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Visit the clubs' web site www.users.on.net/~pvscc/index.html

Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses

Mondays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor: Zillah Warner 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics. Tutor: Zillah Warner	Tuesdays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing Tutor Bert Foster
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am Using the Software Tutor Tom Lehane	Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Card Making , Beginners and Do your own thing. Tutors Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner
Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Memories to TV . Tutors John Windle, Norm Cobban: Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees	Using Microsoft Office suite Fridays Tutor Jim Tiberi Class time 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Short duration classes to start this year.



Windows Movie Maker, the tutorial begins on Tuesday the 2nd of February, Start time **11.00am to 12.30pm**. Course will be of five to six weeks duration.



Dave Evans, (webmaster for the U3A web site) will hold an open day during the Seniors Week in March for **chess on the Internet** for about 1.5 hours to 2 hours.

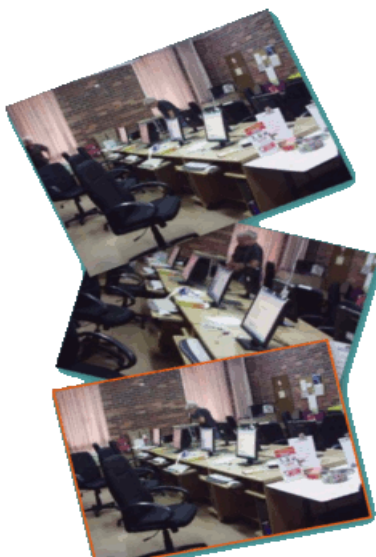
I met Dave Evans last year at ASCCA's annual general meeting. David conducts the creative writing class at the U3A. His class had two wins, two seconds, a third and two Special Mentions at ASCCA's creative writing competition. Without doubt he's a skilled tutor. Editor.

His class will be on Tuesday 23rd March at 11.00 – 12.30.

Dave will be using <http://www.chess.com>'s facilities which he is a member.

This will be an interesting morning, it brings to mind of a chess game I played with a penfriend in America. It was back in the days before the Internet. It took us one and half years to complete the game using normal air mail, (he won).

A game on the Internet could be played in about 20 minutes. (Editor).

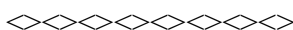


.Over the Christmas break ten (10) new computers have been installed with two (2) operating systems on each computer and are independent of each other.

On start up you have a choice of booting XP Pro or Vista.

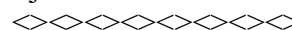
All remaining computers have been formatted and XP re-installed along with the necessary software for

class tutoring.



Windows Movie Maker

Don't miss



Bryan Blake's class on using Windows Movie Maker to edit your video.

Course is for five to six weeks duration. To be run 2nd of February 2010.

Agenda:

Week	Subject	Time	Remarks
1	What is Windows Movie maker	1 – 1.5 hour	Movie maker Interface
2	Import	1 – 1.5 hour	Import photo clips and audio files
3	Timeline and Story Board	1 – 1.5 hour	Create a Timeline with clips, audio, transitions and effects
4	Editing	1 – 1.5 hour	Add titles
5	Create the Movie	1 – 1.5 hour	Add Title page and credits publish the Movie
6	spare	1 – 1.5 hour	

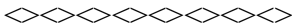
Bryan Blake will run the course from his own Notebook. Local photos of the Penrith / Blue Mountains area will be provided as well as audio clips for the course project.

Paint Shop Pro XI.

This digital photography toolkit assists the photographer to adjust images.

You are welcome to attend this class on **Mondays 9.30am to 11am.**

The club has Paint Shop Pro installed on all 21 computers with XP Prof. Plus the 4 notebooks computers. Three of the notebooks have 'Vista'.



QUESTION:

IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET INFECTED WITH A VIRUS, WHEN I HAVE A RELIABLE VIRUS PROGRAM ?

The answer is partly the nature of anti-virus software... and partly who is the quickest.

A virus program can only stop a known Virus. Virus programmers are uploading malicious software every day. That's why you have daily updates to your anti-virus software.

If your anti-virus software vendors has not yet detected the latest malicious program and you are surfing the internet and downloading data, there is a chance you could get infected. The chance is very small but it's there just the same.

How anti-virus software works. There are a few common methods that an anti-virus software application uses to detect viruses. The first, and by far the most common method of virus detection is using a list of virus signature definitions or footprints. (The daily update database is the signatures).

The disadvantage of this detection method is that users are only protected from viruses that pre-date their last virus definition update.

The next method is to detect viruses based on common behaviour (trying to write to other files). This method has the ability to detect viruses that anti-virus security firms' have yet to create a signature for.

The other method involves creating small data files that are hidden from the user and are monitored to see if they match the known files in that folder – if they don't, then it's almost certainly been changed by a virus and further checks are made for known signatures.

Would it help if I run two (2) anti-virus programs?

There is no advantage in run two anti-virus programs on your computer. It will slow down your computer.

One anti-virus will detect software checking your computer files, (the other anti-virus program). That second anti-virus program will spring into action and check what is happening, significantly slowing down your computer.

In the process the two could freeze your computer, (lock-up the system) requiring a restart.

As a general rule of thumb, you need only one anti-virus program and Windows Firewall turned on. This is normally turned on by default.

What's the best anti-virus software?

