

# Wavelength

## Greetings,



Fellow Members,

August and September have been quiet months at Senior Net Marlborough Sounds. We have had to cancel, at least temporarily, the Smartphone/Tablet workshops with the hope that we will be able to start them again soon. After three months when only the tutors showed up the decision had to be taken.

The good news is that we were able to run an Internet Banking Course with not just the assistance, but with the expertise of Shane Neal, the manager of Westpac, Picton. Shane, who is a natural teacher, is more than willing to run more courses in conjunction with Senior Net Marlborough Sounds and the best news that the courses are

FREE for everybody.

I know I've said it before, but with Banks closing branches everywhere and cheques likely to be phased out over the next few years, now is the time to find out how you can safely manage your money "from the comfort of your own home" as those dreadful adverts used to say.

Last May we had an "Open Day" at Linkwater Hall and we are going to have another one on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. We have a number of speakers lined up and topics such as Bluetooth, The technology being taught at Linkwater School, Snapchat, Raspberry Pi, Windows 10, YouTube and lots more.

The day starts at 1030 with a cuppa and chat with the talks beginning at 11am.

Lunch from 12 'til 1pm and then more interesting tech subjects until 3pm.

Back in May, 25 people learned a lot and seemed to enjoy themselves as well.

Come along and join us.

I'm hoping after a couple of months of cold and wet that the arrival of Spring will make the getting out and about, especially to the courses we offer, much more attractive.

Best wishes

From

Bryan.

"I know there's a proverb which that says 'To err is human,' but a human error is nothing to what a computer can do if it tries."

✉ Agatha Christie, Hallowe'en Party

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## October 2017 Events Calendar

**Thursday October 5 at 9:30am**—Monthly committee meeting at Linkwater Hall. Any queries or suggestions please contact one of the members of our friendly committee. Their contact details are on the last page of this newsletter.

**Friday October 6 at 1:00pm**—Digital Imaging Group (Camera Club) meet at the Linkwater Hall. Contact June Strong (phone 574 1311) for more details.

**Friday October 13 at 9:30am**— Family History Group (Genealogy) meet at the Linkwater Hall. Contact Bryan Strong (phone 574 1311) for details and information.

**Tuesday October 17 at 10:00am**— Help and advice discussion session for people who need to change email addresses because of the changes made by Vodafone. Linkwater Hall.

**Wednesday October 18 from 1:00pm**— Drop-in session at Linkwater Hall for help with your devices. We will endeavour to help with any technical issues that you want assistance with. Gold coin donation to our SeniorNet branch.

**Thursday October 26 at 10:00am**— Smartphone and Tablet Interest Group. Meeting at Linkwater Hall. Contact June or Bryan Strong (phone 574 1311) for details.

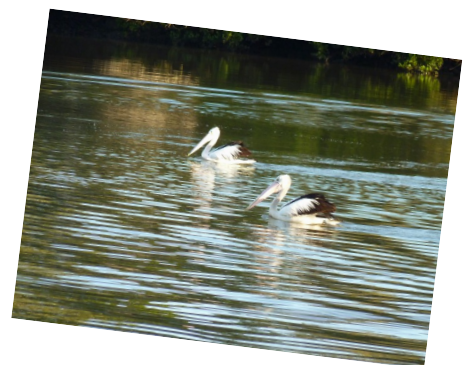
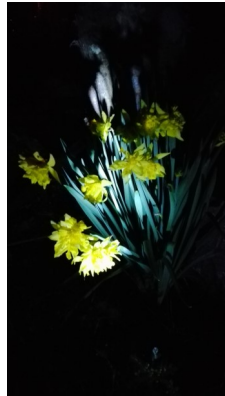
*And in a sneak preview into November..*

**Saturday November 4 from 10:30am to 3:00pm**— SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds Open Day at the Linkwater Hall. A great opportunity to catch up with other members and our SeniorNet tutors, and also fascinating talks on current technology, including Bluetooth, Raspberry pi, Windows 10, the technology that local children are being taught at school, as well as YouTube

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From the Digital Imaging Group..

PHOTOS TAKEN WITH A CELLPHONE.



Do I Need a Firewall, and If So, What Kind? Part 3—Continued from last month's newsletter.

If you look at the sets of examples in August newsletter, they differ in one important aspect:

- Things you **want** are connections that you or your computer initiate. On your order, your computer reaches out and asks for the webpages you visit, the software you download, or the music you listen to.
- Things that you **don't want** are connections trying to come in from outside.

That's an easy distinction for a firewall to make.

