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Visit the clubs' web page for training courses, www.users.on.net/pvscc/training.htm
Visit the clubs' web site, www.users.on.net/~pvscc/index.html

Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses

<p>Mondays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor: Zillah Warner 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Making a 'Scrapbook' using software., Tutor: Zillah Warner</p>	<p>Tuesdays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing Tutor Bert Foster Windows Live Movie Maker. 11.30am- 1.30pm Tutor Bryan Blake</p>
<p>Wednesdays: 9.30am to 11am Using the Software (Gimp) Tutor Tom Lehane. 11.30pm to 1.00pm Windows 7 operating system tutorial. Tutor George Bell.</p>	<p>Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Card Making, Beginners and Do your own thing. Tutors Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner.</p>
<p>Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Memories to TV. Tutors John Windle, Norm Cobban: Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees</p>	<p>Fridays: Tutor Jim Tiberi Class time 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Using Microsoft Office suite</p>



Image of the web site

But there are also words that could be lost through lack of use, which brings me the 'Save the Words' web site.

The web address is <http://savethewords.org/>

It takes a few seconds to load.

When the page loads, what you'll see is a collage of words, and if you mouse over them, words will pop up for you to click on. When you click on one, you'll be given the definition for the word, and the option to adopt that word. If that word isn't your cup of tea, just click the x to close the pop up, and go back to hunting for a word you can adopt.



Items Lost Box.

There is a box of items lost or misplaced on the table beside the computer that Alan Lees uses. Just as you enter the computer room. On your next visit at the club, check to see if any of the items belong to you.



The position of club secretary will soon become vacant. Our current secretary Zillah Warner will be standing aside due to other commitments. Zillah has covered the secretary position on numerous occasions over the many years the club has been functioning. Any members that would like to apply for this position please contact, Alan Lees... on 4736 5541.



Save the Words Web Site

Save the Words is an unusual Web site, it list words that are disappearing from our language it's said that in our daily

communication with words - spoken and written – we use about 7,000 words. An average person has a vocabulary of about 8,000 to 10,000 words. The occupations with the widest vocabulary are doctors and lawyers, who average around 23,000 words.

For a rough guide on the size of your vocabulary, try a Vizetelly's vocabulary test. The choice of tests were designed by Dr Frank Horace Vizetelly in the 1920s and are still used as a guide to-day.

To try the above mentioned test go to the address below.

<http://www.write-better-english.com/vocabulary-test.aspx>

As a point of interest, how many words are in the English dictionary? Webster's New International Dictionary of 1971 has about 500,000 entries, most of which wouldn't be found in standard dictionaries. New words are added each year so the number quoted would now be a little short of the mark.



Internet Speed

The club has change over to a faster internet connection.

Know as ASL 2+. When classes such as Jim Tiberi's Microsoft Office covers using 'Outlook Express' and sending out emails the 14 or more computer connected to the clubs network could slow down but with the new connection things should be faster. Although uploads are slower than downloads.

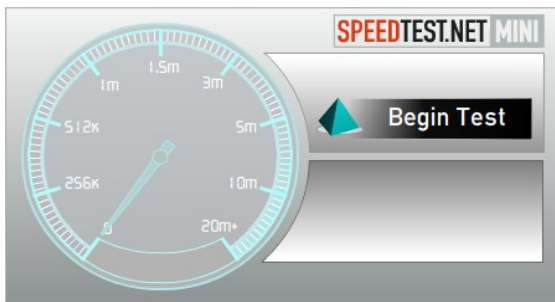
The simplest way to get a quick read on how your internet connection is running is to simply visit this web site **Internode speed test.**

http://www.internode.on.net/support/tools/speed_test/

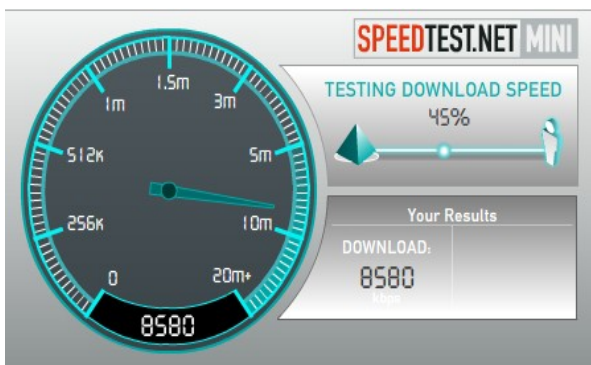
This will test both your download and upload speed and present you with the results.

On the web site scroll to the bottom of the page, a menu

Click Begin Test to test your speed:



shows prompting you to **'Begin Test'** click this button and the test will begin.



It will show the download speed then the up load speed.

This speed tester may not provide accurate results a lot depends on the Web Browser you are using. Some browses have turbo speed functions, FireFox and Opera both have this feature. Early Internet Explorer browsers were slow compared with later versions.



Computer Mouse

April 27, 1981: Say Hello to the First Personal Computer Mouse.

1981: The first integrated mouse intended for use with a personal computer makes its appearance with the Xerox Star workstation.

The name "mouse" derived from the device's rounded shape and tail-like cord extending from it, suggesting the diminutive rodent.



If you delete items in your PC, they can still be found and read.

When you delete an item, the computer only places a token in front of the file name to indicate to the system that this space is available for file storage. When you save your next file it may not use that available space. There is software available that will find those file that have the token in front of the file and make that file recoverable.

If you are selling your computer or giving it away, you need to make sure your files cannot be accessed. Luckily, there is specialized software that is made solely for this purpose.

SuperShredder is a good file shredder, and even better, it's free. A file shredder permanently deletes and removes any file. Once a file has been shredded, no recovery software can retrieve or restore those files.

To download SuperShredder type in this address.

[/www.pcworld.com/downloads/file/fid,7768-order,4/description.html](http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file/fid,7768-order,4/description.html)

Another file shredder address

<http://www.fileshredder.org/>

Both are free.

It is very important that you back up your files before you start using a shredder. You could accidentally shred a document that you DO want and once it is shredded you can't get it back.

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