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WHAT'S NEW?

This edition of the Newsletter is designed just to wake you up to the fact that a new year is upon us, in case you haven't realised that yet. There is little to report, the Committee does not meet again until 11 February, but the Club is still in operation and has over the break been supplying some services to a few members.

One matter that can be reported is that the offer from Necseniors for the supply of two computer "kiosks" (which was referred to in previous newsletters) has not been able to be followed through. The reason is mainly political, in that we needed information from "above" to be able to complete our application. In spite of a valient effort from Leigh, it was considered that proceeding along the path required could jeopardise our internet connection. It is all very difficult to explain on paper, but suffice it to say, bad luck, we couldn't go any further.

The result is of no real concern. If we had received the kiosks, it was under the condition that we teach internet, e-mail and Wordpad to members. We already make such tuition available and have done so for years. In fact, we go one better and concentrate on Word which is a much better program to work with than Wordpad (a cheapie word processing program available with every Windows setup).

To have access to other programs would have meant that they would have had to be purchased and loaded on to the new computers. We already have many of the commonly used programs on the existing computers. So, in all, we may have missed out on two new computers, but how many of the Club's computers are in frequent use and how much would we have used the additional ones?

INFONITE

The first **INFONITE** of 2010 will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday 16 February in the Conference Room. Since Geoff Dillon has more to offer, having not been able to cover it all at his previous performance, we have invited him to produce a reprise, **THE MUSIC MAN SINGS AGAIN**. Geoff will add to the information he has already given us, so bring along the handout that he supplied earlier, if you still have it. Included will be downloading music from the internet.

A raffle will be held, as usual, to help defray the cost of the magnificent supper that will again be served at the close of proceedings.

MEMBERSHIP

Treasurer Geoff has noted that a very good proportion of previous members have* paid the dues for 2009-10, but there are still some defaulters, for whatever reason. Now that we are over half way through the year, from this point onwards, notices will no longer be sent out to people who have not renewed their subscription. If in doubt, contact Geoff (212) at the earliest opportunity.

* I'm unconvinced about "have"; my grammar check insists on it, but I still think it should be "has" to agree with the singular subject "proportion". Any comments may be addressed to Editor Kevin. (Now that really is filling in space.)

HAPPY HOUR RAFFLES

The Club has the opportunity of applying to the Social Activities Committee for a spot to conduct the raffle during Happy Hour at some date during the year. The decision will need to be in the hands of the Committee or at least the executive members, since the deadline for applications is early February. If you have any comment to make for or against the proposal, please contact President Clive (240) as soon as possible.

To all members, enjoy your computing in 2010