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Latest News from SeniorNet Cambridge

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Editorial:

Well, here we are again at the end of a year even more disturbed than 2020. Although there will be some freedoms for Xmas, we're not out of the woods yet, and as I write, concern is rising over a new Covid variant named Omicron. The Health and Disability Centre has just released its policy under the 'traffic lights system and it seems we won't be able to have a meeting of more than 50 people until the green light stage, and even then, they think there should be 1m. spacing. We will advise you of progress early in the New Year.

In the meantime, the Committee wish you all a very Happy Christmas. We hope most of you can join your families to have some cheer after a pretty cheerless year. Fingers crossed for 2022. *Malcolm*



Silly Quotes:

My husband and I divorced over religious differences.

He thought he was God and I didn't!

For Sale: Wedding dress, size 8.

Worn once---- by mistake.

An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has had on him for the last 40 years. The Wizard says "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you" The old man says without hesitation- "I now pronounce you man and wife"

Windows 11 - To upgrade or not to upgrade!

Some of you may have received a pop-up notification on your computer that it's time to update to Windows 11. As is normal with any new Operating System it is better to just wait a while. Advice from the computer shop Green Mouse says "So our advice would be to wait until at least mid-January 2022, by which time we would expect most of the creases to have been ironed out"

A lot of computers will not be compatible with Windows 11 and your Windows Update will tell you how to check. Windows 10 will be around till 2025 so you have plenty of time to sort out just what you plan to do for the future. Your computer will continue to work just fine for some time after that if you wish.

As it did with Windows 7 in January 2020, Microsoft will pull active support for Windows 10 in 2025. You'll still be able to use the software, but you won't get any more security updates. There also won't be any new features added to the software. Instead, Microsoft is shifting its focus to Windows 11, which comes with Android apps, desktop widgets and new Xbox gaming features for the PC.

SeniorNet Year 2022

Just a reminder that the **Subscription Renewal forms** will be sent out early January 2022. The SeniorNet Subscription for 2022 is \$35 per person and \$60 for couples but this amount is discounted to \$30 per person and \$50 for

couples if paid before 31st March, 2022.

At the same time the **Nomination Forms for Committee** will be sent to you. Please give some thought to volunteering for the Committee or if you know someone who would like to help out on the Committee, please ask them if you can nominate them. This is your club and we need more volunteers to come on board and do a term.

In mid-January the **schedule for Term 1, 2022 classes** will be sent out with a booking form. Give some thought to learning more on your computer by booking for a class. Alternatively, take advantage of the comprehensive 'one on one' tutoring sessions with the appropriate tutor. If you have any ideas of classes you would like to see taught or would like to learn about, please let your Committee know.

Classes may look a little different in 2022 when the traffic light system for Covid is in operation, and in a lot of cases classes will be one or maybe two students at most where physical distancing is necessary.

Can You Help? If you would like to help out as an assistant or a tutor in any subject, please tell us. We really need more potential tutors as some are stepping down next year. Please give it some serious thought – we would really appreciate some help.

Monday Afternoon Help Sessions.

We would hope to continue this service in 2022 but it may need to be run a different way, such as bookings only, or cut down the number of Mondays we can be in attendance. We are in need of a volunteer to come on board and assist with the Monday Help Sessions. It is a great way to learn as we attempt to assist in various problems. You don't have to be an expert as there is always someone who will have the answer, even if it takes a little time to find that information.

Sponsorship, 2022AMI

Once again AMI has renewed their sponsorship and will pay the membership fee for their customers who wish to join or re-join SeniorNet. To do this please give us your full name, address, phone number, email address and Policy No. When you renew your SeniorNet membership, please tell us if you are an AMI member and provide the necessary information so we can then claim the amount back through the Federation. This offer ends on 31st August, 2022.

Happy Christmas Everyone

See you in 2022.

Muriel

From the News this month: W. Times, Nov. 16th

Fonterra has signed a deal with a Dutch company called Connecterra to provide dairy farmers with insights using artificial intelligence through their intelligent dairy assistant (IDA) programme. This collects data from cows using collar-mounted sensors and combines it with data from internet connections and on-farm data. The feedback is processed using machine learning (A.I.) to become smarter and more personalised for each farm over time. The concept will be available to farmers through Fonterra's retail division, Farm Source, and should be available by the end of the year.

Comment: I will be contacting Farm Source to see if they have someone, e.g. Director Richard Allen, who could talk to us next year.

Malcolm

Some Federation support partners