There are two (2) industry leaders in computer protection anti-virus software.

1. Norton Symantec
2. McAfee

Both are commercial software and require a yearly registration fee. (*Which I find a bit rough (Editor)*).

The best Free Antivirus Software are...



Used on all our club computers.

Download address

http://download.cnet.com/AVG-Anti-Virus-Free-Edition/3000-2239_4-10320142.html



The next on the free list is Antivir.

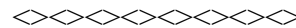
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<http://www.avast.com/eng/download-avast-home.html>

All virus software can be quite large due to their signature database and downloading on limited internet accounts can use up quite bit of your monthly download.

The latest AVG Free version will be available on one of the computers up against the back wall.

Ask one of the club tutors to download a copy on to your USB drive.



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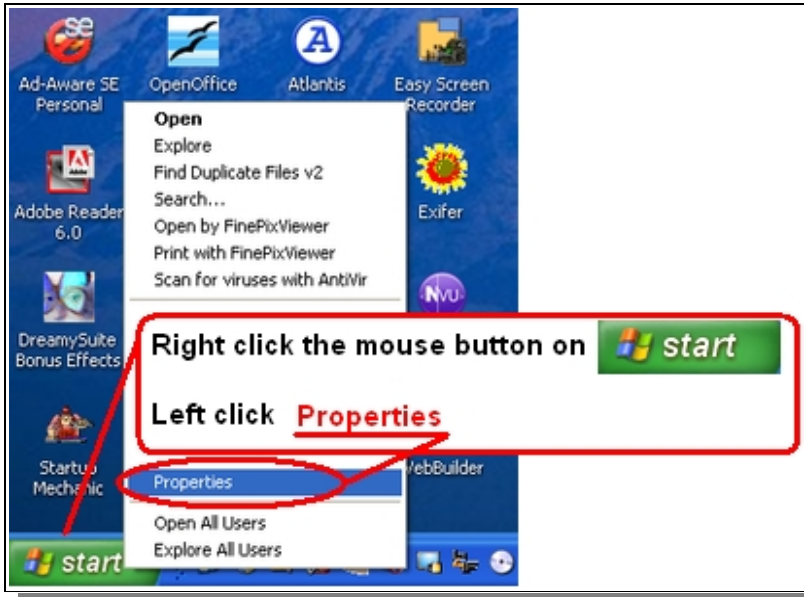
Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.



SHOW 'MY RECENT DOCUMENTS'.

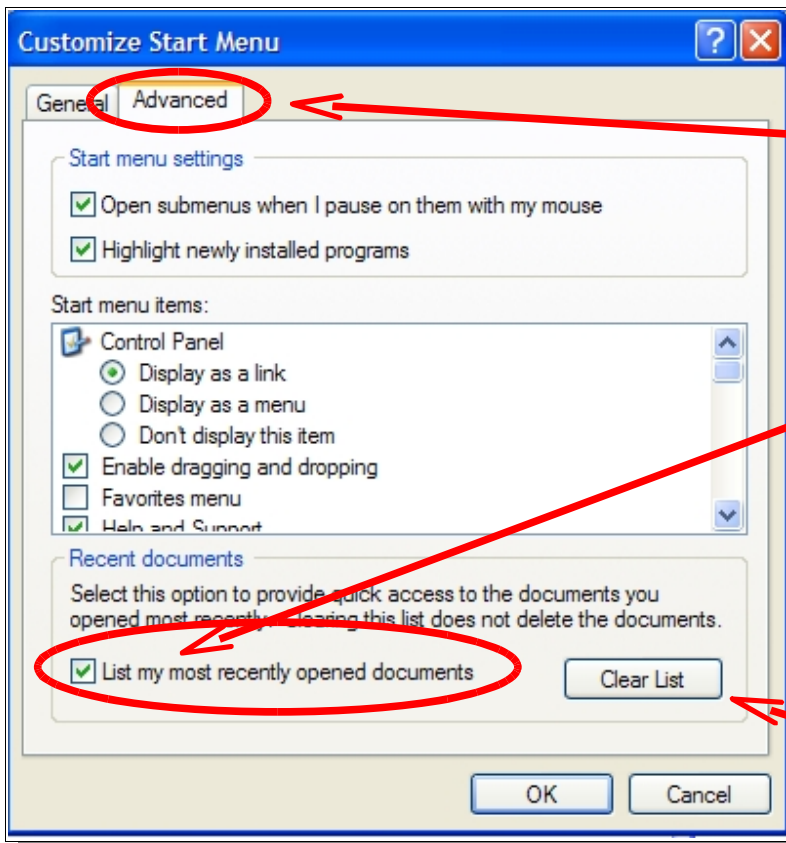
With Windows 98 you may remember that in the Start menu you could see your recently open documents. In Windows XP, this option is gone. You may find it useful, as you may not remember the names of files, or the place you save them. Windows XP has this information in memory, but it does not display it by default. Here's how to get access to the recent documents list.



Step (1) Right click the [Start] button. In the dialog choose [Properties].



Step (2) In the [Start Menu] click [Customize].



Step (3) In the 'Customize Start Menu' click the [Advanced] tab.

Step (4) Finally place a tick in this box.

Note: If you wish to clear the current list in 'My recent documents' list, follow the above steps down to (3) and click the [Clear List] button.