

Wavelength

Greetings,



Members,

First of all greetings and we hope that you have managed to stay dry and warm despite what the weather has thrown at us. I've only been back in New Zealand for about 8 years and I'm sure that this is the coldest winter since my return. It couldn't possibly have anything to do with getting older..... could it?

There is a kind of mixed message this month. Your committee is still working hard to deliver the kind of information and knowledge that you want. It makes their job a

lot harder when you don't tell them what you want. It is of course entirely possible that every member of Senior Net Marlborough Sounds knows all they need to know and have no curiosity at all about what else is going on in the world of technology.

We have advertised a smartphone/tablet workshop for Picton on the third Thursday of each month since February this year but sadly in May, June and July we turned up at the Picton Library to be greeted by.....nobody.

Changing the subject.

On the 18th of August at Linkwater Hall we will have an all-day course on WhatsApp. If you have a smartphone this is a very clever way of keeping in touch with friends and relatives, wherever they are in the world. It's a free app, can be used in multiple ways and uses a minute part of your phone data. In fact if you are at home, have WiFi in the house, and have the phone connected to WiFi, then the number of Gb used is infinitesimally (that's good word) small. Call me to register.

(It's amazing what you can find in the Thesaurus part of MS Word)

It will not have escaped your attention that I'm very keen on

keeping all our members, and any other seniors for the matter, safe on the internet.

So remember, if it is someone you don't know or someone you would not expect asking you for bank, computer or any other sensitive details, it's a 99% chance it's a scam. Your bank will not call or email you with any requests. Microsoft, Apple, Android will not call you with any requests. If anything resembling a request for sensitive information which includes access to any computer, and that means, PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone, get rid of it. They're after your money !

Stay safe and remember to back-up all your data. Information in only one place is vulnerable.

Regards

Bryan

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August 2017 Events Calendar

Aug3 Committee meeting Linkwater Hall 9.30 am. Any queries/suggestions contact your fav committee member

Aug 5. 1:30 p.m. DIG Digital Imaging Group (Camera Club) Linkwater Hall Learning Centre
Camera interest group. Topic for study; . Come with or without your own efforts and join in the discussion. All members and intending members welcome.

Organiser: June Strong 574 1311

Aug 11 10:00 a.m. Family History Group. [Picton Library.](#)

To meet and discuss the ways that are available for Family History research especially on the internet.

Tutor: Bryan Strong 574 1311

Aug 17 10:00 a.m. Cell phone and Tablet Interest group. [Picton Library](#)

Included will be a workshop on cell phone photo attachments, saving to a computer, printing etc. (Have a photo attached to a text message if possible.) Specific to Android Smart Phones but possibly for others.

Tutor: Bryan Strong 574 1311

Aug 17 10:00 a.m.

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“Motion” was the topic for the Digital Imaging Group this month



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Meet new committee member Shirley Mears

I have been making greeting cards for about ten years now. I first got the bug attending a card making course run by Senior Net at Linkwater Church using Microsoft publishing—Picture. Just loved it and then decided I could make better cards. With my friend Bev Mosely, we investigated the internet and found a site that enabled us to download

3-d pictures for FREE. What a find !

I bought a great many 3-d sheets also. Now my greatest tool is Pinterest. What a great site, you can get pictures of anything you want on it. I have been making cards ever since.

For the past four years I have been involved with Marlborough Creative Arts at Picton. My cards have been very successful. I have also been making cards to order with individual “special” cards for special occasions

I have rejoined Senior Net recently and I am enjoying helping on the committee.

Part 1

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

If your [virus](#) protection subscription (say Norton) has lapsed, does this mean that the door to your computer is open and anyone and everyone can come in to rip it apart?

No. Not really. Certainly not to that degree, and certainly not immediately.

But it is important.

It's not a good thing to let your [anti-malware](#) tool's subscription lapse unless you plan on replacing it.

The subscription isn't about using the software; it's about keeping the software up to date. Making sure your anti-[malware](#) software is up to date is critical to keeping you and your computer safe.

A lapsed subscription

Many security packages operate on a subscription model, meaning that rather than paying for the software once, you pay so much every so often — typically once a year — for some kind of subscription to the service or tool.

If you fail to pay before the subscription period is over, your subscription is said to have “lapsed” or “expired”.

This means your anti-malware tools won't get updates about newly discovered threats. It will continue to scan the files on your computer, but the tool will only look for threats that were known as of the last day of your subscription. Your expired software won't get the updates that would allow it to protect your computer from the constant barrage of new threats.

Your anti-malware software will continue to work, but it won't be able to protect your computer from the latest forms of malware.

What if you *want* to let it lapse because you don't want to spend the money?

Leo Noteboom

Backing up Part 2

Types of backups

Backing up generally takes one of two forms.

