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COMPUTER CLUB

KEEPING YOU ON LINE

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WHAT'S NEW?

Unfortunately there is no good news yet re the Club's connection to the internet, but neither is there bad news. It seems that the hold-up is of a technical nature and we are hoping for an early resolution to the problem. If a successful outcome is achieved in the near future, after the release of this newsletter, simply look in the computer centre to see if the notices of non-availability have been removed. This will mean that we are connected.

INFONITE

The first *INFONITE* for 2012 will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 28 February in the Conference Room. The topic has already been announced in the Chronicle: Meryl Cheetham (from Sales) will make a presentation "Digital Photo Solutions" in which she will use a program with which one can do spectacular things with photos. There will be the usual short features, raffle and supper; it should be an interesting and entertaining evening.

The topics for future *INFONITES* are under investigation. In April Bryan Roebuck will present eBay Mark II and show us how to sell all those Christmas presents we didn't really want or need. A sub-committee is looking into producing a "Glossary" night, when many of those queer terms that are appearing on our TV screens will be explained and where possible demonstrated. Members can assist in the enterprise: if you have seen a term that you know nothing about, let Kevin (#133) or Laurie (#303) know and they will add it to the list. We hope to have this ready for March.

Another suggestion is to discover what you can do with the Google Home Page, especially all those bits and pieces in the tool bars at the top. We will keep you posted. Remember, if YOU would like to suggest a topic for an *INFONITE*, please let the Committee know, through Kevin.

LIBRARY ASSISTANCE

The request from the Library for a temporary replacement for their computer has been answered and a computer is now in position and in operation. The Library is arguably the most often accessed institution in the Village and it is hoped that the Social Committee will appreciate this and supply a new computer as soon as funds become available. The PC lent by the Club must be approaching its use-by date, as are most of the other computers in the Centre.

BIG MISTAKE

This scribe made a big mistake in the January newsletter in assuming that Treasurer Jeff had sent out reminder notices to those who had not paid their dues for 2011-12. There may be some members who think that they have paid, but who have not done so. If in doubt, please check with Jeff (#212) asap. Alternatively, let him know that you do not intend to renew membership.

WORKSHOPS 2012

The Committee is considering offering a series of Workshops as in past years and Kevin has been given the task of coming up with topics. He is concerned that there may be repetition, rather than revision, and members may not respond to or attend the sessions. Requests and suggestions will be welcomed, in order to produce an interesting and informative set of experiences. Please contact Kevin with any comments that you can offer. The Committee does recommend that very basic lessons should be conducted on a one-to-one tutorial basis, not through workshops.

If the workshops proceed, they will be held in May/June, depending on their range.

HARASSING PHONE CALLS

Wal has had an experience where he assisted a resident who had received harassing phone calls practically demanding access to her computer and who was really worried that her personal details had been accessed. **DO NOT ACCEPT SUCH CALLS.** The easiest thing to do is simply hang up. You could have some fun by saying "I don't own a computer" and immediately hang up.

Photoshop manuals (donated by Allan Moore) may be borrowed from the computer centre

For now, Happy Computing in 2012

