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## Newsletter September 2008

### Saturday Practice

If you wish to attend, please leave a message before lunch time on the previous Saturday to either:

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### Our President writes

Our A G M has come and gone where we recognized another successful year for our SeniorNet here in Hawke's Bay.

All credit to our hard working committee, Tutors and Assistants for their input in our continued success. We certainly have a dedicated team who give their best year after year. Long may it last.

It was great to hear our speaker Grant Sidaway again. He always has interesting topics to discuss. I must say he has been an excellent Ambassador for SeniorNet since it's inception.

I feel we can all look forward with confidence to many more successful years, but for the present, I would like to mention a couple of items that could interest you.

One is the ongoing problem of viruses, computer viruses that is! Now, although it may seem they are not as big a problem as before, don't be fooled. There are more than ever out there and all of them BAD NEWS.

What has happened is that most of the ISP's have improved their virus filters consistently and the personal virus checkers have improved over the years. This has gone a long way to cut down virus attacks but one still has to be vigilant.

Visit our web site [www.seniornethb.org.nz](http://www.seniornethb.org.nz) and click on Security, and there are loads of information for you to think about. You will notice there are download links to two excellent virus checkers, AVG anti virus and AVAST anti virus. Both are free.

There are paid versions for each of these but these links are for the free versions. We have used both AVG and AVAST at our Learning centre and found both of them very good.

There are also two free online virus checkers, KASPERSKY and PANDA which are not installed on your PC but which can be activated with the links provided for additional info on viruses

The site also includes a link to [www.trendmicro](http://www.trendmicro) which covers a whole range of details on the above subject. Do read all that page on security as it covers lots of stuff you should know about and act upon as a bad virus can at worse be a frustrating and costly business.

The other item I would like to mention is Windows Updates. Now you have choices here.

1. *Automatically download updates and install them on your PC (recommended) - by Windows.*
2. *Notify me but don't automatically download and install them*
3. *Turn off automatic updates.*

My choice is #2 as I like to know what is being installed on my PC. I notice in Vista in particular, there are a large number of updates every week and some of them are not relevant to our operation and possibly yours. So I install only what I think is suitable and leave the rest.

Some people I know never install any updates and just as many install everything. Well as I said—you have choices. It's over to you.

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*Jack*

*From your secretary -*

Thank you to all who supported our A.G.M.

It was good to have Grant Sidaway with us once again. He congratulated the Management team on their business skills and the group on our success. He gave a very interesting talk which was followed by an excellent afternoon tea and it is great that as well as having computer skills, there are those among us who are good cooks too!

The Executive and committee were returned for another year.

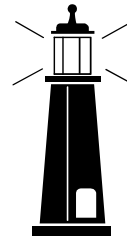
Doug Hamilton retired from committee and as Manual Librarian. He will continue to serve on the Tutorial team.

*Thank you Doug.*

Thank you to all the *behind-the-scenes* volunteers who make our group what it is.

*We couldn't have done it without you.*

Betty Carding



Are you re-locating?  
Please let us know your new address and phone number

We like to keep in touch.

*Next Newsletter due -  
28 November 2008*

Are you frustrated by the details asked for when you filled out your membership application or *evaluation of course* form? These are a requirement when we apply for government funding through FNZSS - Thank you for your cooperation.

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<p><i>The Last (Cutting) Word:</i> Churchill and Lady Astor: She said "if you were my husband, I'd give you poison" and he replied "If you were my wife, I'd take it."</p>	<p>"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." <i>Clarence Darrow</i></p>	<p>"He has no enemies but is intensely disliked by his friends." - <i>Mark Twain</i></p>
<p>Gladstone a UK MP to Disraeli, PM "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease." "That depends sir, on whether I embrace your policies or your mistress"</p>	<p>"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know" <i>Abraham Lincoln once said</i></p> <p>"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - <i>Mark Twain</i></p>	<p>George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill. "I am enclosing 2 tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend....if you have one." Winston replied "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second....if there is one! " <i>Keep safe till next time. Betty</i></p>