

ComputerPals - Newcastle

Where Seniors master technology

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Dates to Remember

Clubroom is closed till further notice. Stay safe and healthy.

**Get Online Week:
19th to 25th October
See Special Events ➡**

**In the meantime
BE A ZOOMIE and
join us online. Wed &
Fri mornings @ 9.45
Thurs Morn @ 9.45**

**ASCCA Annual Conference—10th Nov
More info today**

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Australian Seniors
Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

President's Report

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their Computerpals club membership and welcome to the new members who have taken advantage of joining during this time when there is no joining fee. This includes some former members who let their membership lapse but have decided to renew.

Thanks also to those members who have made generous donations to our club. Your actions are most appreciated.

We encourage as many as possible to join in the free online sessions that are conducted via Zoom each week. If you are not familiar with Zoom and feel a bit daunted by this new way of connecting please let us know via email or phone (4861 6576 – leave a message with name and phone number). We give one-on-one practice to enable those new to Zoom to be able to participate.

This month we will have **special events** for **Get Online Week**. On **21st and 23rd October** commencing at **10:00 am** our Zoom sessions will have the theme **Now's the time to get online**. There will be fun, games with prizes as well. Please invite friends, neighbours and relatives to join the fun and we will send them the link to the events.

A number of our members have entered **ASCCA's Photographic Competition**. This year there is a People's Choice section and we encourage you to vote for the photo of your choice in each category. **Voting is open now and closes Friday 16th October**. Instructions with links to the photos and a voting form have been sent by email to all members. Our club was Champion Club last year so let's see if we can uphold our title!

ASCCA (Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association) conducts a conference each year. This year it will be online on Tuesday, 10th November so we can all participate from our lounge rooms. Cost is \$15 and the link for tickets is in the accompanying ASCCA Newsletter.

Have you joined Be Connected? If not, give us a call or send an email and we will assist you. The great learning available through Be Connected is being continuously upgraded with helpful courses. If you haven't logged in recently, do so and have a look at the new lessons.

Now that the weather is becoming warmer we are hoping to reconnect in person through an outing which our Social Organiser, Brenton Elsey is busily arranging. – Keep watching!

Sandra

A FEW SCAMS TO BE AWARE OF - AND BEWARE OF

Be aware that not everybody who offers “HELP” is your friend...there are some nasties out there.

More information:

sign up to the Stay Smart Online Alert Service,

www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert-service.

To check for current scams and risks visit

www.scamwatch.gov.au

If you’ve been the victim of a cybercrime including financial loss, report it to **ReportCyber** at www.cyber.gov.au/report.

The “Can you hear me” scam - seems to be on the comeback again.

This consists of a phonecall, and when you answer the caller asks “Can you hear me?” **HANG UP WITHOUT ANSWERING.** All they need from you is the word “YES” and that can be used as permission to make all kinds of changes and cause all kinds of problems for you. If you have ever changed electricity providers you will have experienced this method of giving consent over the phone for the change to be made to your account.

There is also a nuisance scam that comes in the form of text message. I have received heaps of them and they are one of the consequences of shopping online. They supposedly come from either Australia Post and/or the company supplying the goods. They claim that the parcel cannot be delivered because there is still a small amount owing for postage. They give a website for you to go pay and because it is such a small amount, many will go pay and thus give the requested card number. Very bad idea. There are many ways to shop safely online, and we conduct a ZOOM session advising people on the best way to do that.

Find the yummy French foods from the lists on the right.



- BAGUETTE
- BOUDIN
- BRIE
- CAMBERT
- CASSOULET
- CHOUROUTE
- CONFIT DE CANARD
- COQ AU VIN
- CRÈME BRÛLÉE

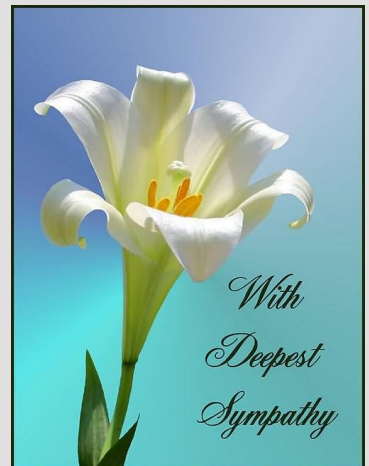
- CRÈPE
- CROISSANT
- ÉCLAIR
- ESCARGOT
- FOIE GRAS
- FONDUE
- GOUGÈRES
- GRENOUILLE
- MADELEINE
- MILLES FEUILLES
- MOUSSE AU CHOCOLAT
- QUENELLE
- RATATOUILLE
- RILLETES
- ROQUEFORT
- SALADE NIÇOISE
- TAPENADE
- TARTE TATIN

