

# Wavelength

## Chairman's Report

I write this one month after the shortest day and although there isn't a cloud in the sky there isn't much sign of the temperature increasing. However we are at least on the right side of the calendar.

Talking of which I have recently switched to using a Google calendar, or to be more accurate, three Google calendars. If that sounds a bit complicated it really isn't. One Calendar is for the Linkwater Hall which is where Senior Net Marlborough Sounds has it's learning centre. Of course other groups, Quilters, Writers, Play School etc also use the hall and so each group has internet access to the calendar. This means no double booking and the secretary does not have to be contacted for bookings.

Another calendar is for another organisation in which I am involved and the parameters are much the same as the Hall calendar.

The third calendar is the one that June and I have for our own personal use. The fun thing is that calendars 1 & 2 are synchronised to our personal one so that I can see all at once. No-one else can see our calendar and with all it's synchronisations is available on our smartphones and tablets.

The basis for a course? I would think so! And what is even more important **IT'S FREE.** (The Google Calendar that is, NOT the course!) The good news about computers is that they do what you tell them to do. The bad news is that they do what you tell them to do. Ted Nelson



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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](mailto:johnbp.wright@gmail.com) by the 12th of each month.

## Shared lunch on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

### Members and Interest Groups

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds will be holding a shared lunch and get together at Linkwater Hall, starting at mid-day until 1.30pm. We welcome your valued presence and input.

## SeniorNet DIG (Photographers' Group)

Eight members attended a very interesting July meeting. The set subject for the month was "Look up". Members showed their imagination with a wide range of photos. The most liked one was the photo of a seagull shown here and taken by Sigrid. Fancy risking standing under a seagull for a photo!

We welcomed a new member Rod Boddy and hope we might see some more new faces on the second Friday in August. You don't have to be an expert to join just enthusiasm! Phone June 574 1311 or Donald 574 2326 if you are interested.

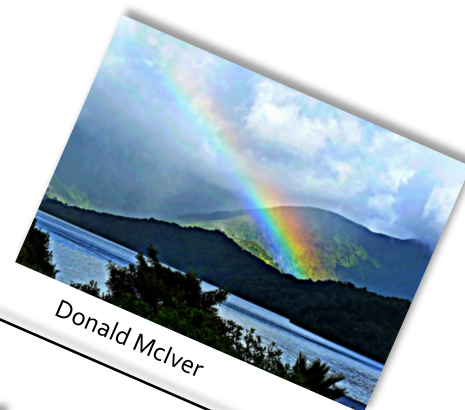
**Next month's topic? You guessed it. "Look down".**



June Strong



Jan Godsiff



Donald McIver



Sigrid Futterer

### Meta Data and You.

Never heard of it you say! May be not but it knows a lot about you.

Meta data is just information about information. It can be likened to the old fashioned doctors' records where your medical history was stored. Dentists, opticians, etc. all kept similar card records. In the digital age this information is held in computer files.

Unlike card records which had to be updated manually, in the digital age these records are often updated automatically. The best known example is probably a digital camera. Right click on any photo you have taken and go to "Properties". If you haven't done so already you will be amazed at how much information is there. Date taken, time down to the second, lens opening, shutter speed and much more. It can be most useful if you want to know when a particular photo was taken.

Even a humble "Word" document holds information under "Properties".

Every time you make a phone call your provider records who you called, how long you spoke for and alarmingly much more. Of course they did this long before the digital age as you will remember from your old telephone monthly accounts.

Google of course are renowned for collecting information about your habits under the guise of helping you to find what you want more easily. Governments around the world soon cottoned on to the fact that they could snoop on this information and now track some 5 billion mobile phones looking for key words in their search for possible terrorists.

How do you feel about this intrusion into your private life? Not much you can do about it. Just get on with life.