## Two basic types of firewalls

### Hardware firewalls

A router sitting between your computer and the internet is one of the best and most cost-effective firewalls that the typical computer user can have. It's usually a piece of equipment that sits physically between your computer and where the wires plug into the wall, with flashing lights that tell you it's on duty.

The router's job is to "route" data between the computer(s) and the internet.

Routers also allow you to share an internet connection by what's called "Network Address Translation". NAT "translates" between the single IP address you've been given by your internet service provider and the IP addresses assigned to your machines by the router.

Routers watch for connections initiated by your computer reaching out to resources on the internet. When a connection is made, the router keeps track, so when a response comes back on that connection, it knows which of your local machines gets the data.

The side effect is that if an outside computer tries to start a connection, the router doesn't know which computer to send it to. All it can do is ignore the attempt. That effectively blocks everything on the internet from trying to start a connection to a machine on your local network.

And that automatically makes your router a powerful incoming firewall.

Your router will not, however, filter outgoing traffic.

In the next newsletter we'll talk about the second type of firewall, a **software firewall**, which is a program running on your computer, and talk about when to use each type.

(Source "Ask Leo" ([https://askleo.com/do\\_i\\_need\\_a\\_firewall\\_and\\_if\\_so\\_what\\_kind/](https://askleo.com/do_i_need_a_firewall_and_if_so_what_kind/)))

**Nothing is hard once you  
learn how to do it**



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When using a computer SeniorNet has always advised breaking computer sessions with a five minute break every twenty minutes or so. This is to avoid eye strain and adopt good screening practice.

New advice sets out a rule that is easy to remember. 20-20-20. Twenty minutes at your computer--fix your eyes on an object twenty feet away --look at it for twenty seconds before returning to your computer.

### Welcome to new committee members.

Sari Lewis and Shirley Mears have both been elected to the 2017/8 committee.

Sari will be working in the area of course development and tutor mentoring.

Shirley is well known for her skills in card making and it is hoped she will pass on some of her enthusiasm to members.

All committee members are delegated areas of responsibility and are a close knit and hard working team. We could still do with one or two more. Are you interested? Let us know.

A reminder to all members **subscriptions are now due.** Prompt payment would be appreciated. The account for on line payments is shown on the last page.

### Gadgets

#### Gadgets?

Last month I asked if there were any members who had gadgets that they found particularly useful. Demonstrating these could form a segment of one of our future meetings. The results indicated that no one has any useful gadgets! Really? Let's try again. If you have a useful gadget (electronic or otherwise)

**please contact Donald 574 2326**

*Doesn't have to be James Bond type gadgets. Just every day stuff.*

### Vodafone email Service Closure

Is your email service one of these?

- clear.net.nz
- es.co.nz
- ihug.co.nz
- paradise.net.nz
- pcconnect.co.nz
- quik.co.nz
- vodafone.co.nz
- vodafone.net.nz
- wave.co.nz

You will have received a message from Vodafone that these services will be terminated on **30 November 2017**.

(If you can't find it in your Inbox, check your Junkmail!)

Vodafone will have included an offer to auto-forward your email to a Gmail or Outlook.com email address, as well as a guide to transferring your contacts and existing mail to the new address.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10am at Linkwater Hall SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds will be holding a guidance and assistance demonstration that will include:

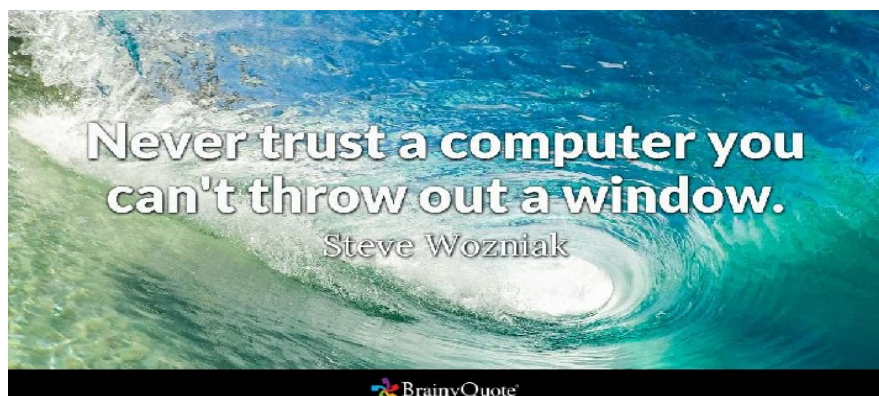
Creating a new mailbox in Gmail or Outlook.com

Moving contacts from your current email address to the newly created one

Transferring existing mail to the new address

Cost will be \$5 for SeniorNet members, and the session will probably go for 1 to 2 hours, depending on numbers attending.

