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WHAT'S NEW?

The shredder promised in the April newsletter has been purchased and is in operation in the Computer Centre. In the near future a set of instructions will be printed and placed in the vicinity of the machine. Until then, use it with due care and attention and remember to empty the shredded material in the recycling bin. For the moment, to empty it, remove the top, collect the waste in some receptacle such as a plastic bag, empty the bag and return the bag for further use. This shredder is for the use of all residents, so spread the word around. There is a limit to the number of sheets it will take at a time, so proceed with caution. It will cope with staples, but not paper clips.

You will notice a curtain at the entrance to the Computer Centre; this is used when the projector is in use to allow better visibility of the material on the screen. We thank Bob Bowd for his contribution in providing both shredder and curtain.

WORKSHOPS

The workshops have been proceeding very well and the response from the participants has been positive. To date we have covered basic computer operations, WORD (complete with homework), internet access and e-mailing. **Please note that we have made an alteration to the published program:** the section on e-mailing seems to have been adequately covered in a single session, so the first session on Excel will be brought forward to Thursday, 27 May. The following week 3 June has been cancelled because 1 RAR Band will be performing on that day, so the second session for Excel will occur on the advertised date of 10 June. The final day, 17 June, has been reserved for final questions and recapitulation of the topics, plus any other topics that may be brought up. Please inform non-members who may be attending about these changes.

There has been some embarrassment through there being more participants than computers. We are looking at overcoming this problem by obtaining some computers discarded by Management.

INFONITE

The next *INFONITE* will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 25 May and will again be one with a difference. It is being entitled **TAKING STOCK**. One of our members, James Phillips, will demonstrate how he uses the computer to access information from the stock exchange, maybe to make a fortune. A comment has been overheard that the particular person would not attend this presentation through non-interest in the stock market. This is a pity, because one of the objectives of the *INFONITE* program is to demonstrate to residents some of the many applications of computers. Also, the social concourse that comes with the supper is an excellent way of meeting and discussing computer matters informally but educationally. The introductory short features will again be shown.

The Committee repeats the request for members to make a mini-presentation of a topic of their particular interest at an *INFONITE*. To date there has been no response, but there must be members who have a particular interest in a computer program and who are willing to share that experience. Please consider the request and contact Clive (240) or Kevin (133).

The following *INFONITE* will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 22 June. The topic will be **PICASA REVISITED**; our Wal will present the updated version of Picasa, the free program that enables one to manage photos in a very simple way. Invite your neighbours who are non-members but who may show an interest in managing their own photographic operations.

SOCIAL CLUB BBQ AND RAFFLE

The Club has been allocated the Sunday barbecue of 4 July to run the raffles for the Social Club on that day. This is an excellent opportunity to raise some additional funds for the Club. The Committee is hoping for a large attendance from members and some lobbying by them to encourage non-members to attend. We hope for a large and variable prize list, so any donation from any member in the way of an appropriate prize will be greatly appreciated by the Committee and the Club. Contact President Clive (240) to inform him of any donation you can make – the odd bottle of wine would not go astray, for example.

Meanwhile, Happy Computing

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