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Chairman's Report

Greetings,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

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Or so they once sang. At least we hope it is and the longer days are helping.

Which in Senior Net Marlborough Sounds terms means that November is the last month of 2016 when we will be offering courses and workshops. As usual

December is the lead up to the holidays and for many seniors that means grandchildren and all the technological baggage they bring with them. If you feel the need to try and keep up (oh really?) then take one of our courses or come to one of our smartphone/tablet workshops to at the very least have some idea about what they are doing.

Backing up data is an important part of good computer practice. Horror stories abound of people who have lost some or all of their valuable data through failing to have a good backup system in place. Ideally the backup should be automatic, to

a schedule, as, in spite of our best intentions we will often forget to initiate a backup manually.

I make no apologies for coming back to this subject.

Failure to have a backup/restore program in place has caused more heartache than almost anything else concerning computer technology.

Senior Net Nelson has kindly given us the notes for a 2 hour course on a specific program designed to make sure that it doesn't happen to you.

This 2 hour course will introduce you to "Karen's Replicator". This free programme was designed by Karen Kenworthy, who passed away in 2011. It is still available for download from various websites.

If you feel the need, and if you don't already have a system in place, then you should sign on for this course. At the very least it could ensure that all those precious photos you have been saving don't disappear if your hard-drive fails or worse, a 'hacked' email from a 'friend' tells you to do something which results in disaster.

Contact us and arrange for your precious data to be safe.

"To go forward, you must backup." *Bryan Strong*



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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.**

SeniorNet DIG (Photographers Group)

Restoring Old Photos: SeniorNet Digital Imaging Group and Members: Workshop November 4. 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting will take the form of a **workshop about restoring old photos. These can be black and white, sepia or colour. As well as just faded and discoloured photos repairing damaged ones may be demonstrated as well.** Repairing damage is a long and painstaking process whereas good results can be achieved quite quickly with faded or colour changed photos. However it is important to be aware that while spectacular improvements can be achieved the results are rarely as good as the originals were when first printed.

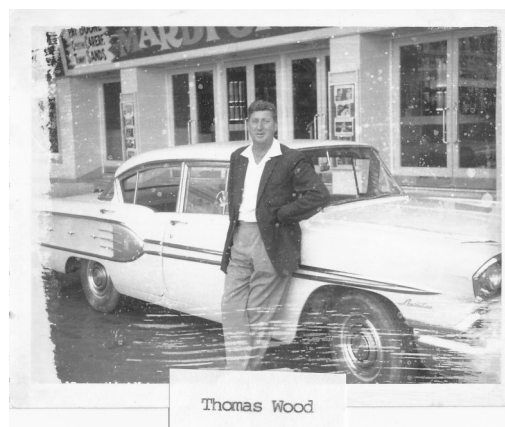
Photos you bring will need to be in digital form. This means that you will need to scan them. Don't attempt to clean them other than blowing off the dust before scanning. Do make sure that the top plate on the scanner is perfectly clean before you begin. It may not be necessary to remove photos from glass covered frames. Try scanning them frame and all first. Please no more than three or four sample photos per person. Save your photos to a flash drive as jpeg files.

All our computers will be set up so once the techniques have been demonstrated you will be able to practise the techniques by yourself.

While the usual meeting charges will apply to camera club members **there may be room for a few other members of SeniorNet.** For them the normal workshop charge of \$10 will apply. In order to know how many other members we can include **it is important that everyone registers their interest well in advance. Please let June (574 1311) or Donald (574 2326) know by phone or email within the next few days.**

Those members outside the camera group who wish to apply for the workshop, should have a working knowledge of a digital imaging application or should consider completing the course titled "Working with Photos level one" first. Interested? Phone or email Donald: mciver@hotmail.co.nz

These are the four photos that Donald plans to use for the "Repairing and Restoring Photos" workshop on November 4. One shows a badly damaged photo that has been partially restored. The other three are ones I plan to work on to demonstrate repair and restoration techniques.



Working with Photos Level One

This is the last time this course will be offered for 2016. For anyone interested in managing and getting the most from their photos this course is a must. The best free ware imaging applications will be used, demonstrated and practised.

No doubt you could work out how to use these applications for yourself. *But* the tutors taking this course are very familiar with it and will get you up and running in just a few hours.

The course is both interesting and fun. Bring your lunch and make a day of it. The date for the course will be selected to suit all participants so really there is no excuse.

Gift Vouchers by Mail??

A recent experience over a missing gift voucher lost in the mail produced this information from New Zealand Post.

You are not allowed to send gift vouchers by post. "They are prohibited items."

Ever sent a gift vouchers in a birthday cards to grand children?

Naughty naughty! NZ Post is watching!

Just another nail in the coffin of New Zealand Post. D.Mcl.



Sorry about the reduced edition of this month's newsletter. My laptop crashed **during** a System Restore which corrupted it and took me back 3 months with limited use. Even though I had backups and a System Image, access was denied due to non-acceptance of my password.

Hope I can get sorted out for next edition??????? John Wright. Editor

ADDING VALUE TO YOUR PROPERTY

One of the oldest real estate rules is making sure your house looks its best from the street as that's where first impressions are formed. Make sure gardens and lawns are tidy, fences, gates and mailboxes are in good condition, driveways and paths are free of mildew and there's a clear access to the front door.

For a Free, No Obligation Confidential Appraisal of your property – Contact either Brenda Davey, Ash Davey, Carolyn Burn or Grant Douglas

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A note for Members:

Don't forget this is **your** newsletter therefore it would be nice to have some input from you.

Just send an item to me and I will consider it for inclusion.

I realise our membership is small here in Marlborough Sounds but without your help we don't have a newsletter.

What about your own profile? What would you like to see happening, etc. etc?

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