## ***Your Last Will and Testament***

***Previously published—Just a reminder***

**T**here is every likelihood you've got this sorted.... or have you?

Almost certainly you have taken time and effort to define in great detail how your personal assets are to be distributed when you die, even down to the crystal vase on the mantelpiece. But do you have any statements referring to your digital property. This includes:

- ☐ Your hardware
  - Computers
  - Phones
  - Cameras
  - Flash Drives
  - External Hard Drives
- ☐ Your documents and photos
  - Where they are saved
  - Who should have access to them
- What needs to be disposed or saved
- Access to your online accounts

- Social Media (Facebook etc...)
- Banking and Investment
- The numerous sites you have signed up to

If it hasn't crossed your mind until now you're not alone, most of the population of the world happens to be in the same situation. It's creating daily mayhem for lawyers all around the world. The thing is there's no legal process capable of handling access issues to your documents and online accounts. It would seem flouting the law by divulging usernames and passwords in the will might be the only answer for now.

I guess the last thing you want to happen is to be on your death bed thinking what to do about this, so maybe give it some thought now?

In respect to Facebook there is a very sensible way to deal with your account with them. In advance of your death nominate a Legacy Contact, a responsible person you can trust to memorialise your account upon your death. It will be frozen at that time with the word "remembered" inserted on the homepage. Far better to do this than allow your Facebook site to roll on when you're dead!!

## **Windows 10 Love it or Hate it**

**T**he fact is that whether we are in the "Love it" or the "Hate it" camp most of us are stuck with it as our operating system. What is really disturbing is that very few of us have taken the trouble to learn about its new features. That is symptomatic of growing older. "We likes what we knows and we knows what we likes."--- and we don't like having to learn something new.

Because of this we grizzle about Windows 10 while only using it in a crippled form. It has many great features that we could use and there are more to come. Learning something new helps to keep our brain functioning and our memory working.

**Could you stir yourself to attend some workshops on Windows 10 ?** Chase away the cobwebs of Vista and Windows 8.1? If there are even a few people interested your SeniorNet will set up workshops. Contact Bryan on 574 1311.

## Windows 10 Anniversary update is coming on August 2nd.

More and more people are using Windows 10. With the imminent deadline approaching to download this free upgrade, I think we'll see more people making the last minute jump to Windows 10. Microsoft did an interesting thing with Windows 10 by making the anniversary update available after the free update deadline. What that means is that in order to get the anniversary update in August, you need to have Windows 10 installed before then. If you want it free, you'll need to have the free version of '10 installed and you'll need to have taken that update before the July 29 deadline.

So, it's an interesting strategy and ; I don't want to say compelling, but at least encouraging people to make that upgrade to Windows 10.

The Anniversary Update will help people be more productive, stay safer online – and of course, have fun. Together, the Anniversary Update brings six areas of innovation and improvements to consumers and enterprises.

Read more at <https://blogs.windows.com/windowsexperience/2016/06/29/windows-10-anniversary-update-available-august-2/#ugyXVCIP5JPK5D5x.99> Ed.

The smartphone/tablet Workshop Jun 2016 at our new Learning Centre.

Seated: Bryan Strong, Paddy Morris, June Strong. Standing: Peter Juriss, Sari Lewis, Juliette Robertson. Peter had been helping Juliette with her iPad while the rest were learning about Android. We will be holding more workshops at both the Learning Centre and at Picton. Look out for details



## HARCOURTS MARKET WATCH:

Shows record sales in March with strong sales volumes continuing in April/May. Despite rising prices, buyers have not been put off, indicating that prices will remain strong.

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A farmer named Sam was overseeing his herd in a remote hilly pasture in Hereford when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni® suit, Gucci® shoes, RayBan® sunglasses and YSL® tie, leaned out the window and asked the farmer, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?"

Sam looks at the man, who obviously is a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing animals and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell® notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3® cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop® and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany ...

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot® that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL® database through an ODBC connected Excel® spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry® and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet® printer, turns to the Farmer and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Sam.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then Sam says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Member of the European Parliament", says Sam.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered Sam. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of pounds worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter.... This is a herd of sheep.

Now give me back my dog.

AND THAT Friends IS WHAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE EU.

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## Welcome to two new members:

Loraine Barsanti and Noeline Ramat-Hains

## A note for the Members:

This is your newsletter therefore it would be nice to have some input from you.

It is very difficult to put the newsletter together without articles.

I also realise that our membership is small but; without your help we don't have a newsletter.

Any items relating to SeniorNet and it's activities would be appreciated. What about your own profile? What would you like to see happening etc etc?

Editor

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