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To all who have worked for our group voluntarily in whatever capacity this past year.

A BIG THANK YOU
You are appreciated



Good News from our Treasurer

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Our current Financial Year is now coming to an end and as SeniorNet members it will soon be time to renew our membership. Your Committee is aware of the effect the recession has had on the discretionary income of many of us, and as a result has decided to reduce both our Membership and Course Fees for the forthcoming year, therefore, Next year (2010) joining fee for New members will be: (instead of \$25)

Single \$15 subscription

Couple \$25 subscription (\$45)

Existing members to renew subs

Single \$10 (instead of \$15)

Couple \$15 to renew membership

An invoice for the appropriate amount will be sent to all current members with the January 2010 Newsletter asking for payment by 31st March 2010, so no need to worry about paying just yet.

Course fees will also be reduced for the 2010 year and in line with your Committee's philosophy of keeping things simple whenever possible, the basic charge will now be \$5 per two hour lesson. An eight week course of 16 hours total, will therefore cost \$40 (instead of \$55), a four week course or workshop \$20 (instead of \$30), a one day workshop \$5 (instead of \$7:50) and so on. The course's offered in the January 2010 Newsletter will reflect these changes and in each case the new charge's will be clearly stated.

Our finances are in good order and by adjusting our fees we seek to give the benefit of this to all our members.

Happy Computing

Norman Richardson





Computer Tips and Tweaks

Hi Everyone

For this edition I thought it could be of interest to have a brief look at the new "Windows 7" operating system which came on sale on October 22nd. What do we need to have for our computers to be able to run it. This is what Microsoft says:



- 1 Ghz or faster processor for both 32 bit and 64 bit systems.
- 1 Gb of memory for 32 bit systems and 2 Gb's for 64 bit systems
- 16 Gb of available hard disk space (32 bit) and 20 Gb (64)
- DirectX 9 Graphics or higher.

The above criteria are a minimum but for the non technical, if your machine is less than two years old and running Vista there should be no problem and even older machines may also cope as Windows 7 is less demanding than Vista. However, if in doubt check on the Internet (Google "Windows & System Requirements") or consult an expert to make sure.

The best result will be achieved by a "clean install" which means re-formatting your hard disk and once Windows 7 is loaded, having to re-install all your programmes and settings and data. This way you do get rid of any rubbish that has accumulated on your system. If you currently run XP, a clean install is the only option

anyway and this can be done with both the full retail and the upgrade package. With Vista, the upgrade package of Windows 7 can also be installed on top of the existing system which means less work but any rubbish and associated problems are retained.

While there are a number of versions of Windows 7 as follows: *Starter, Home Basic, Home Premium, Professional, Enterprise and Ultimate*, in practical terms only *Home Premium* and *Professional* are suited to the average non business user. *Home Premium* upgrade package seems to be selling at about \$250 and *Professional* \$350 to \$400.

Now, is Windows 7 worth buying and do we need it?

The general consensus is that it is well made and stable and has a number of very good new features. It is also designed to accept most hardware devices and many older programmes. For those of us thinking of buying a new computer it is therefore a "no brainer" as the saying goes. Replacing our XP or Vista on an existing machine is a matter for some consideration though. If your current system does all you want there is little point in changing it, but if you like to be up to date and have \$250 to spare then go for it.

I hope this is of some help but do give the matter some thought and if you have any doubts of your ability to manage the installing, do consult an expert. *Norman*



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Val Fear and Gaynor Maxted
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seeing you in 2010



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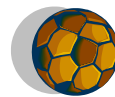
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laid low recently and we send
him very best wishes for a full
recovery to good health

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computer problems, or purchasing
new machines imposes no liability
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For Sale

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The Last Word

Those who get too big for their britches
will be exposed in the end.

When you've seen one shopping centre,
you've seen a mall

If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in
Seine

When she saw her first strands of grey
hair, she thought she'd dye.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a kneed to
know basis.

Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer
the agony of de feet

It is better to have loved a short woman
than never to have loved a tall.

**Remember to save those
Kan Tabs for the children
with kidney failure at
Starship Hospital
Your efforts are very
much appreciated. *Thank you B***



Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses
Keep safe till next time. Betty