

# NEWSLETTER

*Join with SeniorNet activities for learning and companionship*

## News Update

Our May meeting was well attended and it was pleasing to note that the streamlining of the “Entry process” at the start of the meeting in an attempt to minimise “Bottlenecks” was a great success.

We are hoping that this improvement will continue, so here is a short reminder of the key changes:

- We plan to have 3 committee members helping at the door
- Doors will be open at 09:45 and the meeting will start at 10:15 (After tea & cakes)
- Please have your \$2 entry fee ready (preferably in coin)
- Allow the committee member on the door to find your badge for you. (It gets confusing with several people trying to rummage through the badges to find their own!)

Brian and Nigel gave brief previews of the planned training courses for May, and once again the clipboards were filled with members wanting to attend.

So far this month Nigel has completed a training workshop on “A guide to mastering “Tabs” in Google Chrome” and Brian will have delivered two training sessions on “An introduction to Photoshop Express” on May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. If all goes well, we will have another very successful training month with 32 members attending training sessions.

### “Drop In” Days

These are the times when you can get one-to-one help with problems or questions. Please continue to contact Nigel or Brian at any time up to 5 pm on the day before Drop-in Day, by e-mail, phone or text and let either of them know if you intend to be there.

If there have been no contacts by 5 pm on the day before the Tutors will not attend the church on Drop-in Day.

The “Training & Events Timetable” shown later in this issue gives full details of all of June’s planned activities including the date and times of “Drop in” day

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at the St Chad’s Church hall on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> doors open at 09:45am.

This month we are looking forward to a talk by Glenys on the subject of **Wi-Fi Mobile Calling**

We will also be providing a quick overview of the next month’s Training sessions and the clipboards will be passed round for you to sign up for the trainings you would like to attend. (Remember they are all FREE this year!)

As always, Nigel will be updating us with “Nigel’s News”

Plus, Judy’s great Raffle

Plus, tea, coffee & Cakes

Plus, lots of friendly people

Hope you can all be there.

Training & Events Timetable – June 2021		
Event	Date	Time
Introduction to Photoshop Express	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	10am – 12noon –St Chad’s
Monthly Meeting – All Welcome	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	09:45am - St Chad’s
Windows 10 for Beginners. Workshop	Wednesday 9th June	10am – 12noon –St Chad’s
SeniorNet Committee Mtg (Committee members only)	Friday 18th June	10am – 12.00 St Chad’s
Drop In Day- Get 1-to-1 help with your tech problems	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10am – 12noon St Chad’s
Introduction to “Spotify” (Music)	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	10am –12noon St Chad’s

This “Training & Events Timetable” will be updated throughout the month as training courses or other events are established. A copy will be sent to all members after every update to give you the opportunity to join your preferred classes.

A “Clipboard” will be passed round at the monthly meeting giving you the opportunity to sign up for any of the planned courses/ workshops.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to attend any of these training sessions please contact Nigel Dempster at [nigeldem@outlook.com](mailto:nigeldem@outlook.com) or Brian Lacey at [brian@lacey.nz](mailto:brian@lacey.nz) Mobile: 0221831811

**REMINDER**

2021 annual subscriptions are now due, if you haven’t yet paid, **we would very much prefer you to pay on-line using:**

**ANZ HUAPAI- Account No. 01-0141-0071822-00. Please ensure that you put your name as reference.**

Alternatively, you can pay by cash at our next meeting on May 5th by placing the money in an envelope with your name clearly marked on the front and giving to our treasurer Glenys.

## Google -Seniornet Sponsorship (Hangouts) Update

### Senior Hangouts

You may remember from our previous Newsletters that “Senior Hangouts” are essentially 30-minute Zoom talks on a variety of subjects, produced and delivered by Seniornet members, many of them are excellent training sessions and several of our own members are using them and have found them to be well produced and informative. (I believe that there are currently over 200 talks available)

As from June 1, the format of Senior Hangouts as we have come to know it over the past several months will change. It will, from June 1<sup>st</sup> run on its own platform, which you will need to download from Google Play store (Android) or the Apps store in the case of Apple.

We assume that it will also run-on devices using Windows 10.

After downloading the app, you will need to register with your email name (which will be your username), a password, which Seniornet club you are a member of, and a token ID which the club will provide for you.

For all paid up members, Senior Hangouts is free. We will receive tokens to the number of paid-up members we have. These tokens will be renewed each year. As a member, you can watch any previous session at any time of the day or night. You can also watch any live sessions, and you will be able to book a session to watch at a time convenient to you.

If any person who is not a member of Seniornet wants to view a session, they will need to purchase a token for either, a day, week, month, or for a year. For example, if a non-member purchases a token for a week, they are able to watch any session for 24 hours a day for the full seven days.

We think that a token for a week will be around \$20.

The whole platform is fully automated. We will keep you up to date as we receive more information.



*“I think you may have found the ‘how many is too many people in a Zoom meeting’ threshold.”*

## Change of Plan

At the last committee meeting we reviewed our plan to have a “Mid-Winter” restaurant lunch in July.

After some discussion it was felt that it would be better to have Social Event at St Chad’s and retain the Christmas lunch as planned.

Some of the logic for this decision was:

- The July lunch would be within a week or so of the Friendship Club’s planned lunch and many of our members belong to both clubs, which would make it quite expensive to attend both.
- We believe that more of our members will attend a social event at St Chad’s as it cuts out travel and there will be no cost to members.

