bluetooth connections, the internet of things, and the list goes on.

If Senior Net Marlborough Sounds is to continue to provide benefit to the community then support is needed. Whilst we acknowledge that "Senior" can be interpreted in many ways, in our case it means 50 and over although even younger members are welcome and indeed would be valued. If you or anyone you know is willing to help us continue, we would like to hear from you. In a committee of seven, three are over 80 and if replacements are not found, and soon, there is a danger of Senior Net Marlborough Sounds following Senior Net Marlborough (Blenheim) and ceasing to exist.

Being a "Geek" or a "Techie" is not necessary. What we need are people who have the community at heart and are willing to help with the organisation. Like all good committees we have a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and others who take on specific roles such as newsletter editor, keeping track of stock (tea, coffee biscuits, ink, paper etc.), course co-ordination and so on. At present most committee members plug the gaps by undertaking several roles BUT this cannot continue.

Call any one of the committee to see how you can help. Nothing is more depressing than silence. Please respond.

Regards,

Bryan



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## Events Calendar for September

**Tuesday 3rd October 1-3pm Linkwater Hall**



**Excel Workshop** for those new to excel or those wishing to brush up their skills  
Ring Brian Cameron **574 2267** to book your place.

Dear Scammers

Thank you for your many emails. You certainly are enthusiastic. Thank you for sending me information about all of my bank accounts. I didn't know I had accounts at so many banks. I've never even heard of some of them... They haven't heard of me either! Thank you for all your urgent investment advice.

You certainly have a comprehensive knowledge of startup stocks and business opportunities. Even the stock exchange can't rival your expertise. Thank you for warning me that my PayPal, iTunes, and Internet provider accounts are about to expire. I contacted them directly. There is no need to worry. My accounts are fine. However, It was nice of you to warn me. They warned me too ... about you! They have put your details on a special list. No, I don't think you're in the running for the Nobel Prize for your cyber services. And thank you for advising me of my recent lotto win and offering to transfer the money into my account (once you have confirmed my relevant details including my password). But you left out two important details: I didn't have a ticket in a lottery and I can't remember my password. It is very thoughtful of you to offer me an enormous loan with very low interest. Obviously you don't know that I've just won a lottery, and also recently inherited a fortune from an unknown beneficiary. May I offer some small points of improvement? Your email will be easier to read if you use upper and lowercase letters. It's not advisable to use all uppercase. It's considered shouting. But then I guess you have to shout... It's a long way from Nigeria. Also you might like to re-think your salutation. It's not business-like to address a prospective client as: 'Dearest', 'My Dearest', or 'Dearly Beloved'. The best choice would be to address your target by name — their own name. It is worth noting that correct spelling and grammar are useful attributes if you wish to gain credibility. And your emails should have structure — a beginning, middle and end. Sometimes I think there is no end to your emails. In summary, I am impressed with your persistent communication and unbelievable wealth of information. Regards Undisclosed Recipient

—courtesy Judy Young, AUSOM News August 2017



### Does a Lapsed Anti-malware tool Leave an Open Door for Malware?

#### Part 2

#### Alternatives

Good news: there are plenty of free solutions — solutions that are quite sufficient for most people. [I generally recommend](#) Windows Defender, which is built in to Windows 10 and 8, or Microsoft Security Essentials (the same software by another name) for Windows 7. It's completely free and protects your computer from malware without seriously impacting your system's performance. There are other free alternatives as well.

What I *do not* recommend is continuing to run security software with an expired subscription. You will slowly become more and more vulnerable to each new threat discovered after your subscription lapses.

#### Always vulnerable, always vigilant

Ultimately, it's important to understand that you're almost always at risk from malware, for a variety of reasons ranging from unpatched system software to sneaky attempts to fool you. The problem is that the newest, latest-and-greatest viruses or malware can take advantage of these vulnerabilities on your system unless you have up-to-date protection in place.

By letting your subscription lapse, your machine gets more and more out of date as time goes on. Each day, you're at increased risk of being infected or otherwise compromised by the malware that has been created or discovered after the date your subscription lapsed.

That's a bad position to be in, but the fix is easy: either renew your subscription to make sure your current anti-malware tools stay up to date, or [switch](#) to a different, probably free anti-malware tool that keeps your computer protected.

Related Links & Comments: [Does a Lapsed Anti-malware Tool Leave an Open Door for Malware?](#)

<https://askleo.com/6384>



#### Sony α7S

*Jonathon Kambouris*

Five years ago, the first mirrorless interchangeable-lens cameras (ILCs) were introduced with the hope that they could compete with larger, more expensive digital single-lens reflex cameras (DSLRs). They couldn't. Since then, manufacturers have been grinding away on the technology, adding bigger imaging sensors and better lenses. This year, Sony introduced a ILC that not only goes toe-to-toe with DSLRs on quality (at almost half the weight) but also does some things even better, namely shooting at night.

The α7S is the first camera—DSLR or otherwise—that can capture images in almost complete darkness. It has a full-frame sensor that's only 12.3 megapixels—about half the typical pixel density. The lower density allows for larger pixels that can capture more light. Because the camera body is a trim 1.9 inches, the sensor sits closer to the lens, which also permits light from oblique angles. In the end, the α7S boasts a peak sensitivity of ISO 409,600, which means that photographing a moonlit beach is as simple as point and shoot. **\$2,500 (body only)** Sony.

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On Friday August 18 a curious group met at Linkwater to find out about “WhatsApp”. After a few technical hitches which went to prove that the best laid plans..... (time for coffee and catch-up)

Then, Ian Grant, began and he certainly had us thinking. First we had to download the App on our many and varied types of phones, which proved easy for some and interesting for others.