Best Wishes

For all our members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries - hearty congratulations !



To those who are ill we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



Condolences

To those of our members who have lost loved ones recently, please accept our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts.



The ComputerPals committee is holding our meetings and gettogethers via Zoom - a whole new experience for most of us...

Some of our incredible tutors are conducting online help sessions through Zoom. The one on next week **Wednesday & Friday (7/10 & 9/10)** is designed to help you with Mobile Phones.

Lindsay conducts sessions on Thursday morning also. If you wish to participate you will need the correct meeting ID and password. To get this information please contact Lindsay on lindsayzooming@gmail.com

If there is a particular topic you would like help with, please send in an email or call the club, leave your contact details and a message and somebody will call you back. Zoom is proving very easy and convenient to use for sessions involving multiple people.

During these times when we have no classes for you to attend, you can keep up with your computer learning by either contacting Computerpals via email or phone, or you can do research for yourselves by using one of our favourite websites GCFlearnfree. Type this into Google, select TOPICS, then scroll through and find what you want to explore. There is a SEARCH option, so click on the little magnifying glass, type in what you want and if it will appear before your eyes. Also make sure you keep up with BeConnected. Lots of good info too and they add new topics on a regular basis.

Some totally useless but otherwise fascinating information that is sometimes good for crossword puzzles. Drop them into conversation and amaze your friends

DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
9. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
10. Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called vocables.
13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.
16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.
17. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
18. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called tittle.
19. That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called Bannock device.

HOW MANY OF THE ABOVE DID YOU ALREADY KNOW?

THE TRAVELLER - by Harold Franks

Across the turbid waters, across the sandy loam
My love from distant countries, is finally heading home
For months I've been awaiting, the return from distant shores
I will greet her warmly, with open arms and doors

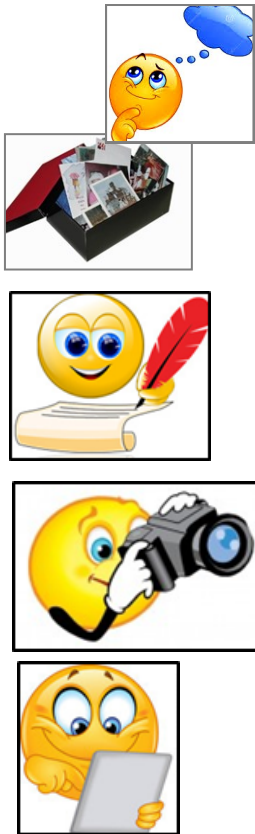
She headed off to England, with rellies there to see
A quick trip on to Ireland, across the Irish Sea
Before her trip to Europe, with Euros in her hand
To see the land of Holland, or is it the Netherland?

A letter from her briefly, to say that she was fine
But on the rush, as always, not one for wasting time
The coach has reached the border of yet another place
Then off to see what's offered, with a smile upon her face

Her time is passing quickly, like the moving sands of time
But with her luck and courage, I'm sure she'll turn out fine
The days and weeks of travel have now turned into months
With only days remaining, it's souvenirs that she hunts

So now I am preparing, for the day that she comes home
And wonder, as I sit here, if in the future she will roam
But as she sees the washing and housework still undone
Will she have me riding into the setting sun?

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Laptop Assistance



While meetings are suspended for the duration of the COVID-19 restrictions, Writerpals can continue wherever you happen to be. Just get out your keyboards, your notebooks and pens, your slates and pencils, or even a clear space on your walls, whiteboard marker on your sliding doors and start writing.
 What can I write? I hear you say....
 Stories, anecdotes, memories
 Give it a go...you don't even have to tell anyone...just try!