Copying your data. If you copy pictures from your digital camera to your computer without deleting them from the camera, that's a backup. If you then burn those pictures to a DVD for safekeeping, you've backed them up again. Similarly, if you take the contents of your "My Documents" folder tree and copy it to another machine or burn it to DVD, you've backed those files up.

Imaging your system. Rather than backing up this and that, hoping you're including everything that might be important, a full-image backup copies *absolutely everything*: your data, your programs, your settings, and even the computer's operating system itself.

Both types of backups share two important characteristics:

The backup creates a *copy* of the data.

That copy is placed *somewhere else*.

If your data is in only one place, meaning that there are *no copies* of that data, then you're not backed up.

Thanks to Leo Noteboom



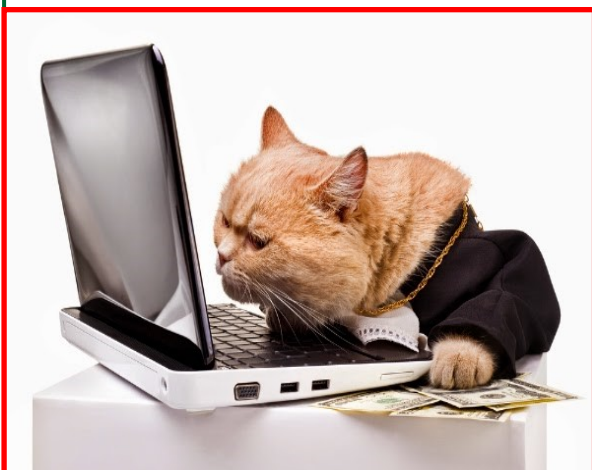
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Communication skills: Fred decided to ring George for a yarn. Fred asked George what he was doing. George said he couldn't talk at the moment because he was working on 'aqua – thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium, and steel while under a dangerously constrained look, in a genuine, environment, that could become dangerous.' "Look, call back tomorrow." With that, George slammed down the handset with a mighty bang. Fred was impressed, so out of character for George, he thought. The next day Fred rung back, then he learnt that "aqua" meant "he was washing dishes with hot water under his upset wife's very strict supervision".

Welcome

The committee would like to welcome new SeniorNet members **Kay Letham (Picton)** **Rod Robertson (Havelock)** and **Bill Scandrett (Kenepuru)**. We look forward to meeting you at one of our future courses and/or workshops.

Tip of the month: Have you ever opened a website with print so small that a magnifying glass is needed to read it? On any web page, you can make any page bigger, or smaller, by pressing the Control (Ctrl) and the plus (+) or (-) key together, to make that web page bigger or smaller respectively.



SNIPPETS

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.

Interesting website

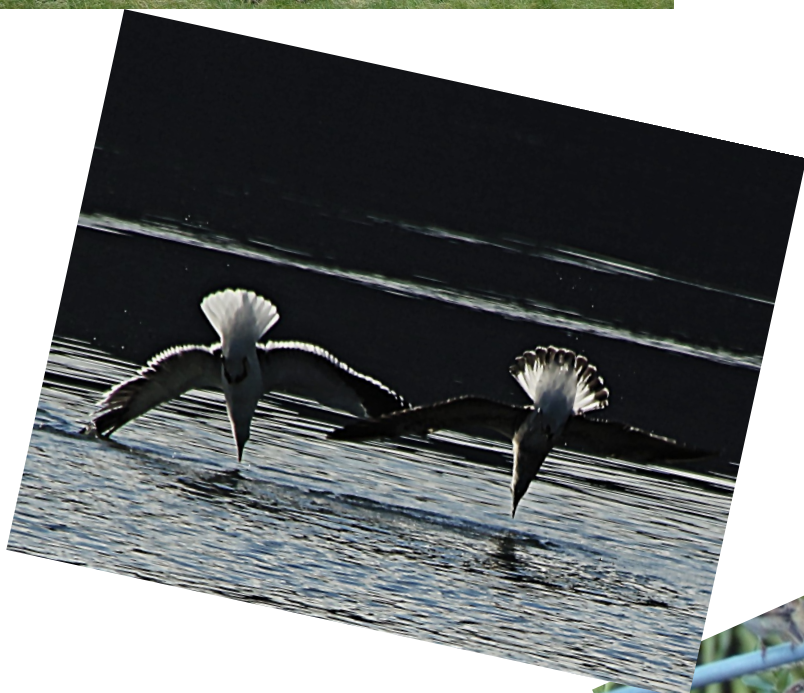
Nitch

www.nitch.com – Nitch is a seemingly endless scroll of pictures of famous people and interesting quotes. I like it because you can pick out your favourite people just by looking at the photos – or you get to see what some of the people you hear about so often actually look like. It was a hard site to leave...

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Digital Imaging Group—DIG—Camera Club

At our July meeting the topic for the month was Motion. The patient members produced some amazing shots.



