

Wavelength

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds Looking Up.

But what are these members looking at?
See page two for the answer.



Members,
I'm writing this the day after our very successful Technology Seminar. The range of subjects and how they both challenge and enhance the way we live is quite amazing.

For a very long time I've wanted to create a website but with all the difficult requirements, and that's just the language, (plug-ins?) made me put the whole thing into the "too hard box".

Yesterday Robert Boren showed us a tantalising glimpse of just how easy it should be to create a website using WordPress. He has agreed to put together a one day (2 or 3 hour) course. The tentative date is Saturday the 28th July but there will be a proper notice sent out confirming the date and time soon.

Ian Grant who travelled from Stoke on a very foggy morning told us about YouTube. I thought I knew that anyone could bring up a video of almost anything from a full length movie (anyone for Casablanca?) to how to peel and chop an onion but it appears that there is a whole lot more to YouTube than that, and certainly enough to run a 2 hour workshop. So, as soon as Ian has got his breath back, we'll ask him to come to Linkwater and show us what we have been missing.

Philip Middlemiss showed us two or three drones and talked about the range of options available and perhaps more importantly what you will need to pay for one. From around \$30.00 for palm sized one which will do little more than fly and not for very long at that, to \$30,000+ to rival the ones used by the TV companies and movie makers. As with most things in life, you get what you pay for.

We are still willing and able to run a short course on Internet Banking. If you haven't bit the bullet yet, it's time you did. The Government have already announced that the recent issue of new banknotes will be the last one ever and, when they have worn out, 'e-money' will be all there is and with all the banks gradually closing branches, you will need some way of keeping track of your money.

Stay warm and dry. Bryan

Six year old to mum "If you didn't have Facebook when you were growing up, how did you know who your friends were?"



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View from a drone



Drone in flight

Open Day Seminars
Drone demonstration



View from the ground

What you missed by not attending open day seminars

You might think that seniors should be past playing with drones. BUT these are not toys and a great deal of technology is involved which in itself is very interesting. From a practical perspective drones open a whole new field for digital photographers. Drones are extremely sophisticated. They know exactly where they are using GPS, and can fly back to their starting point unaided. This demo was an eye opener.

Other seminars focused on the ease with which you can set up your own web site, advances in the use of GPS, what the camera group are working on, Family history and DNA, Making the most of You tube and the Google suite.

Interest Groups/Workshops for July 2018

Friday 6 th July 1:30 p.m.	Linkwater	Camera Club
Friday 13 th July 10:00 a.m.	Picton Library	Family History
Thurs 19 th July 10:00a.m.	Picton Library	Smartphones and Tablets
Thurs 19 th July 1:00p.m.	Linkwater	Drop in Session
Sat 28 th July 1:00 p.m.	Linkwater	WordPress

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Windows Updates

These can be annoying for two reasons, firstly they can lock up your computer at a time when you want to use it and secondly if you have a data cap you can suddenly find you have exceeded the limit.

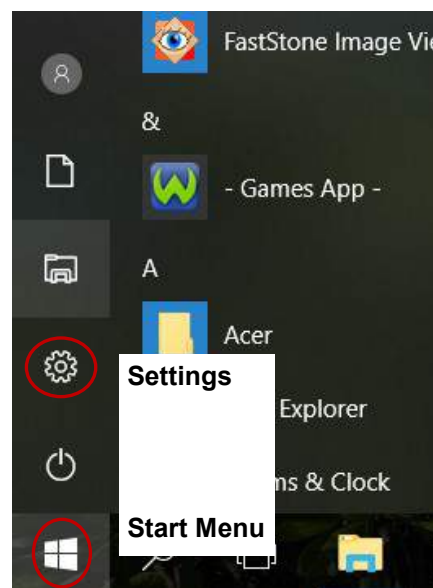
The good news is that you can take control. To do this go to "Settings" on the "Start Menu". Next click on "Network and Internet". Click on Wifi .Now find "Manage known networks." Click on your network and choose "Properties".

Look for "Set as a metered connection" and turn it on. ***Read the information associated with this action. Now remember the responsibility for updates is over to you.*** The advantage is that you can do them at a time of your choosing. Updates that are needed to keep Windows operating smoothly will still get through.

Metered connection

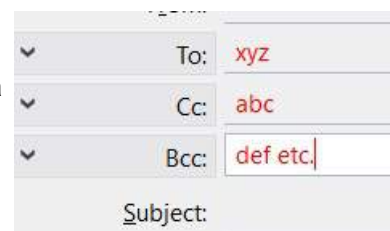
If you have a limited data plan and want more control over data usage, make this connection a metered network. Some apps might work differently to reduce data usage when you're connected to this network.

Set as metered connection



Email Etiquette

When sending emails to groups of people you need to remember that email addresses are private. In addition you need to consider the security of recipients. It is best to use Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) when sending messages to a number of people. Every email address you place in the "TO" field or the "CC" field is on show to everyone who receives the message. Not only that but all the recipients can reply to all the addresses listed. Be aware that many people do not want their email addresses available to people they do not know.