Contact Bryan Strong (574 1311) or Brian Cameron (574 2267) for more information



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### New Service for SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds Members

Starting from October we will be running a Drop-in centre at the Linkwater Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 1:00 pm for a couple of hours.

Come along with your technical problem, and we'll put our thinking caps on to see if we can find a solution for you.

It's just a gold coin donation for SeniorNet. Obviously if we need to get some new parts or software we will discuss that with you before rushing off to do it.

Our team has a wide range of skills and experience, and our pooled knowledge should be able to come up with a suggestion for you.

This will only work if members bring along problems for us to work on, so don't throw that "broken" computer, camera, or other bit of equipment into a dark corner. Let us have a look at it first!

This month the Drop-in Centre will be running on:

Wednesday 18th October  
Linkwater Hall  
From 1:00pm

See you there

#### **Picton Healthcare Pharmacy**

6 High Street,

Picton

Ph 573 6420

Fax 573 8942

email: [pharmacy@pictonhealthcare.co.nz](mailto:pharmacy@pictonhealthcare.co.nz)

*Now also with our new branch*

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Picton.

Phone 928 4265

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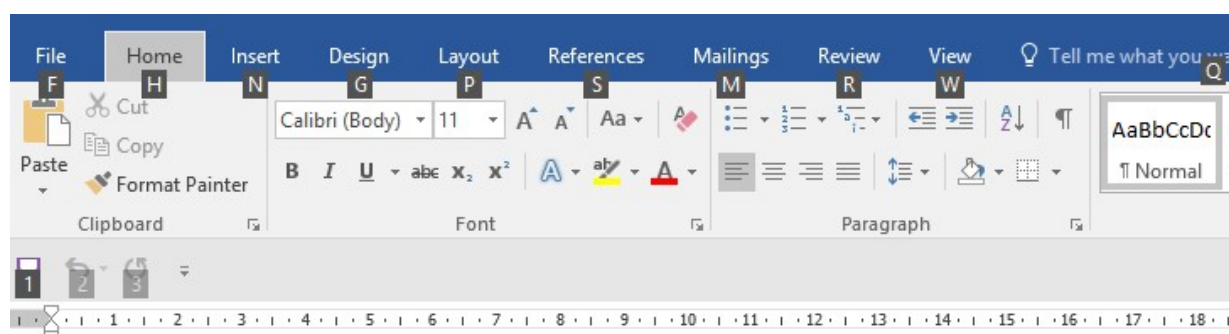
email [health@medcentreparmacy.co.nz](mailto:health@medcentreparmacy.co.nz)

"Computers, like automobiles and airplanes, do only what people tell them to do." - Bill James

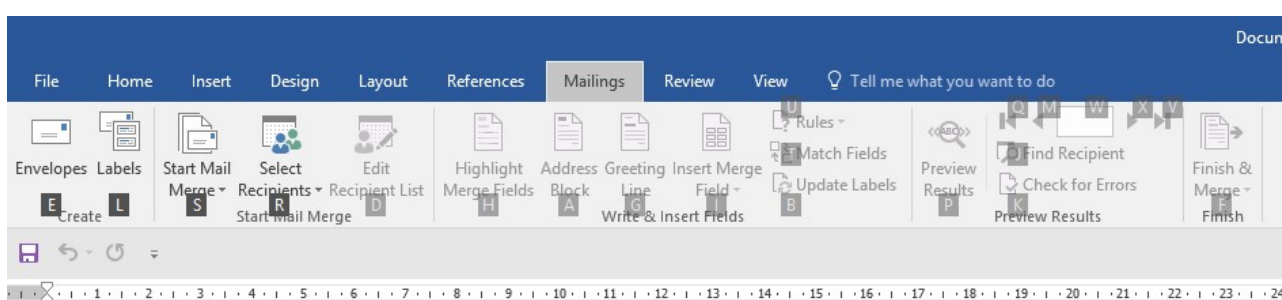
## Using keystroke Shortcuts in MS Office

Press the “Alt” key:

The available options are shown:



Press the letter beside the feature you want to use: e.g. if you press “M” on the keyboard the Mailmerge heading appears, with its help keys displayed:



To remove the keystroke shortcuts and return to the normal screen press the “Alt” again.



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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,

Ash Davey, Carolyn Burn or Grant Douglas

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## NEW: Our own contact help line for members. —Use it or lose it!

Computer Confidence	Brian Cameron	574 2267
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Buying Tablets or Smart Phones	Bryan Strong	574 1311
Formatting a Hard Drive	Brian Cameron	574 2267
Restoring old or damaged photos	Donald McIver	574 2326