Good Google News

Hot off the press: the UK Guardian reports that Google is changing its policy later in 2017 on trawling emails for keywords to better target advertisements. Some extracts below!! Sandra Price

"Google will stop scanning the content of emails sent by Gmail users in an attempt to reassure business customers of the confidentiality of their communications. The company did read the emails in personal Gmail accounts in order to target users with personalised adverts but said in a blogpost it would stop doing so in order to 'more closely align' its business and consumer products. Its business offering, part of G Suite, has never involved scanning emails....."

"..... G Suite will still scan emails for other features. Security scans, common to both the consumer and business products, will continue to pick up spam, hacking and phishing attempts, while features like Gmail's 'Smart Reply' – which offers suggested replies to messages based on previous emails – will be available for administrators to enable in G Suite....."

".... Removing email scanning for ad personalisation doesn't mean the free version of Gmail will go ad-free, however. The company will continue to advertise on the service, but the adverts will now be targeted in the same way as other Google services, based on information gleaned from other activity on users' profiles, such as their searches, browsing activity, and even physical locations



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Computer Hope

Computer Hope is a website dedicated to helping people solve whatever problems they might be having with their computer. What's good about this site is the vast number of ways you can go about getting help. You can enter key words into the site's search engine and be presented with a whole list of related articles that will answer your questions.



You can also check out the discussion forums and see if anyone else has been having the same problems as you. With forums on all computer related subjects from Macs and malware to Windows and websites, chances are you'll find your answer here. And the next time your computer throws a multi-syllabi jargon at you, use the Computer Hope Dictionary.

Computer Hope also deals with all operating systems, so whether you're running Windows, Linux, or a Mac, you'll be covered.

www.computerhope.com

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- IT specialist

Who is an IT specialist?

The person who solves a problem you didn't know you had and in a way you don't understand.

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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 –

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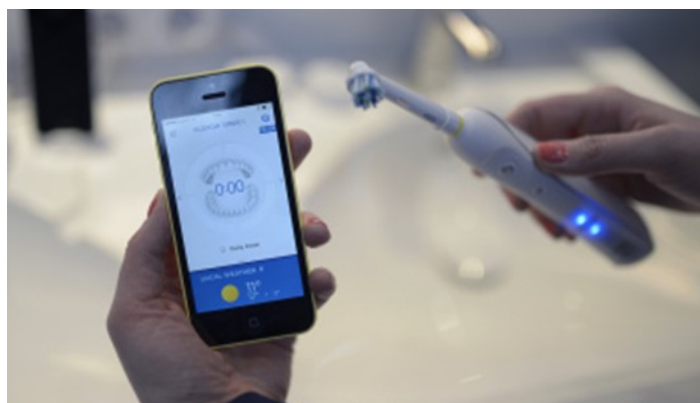
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Crazy tech facts

In a world run by internet connectivity for all aspects of life, from efficient work operations and management to social networking connections, it is no surprise that information is the foundation of our collective future. That being said, here are some quirky and crazy facts about technology that you may find surprising.



1. On eBay, there is an average of \$680 worth of transactions every second.
2. Ninety-one percent of all adults have their mobile phone within arm's reach every hour of every day.
3. There are 6.8 billion people on the planet and 4 billion of them use a mobile phone. Only 3.5 billion of them use a toothbrush.
4. Hewlett Packard, Microsoft, as well as Apple have one not so obvious thing in common – they were all started in a garage.
5. Twenty-five percent of Americans use only a mobile device to use the Internet.
6. Every minute, 100 hours of video are uploaded on YouTube by individual users.
7. There are 271 million mobile subscribers within the United States alone, and numbers are quickly growing.
8. Two hundred and twenty million tons of old computers and other technology devices are trashed in the United States each year.
9. Ninety percent of text messages are read within three minutes of being delivered.

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

The very short, very easy answer is: hell yes! Absolutely, positively you need a firewall.

With all that happens on the internet these days, it's simply too risky to let your computer sit "naked" on the internet. The real question is, what kind of firewall do you need?

The very good news these days is that it's very likely you're already behind a firewall, and don't need to do a thing.

But you should make sure.

What's a firewall?

Let's be clear: every computer should have or be behind a firewall. Possibly even both.

Firewalls are your first line of defense against an entire class of network-based threat that is constantly (yes, constantly) attempting to attack your computer. Those threats are stopped cold simply by having a firewall.

And there's a good chance you already have one. Possibly even two.

In your car, a firewall is the "wall" of metal between you and the engine. Its purpose is to prevent engine fires from reaching you.

A firewall for your computer is much the same, except that the engine—the network you're connected to—is always on fire. The point of a firewall is to keep you from getting burned.

Thanks to Leo Noteboom

- Operating system

A client calls to hotline of internet service provider:

- I have a problem, internet stopped working two days ago, neither I nor my son nor anyone else can access it now..
- I see, do you know what's the operating system on your PC?
- Of course I do - it's Facebook...