Another consideration is that BCC acts as an anti spam measure. If you send messages to a large number of people in the "TO" and "CC" field you increase the chances that they will receive unwanted emails. Make certain to enter your own address in the "TO" field.

More about Windows updates

Microsoft updates include new features that you may well find useful. For example this little icon (task view) on the task bar may have gone unnoticed but it has a useful function. Do you at times find it hard to remember the name you gave a file you were working on recently?

This icon will allow you to scroll through the files you have worked on recently in a date and time sequence. Using this icon will quickly jog your memory. If you don't see this on your task bar then probably you have not downloaded the latest update titled 1803. Need help? Come to the next drop in session.



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Voice I.D. For and Against

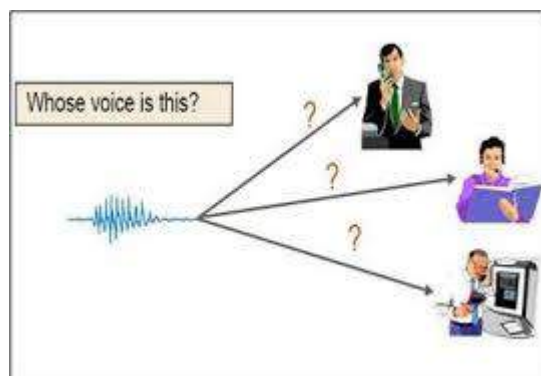
Many organisations are moving toward a technology called "Voice Identification" or "Voice Stamp".

Your dulcet tones, unique to you, are being used to positively identify you when undertaking transactions by phone or internet. It's seen as an alternative or addition to usernames and passwords, you are invited by some organisations to have your voice recorded and saved for when next you contact them – thus saving the tedious security checks.

The problem is the underworld has twigged to the huge possibility that might exist either now or in the future to also capture your voice.

So, when you answer the phone to one of these calls your voice is being captured which in turn could be used to defraud you in the future.

(An extract from the SeniorNet newsletter Gizmo. Please read the full article at seniornet.co.nz)



Special Interest Groups

DIG (Digital Imaging Group —camera club)

This group meets on the first Friday of every month, is well attended by 12 members, and is growing steadily. Last month we visited the Nelson group to share ideas and photos. The group met again at the beginning of June. For every meeting a topic is set and the following month we look at the photos members have taken. The most liked photo by every member is displayed via the newsletter and Facebook. Next meeting July 6 at 1:30 p.m. Linkwater All welcome.

SIG Smartphone Groups

Every second month members get together to share information and solve problems. Last month ten members were present and we all went away better able to get the most from our Smart Phones.

Next meeting July 19th 10:00a.m. Picton

GIG Family History Groups

Meets alternate months to share ideas about genealogy. As well it is a chance to learn about the successes members have had and how they were achieved. Picton July 13th. 10:00a.m.

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds will facilitate interest groups on most IT topics. Any suggestions?



A digital imaging group meeting earlier in the year.
(Warmer weather!)

Not All Thieves Are Stupid

1. Long - Term Parking

Some people left their car in the long-term parking at the airport while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home and robbed it. So I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

2. Cell Phones

I never thought of this! This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.



4. Purse In The Grocery Cart Scam

A lady went grocery-shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf. You think you know how the story goes, but please read on! Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarised. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarise it.

Moral Lesson:

- A. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.
- B. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back.
- C. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.

Extract from an article in Hutt City SeniorNet News Letter and Glenda Smith

How to make Spill over Text fit the previous Page

Have you ever found that you have just a few lines of text on a second or third page?

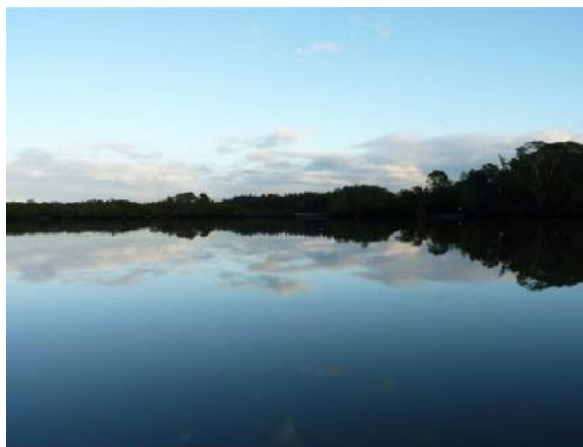
There are several tricks you can use to pour more text onto one page.

1. On the "page layout" menu click on "Narrow Margins".
2. Make sure you are using single rather than double spacing. (Caps lock and Shift together will often prevent double spacing depending on the app you are using.
3. Reduce the font size. You can type in the font size box any number you like including decimals. E.g. 11.5
4. Be aware that some fonts take less room than others. Arial Narrow is a good example. (See the chairman's remarks for an example —Arial Narrow size 10)
5. The space between paragraphs can be reduced. Select the space then reduce the font size.
6. Remember that using more than a couple of fonts in an article can look decidedly messy rather than clever

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Digital Imaging Group Camera Club

Photos to be presented at the June meeting were to be titled half and half.
This posed an interesting challenge. The collage of photos and separate photos below show how well the challenge was met.



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WHEN TO SELL YOUR PROPERTY?

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