Start with one small story about just one person, thing, pet, event

ASCCA 2020 Photo Competition People's Choice

The entries in this competition have now been placed in albums in Google Photos and the album for each category can be accessed from the below links.

There is one album for each category.

- 1 Photo-Journalism <https://photos.app.goo.gl/EDEoaxhR5SwNxNvn7>
- 2 Travel <https://photos.app.goo.gl/dFetUw6NA4ngea667>
- 3 People-Portrait <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2Wwk6kZSYTSUm1zr8>
- 4 Landscape-Seascape <https://photos.app.goo.gl/DCz37cBJXkXd866r9>
- 5 Landscape-Structural-Manmade <https://photos.app.goo.gl/HiAgANFvURm19o5L9>
- 6 Animals <https://photos.app.goo.gl/1Dd1JfiggYUjyopm6>
- 7 Open <https://photos.app.goo.gl/5833AeDe8DW6u2tW7>

For each album, the link should bring up a page with all the entries. Clicking on any photo will show that photo with details of the filename when "Info" is turned on. All photos can be scrolled through using arrows at left and right. The file name consists of a 4 digit numeric code followed by the caption as entered.

Take note of the code of your choice of photo.

When you have made your choice for all categories, there is a voting form at <https://forms.gle/VTDCo3GQ12jCp2mJ6> which will be open for votes from

12:01AM on 1 October 2020 until 11:59PM on Friday 16 October 2020.

Votes cast outside these times will be discarded.

The form asks for your email address, name, and ASCCA Club, and your choice in each category. Enter the 4 digit code of your choice or simply leave blank for any category where you have not made a choice.

The votes will be separated from the identifying fields so your vote will remain secret.

Enjoy some great photographs from club members.

Allan Mickelson, Photographic Competition Organiser

ComputerPals Mission

Our mission is to educate seniors in the use of computers as a way of enriching their lives and making them more self-reliant. We bridge the generation gap and assist seniors to find ways to benefit the community through their collective experience and knowledge.

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These people are all volunteers who also teach classes at Computerpals. We ask that you take this into consideration when your phone call is not answered immediately.

Funnybone —

A priest, a rabbit, and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender asks the rabbit, "What will you have?" The rabbit shakes his head and answers, "I have no idea, the only reason that I am here is because of Autocorrect."



womenafter50.com

Mick
"How did you find the weather on your holiday?"
Paddy
"I just went outside and there it was!"

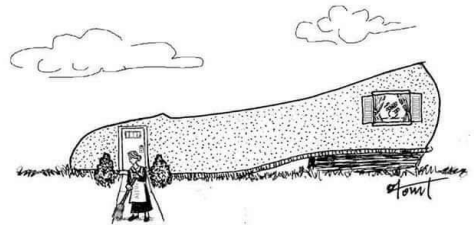
I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

Did you know on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Isles? Same thing - not one canary there either!

SO, I'M JUST SITTING HERE AND THE WHOLE DANG THING EXPLODES!



I'M JUST AS SURPRISED AS YOU ARE.



After the last child moved out, the old woman sold the shoe and moved into a flat.



THIS MAY NOT END WELL!

We can only blame ourselves for all the crime and violence today. We removed all the phone booths and now Superman has nowhere to change.



IT'S A 5 MINUTE WALK FROM MY HOUSE TO THE BAR...
...BUT IT'S A 45 MINUTE WALK FROM THE BAR TO MY HOUSE. THE DIFFERENCE IS STAGGERING.

I WAS PLANNING A TRIP TO AUSTRALIA.
I WAS ASKED IF I HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD...
I REPLIED, "I WASN'T AWARE YOU STILL NEEDED ONE."



CHRISTMAS IS NOW GONNA BE MID-JANUARY. DUE TO SANTA HAVING TO QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS WHEN HE ARRIVES IN THE COUNTRY.



"BE CAREFUL OF THOSE INTERNET DATING SITES..."



...HIS PROFILE SAID HE TRAVELS A LOT AND ALSO OWNS HIS OWN HOME!!

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