We therefore plan to use our July meeting (7<sup>th</sup> July) for the “Mid-Winter” social event, all refreshments will be provided by the club and it will be an opportunity to get to know each other better and create some happy memories.

More details to follow.

P.S. On the subject of Committee meetings, remember that members are very welcome to attend any of these meeting as observers

## See Small Print Easily: Magnifying Glass + Flashlight

Our thanks to Seniornet Ashburton for allowing us to reproduce this article from their newsletter.



With the **Magnifying Glass + Flashlight** app (Free, with in-app purchases), you can easily view tiny hard-to-read text even in low-light scenarios.

The app uses the camera on your tablet or smartphone to capture then enlarge text. It even has a high contrast mode, zoom, and a flashlight, so you’ll be able to read the fine print, even in the dark.

The app is perfect for reading menus, prescription bottles, serial numbers, books, and other similar types of things whether or not you have your glasses on.

It stores all of the photos it takes in your photo library, so you can go back and review them at any time. You can also digitally zoom in on any text you capture up to five times. Available from Google Play and the Apple APP store

## Free4U Computing

Some of you may be interested in a number of **free** computer courses being offered by Unitech Institute of Technology, Henderson

Unitec Free4U computing offers free introductory (Level 1) self-directed courses for the community. Our courses will give you the opportunity to develop your computer skills and are suitable for those new to computers.

There are 9 courses currently available.

- Getting Started in Computing
- Keyboarding
- Introduction to Internet and Email (incl. Outlook)
- Introduction to Word 2016 Part 1
- Introduction to Word 2016 Part 2
- Introduction to Excel 2016
- Introduction to Publisher 2016
- Introduction to PowerPoint 2016
- Introduction to Access 2016

Location and contact details

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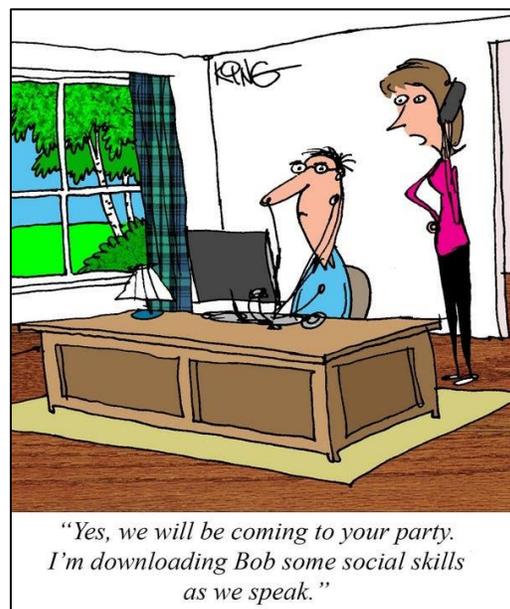
For more information, please click on the link below:

<https://www.unitec.ac.nz/career-and-study-options/free4u-computing/free4u-computing>

### ***“REMINDER***

***Our members voluntarily give help and advice to other members on matters relating to computers, associated equipment and software.***

***This help or advice is taken at the recipient’s risk and imposes no responsibility or liability of any kind either on those providing such help or advice, or on SeniorNet Kumeu Inc.***



## Audio Described Theatre

The Seniornet Federation has received this email below from the Auckland Theatre Company and they have asked if we could please send it out to all our members in Auckland. There might be a lot of elderly people who aren't aware of the audio described performance and could really enjoy attending them.

**From:** Camila Araos Elevancini <[Camila@atc.co.nz](mailto:Camila@atc.co.nz)>

**Subject:** Audio described theatre and Touch Tour for visually-impaired people - *The Life of Galileo*

*Kia ora,*

*I hope this email finds you well. I'm Camila, writing from Auckland Theatre Company – nice to meet you!*

*We are presenting an Audio Described performance and Touch Tour on Sunday 4 July for Bertolt Brecht's [The Life of Galileo](#). I wanted to get in touch with someone from the SeniorNet in Auckland to share information about these performances and welcome visually-impaired audiences to attend them.*

*Audio described performances provide a live audio commentary by professionals from Audio Described Aotearoa Ltd recounting the actions onstage. This commentary is relayed to blind and low-vision patrons via an earpiece which can be booked in advanced and picked up from the theatre box office.*

*Touch Tours are held 1.5hrs before the show. Patrons can walk through the set, touch props, feel costumes and familiarise themselves with visual and sensory materials in the performance.*

*The Life of Galileo will be one of our biggest plays this season starring Michael Hurst as Galileo and it includes a cast of eighteen people on stage. There will also be beautiful music and sound design composed by John Gibson.*

*I was wondering if you could please share this information with your networks by sharing it in emails, upcoming newsletters or posting about it in social media? Please find the show information below and image attached to this email:*

*“Bertolt Brecht’s masterly portrait of genius under fire is shockingly relevant in today’s world of fake news and science denialism. Leading the large ensemble, acting legend Michael Hurst masterfully embodies the genius, flaws and cunning mischief of Galileo: a man who found truth in the stars, risked heresy and changed how we see the heavens. *The Life of Galileo* promises a night of bold ideas, brilliant theatricality and speaking truth to power. On at ASB Waterfront theatre from 22 June–10 July. Audio described performance on Sunday 4 July 4pm and touch tour at 2.30pm. Tickets are \$20 each for blind/low-vision patrons as well as one theatregoing companion. Please call the theatre box office (09) 309 3395 or email [boxoffice@atc.co.nz](mailto:boxoffice@atc.co.nz) to book.”*

*Warm Regards,*

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