The features of WhatsApp -

- Its free
- Uses Wifi
- Can send movies/audio
- Contains emoticons
- Can insert geotag as part of message
- can exchange data within a group
- Secure by default (messages are encrypted)



Soon we were all part of a Linkwater group and busy exchanging messages/ photos/ voice messages



After I returned home, I convinced daughter in Australia to download this app. Next we were having a lively video call. -Great reception and clear screen picture.

As Ian said WhatsApp is not only useful but also fun. M.J.



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**WhatsApp** More participants deep in concentration—



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Money never did  
buy happiness; and  
credit cards aren't  
doing much better.



### SNIPPETS

**Correction:** Last month we stated that Shirley Mears was a member of Marlborough Creative Arts, it should have read Marlborough Creative Artisans. Apology.

**Your feedback.**

I do welcome your comment and feedback – remember, it is your newsletter. If you have any questions and/or anecdotes to share, email me at [marie.joyce@actrix.gen.nz](mailto:marie.joyce@actrix.gen.nz).

Interesting website

How Does the Internet work for Dummies - You Tube

WELCOME

New Member Jonathan (Joe) Holl.



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The cartridges are genuine HP92 (black) and (3 (tri-colour) – 1 of each, suitable for use in:

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- HP PSC 1510
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“Getting your news from Twitter is like asking a cat for directions.- Andy Borowitz”

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### Membership discount at Noel Leeming

It is important for the finances of Senior Net in New Zealand and therefore Senior Net Marlborough Sounds that we do what we can to support those businesses that support us.

A case in point is Noel Leeming. Every purchase made by a Senior Net Member at Noel Leeming not only gets a discount for you (usually cost + 12%) but garners a further 2% for Senior Net as a whole.

Some time ago Noel Leeming changed the layout of their sales register screen and Senior Net is no longer obvious. Please make sure that you get the Senior Net discount and that it is shown on the docket as a Senior Net purchase. If not, insist on having the transaction changed. If the assistant claims that they no longer give Senior Net a discount, ask to see the manager or a senior member of staff.

The discount is there and it's in everyone's interest that we all make sure we get it.

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**“Welcome to the Weight Loss Forum.  
To lose one pound, double-click  
your mouse six million times.”**

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Subscriptions for 2017 are \$20 for a single person and \$30 for a couple. These are now due and may be paid to the account number above circled in green.

## WHEN TO SELL YOUR PROPERTY?

The standard response when you're thinking about selling your home but are not sure when, is "sell in spring". And there's plenty of truth in that as warmer, drier weather and post-winter itchy feet drive potential buyers out to open homes.

For a Free, No Obligation Confidential Appraisal of your property –

Contact either Brenda Davey,  
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## NEW: Our own contact help line *for members*. —Use it or lose it!

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## Crazy tech facts cont

10. Thirty million individuals watch television programming from their mobile phones.
11. The average 21-year-old has spent 5,000 hours playing video games, sent 250,000 emails, instant messages, and text messages, and has spent 10,000 hours on a mobile phone alone.
12. The first personal computer was created by Berkeley Enterprises. Affectionately referred to as Simon, it sold for a pricey \$300 in 1950.
13. It has been 40 years since the world's first mobile phone call successfully took place.
14. On average, technology users carry 2.9 devices on them at all times.
15. There are 350 million Snapchat messages sent every day.
16. Since the company's inception, there have been 144.7 million individual visitors to Facebook, making it the most visited social networking site as of June 2013.
17. RadioShack was one of the first companies to start the personal computer revolution, back in 1970, with its TRS-80.
18. The first mouse was invented by Douglas Engelbart in 1963; it consisted of a hard wooden shell and two clunky metal wheels.
19. Of the 60 billion emails that are sent on a daily basis, 97 percent are considered spam.
20. The first cell phone sold in the United States – the Motorola DynaTAC 8000X – was designed by Rudy Krolopp in April of 1984. It weighed two pounds.
21. Google handles an estimated 1 billion search queries each and every day, releasing almost 200 tons of CO2 per day.
22. There are 500 apps added each day to the Windows Phone Store.
23. The man known as the Father of Information Theory, Claude Shannon, invented the digital circuit – the foundation of the magic that provides us all access to the Internet today – during his master's degree program, when he was just 21 years old.



Actrix

### Do I Need a Firewall, and If So, What Kind? Part 2

#### Network-based threats

A firewall protects your computer from network-based threats.

Almost all computers on the internet are under constant attack. Malware on other machines, hackers, botnets, and more are waging a slow but extremely persistent war,

"I keep hearing about "firewalls" for my computer and that there are different types. Do I need one? If I do, what kind of firewall do I need?

Almost all computers on the internet are under constant attack. Malware on other machines, hackers, botnets, and more are waging a slow but extremely persistent war, probing the internet to find unprotected vulnerabilities on other internet-connected computers. If they find such a vulnerability, they infect the machine they've found, or worse.

The basic concept of a firewall is very simple: it blocks or filters certain types of network traffic from ever reaching your computer.

Traffic that you want to reach your computer:

☐ Websites pages you visit ☐ Software you download ☐ Music or videos you might watch ☐ And more...

Other traffic that you definitely don't want:

☐ Your neighbour's machine, infected with a botnet, trying to connect to your machine over the network to spread the infection. ☐ Overseas hackers trying to gain entry to your machine over the network to steal your personal information. ☐ And more ...

A firewall knows the difference.



Thanks to Leo Noteboom