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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/pc_index.html

<i>Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses</i>	
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 Pat Mitchell, Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner 'Do your own thing' means learn Word, Publisher and Excel or browse the Internet.
Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Memories to TV. Tutors John Windle, Norm Cobban: Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees	

Centre News. On the 13th of September the Seniors Centre will be holding their Annual General Meeting. All groups using the centre are requested to have 5 personnel attend the meeting to represent their club members. If you would like to participate in this AGM please see Pat Mitchell or send an Email to the clubs' Email address pvscc@internode.on.net

Christmas cards began with Queen Victoria in the 1840s. The British royal family's cards are generally portraits reflecting significant personal events of the year. The first commercial Christmas cards were commissioned by Sir Henry Cole in London, 1843, and featured an illustration by John Callcott Horsley. The picture, of a family with a small child drinking wine together, proved controversial.



Arrow points to child drinking from a wine glass.



Kodak offered a service in the early 1970s to print personal Christmas cards with family photos. The service has now been reintroduced. The cost is \$20.00 for a minimum of 10 cards.

At Thursday's card making class you can make your own using family photos or other events.

The cards or bookmarks made on the clubs' computers can be produced in

many shapes not like the plain flat photo card offered by Kodak.



There are many templates in the software to create numerous types of folded cards and bookmark shapes.

A large selection of verses for all occasions are available within the software.

As an alternative to the seasonal Christmas cards, Bookmarks make longer lasting and useful seasonal greetings.

Join Tutors Pat Mitchell, Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner on Thursday mornings from 9.30 am to 11 am. No skills required as the tutors mentioned above will guide you through the process.

Parents Ignore Chinese Tradition by Naming Baby '@'

A Chinese couple has gone way outside the norm in choosing a name for their baby. They chose "@"." The parents of baby @ told officials that pronounced in English, "at" sounds like the Chinese phrase for "love him." Besides, dad said, "the whole world uses it to write e-mails."

Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

Windows XP was chosen to run on all PCs handling chores vital to the Olympic Games, and has been installed on most of the PCs delivered. Vista will only be used on PCs in Internet lounges set up for athletes to use during the games.

The Olympic Games require mature, stable technologies, said Yang Yuanqing, chairman of Lenovo, during a briefing in Beijing. The Olympic Games is not a place to try new technologies due to the size and importance of the event, he said. Everything must work smoothly.

Will we ever be free from virus attacks?

New ones appear all most daily, now its Rootkit attacks.

New Free AVG Anti-Rootkit

A rootkit is a set of software tools (or programs) intended to conceal them selves while your Windows XP is running its operating files or system data. In other words it's a type of virus. Rootkits have in recent years been used increasingly by malware to help intruders maintain access to systems while avoiding detection.

GRISOFT (AVG anti virus software) today introduced a new, free product aimed at the detection and removal of Rootkits.

Rootkits are a specific type of malware which hide in other applications or a computer's operating system or device drivers. They allow malicious applications to collect passwords and sensitive data from the infected computer without the user's knowledge, this can be used for personal information theft, spam relay and other criminal activities. Download Anti-Rootkit from this site and protect your computer.

<http://free.grisoft.com/doc/download-free-anti-rootkit/us/frt/0>

Or go to <http://free.grisoft.com/doc/21/us/frt/0> for other free anti virus downloads from the AVG site.

Managing Digital Photos with Google's Picasa

Picasa is a computer application for organizing and editing digital photos. In July 2004, Google acquired Picasa from Idealab and began offering Picasa for free download.

The program offers several basic photo editing functions, including color enhancement, red eye reduction and cropping.

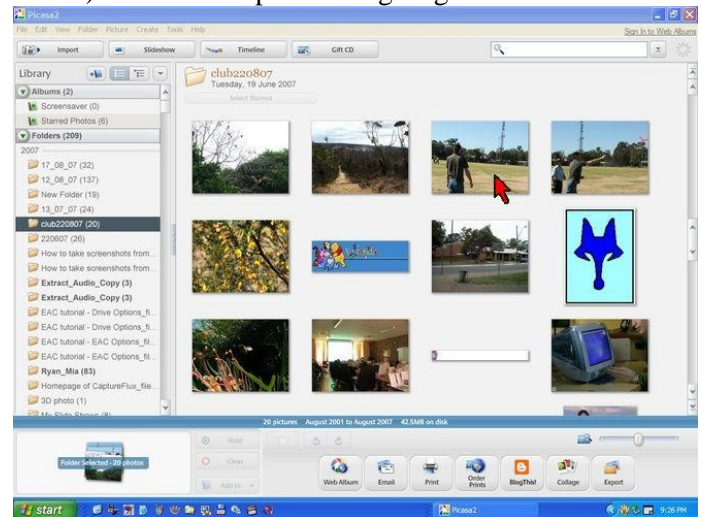
As of May 2007, the current version (2.7 Build 36.40) is a 5.13MB download, for Windows 2000/XP/Vista only.

The download site is <http://www.picasa.com/>

Picasa locates and organise all the photos on your computer.

When opening Picasa for the first time you are prompted whether you would like Picasa to scan your hard drive for existing images or if you wish to select what folders should be scanned.

Choosing to select certain folders opens the picture manager. You can now tell Picasa to leave a folder alone, to scan it once or to watch a folder. Picasa will automatically update your collection when the contents of a watched folder is changed. (I would recommend selecting the folders to scan, as scanning an entire drive could take a while.) But can find photos long forgotten.



A nice feature is the thumbnail slider. Using this slider you can instantly resize the thumbnails of the photographs.

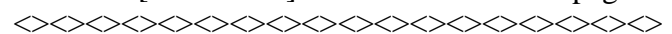


Some of the nice and easy features of Picasa are the editing options - red-eye removal, crop, enhance, rotate, straighten, focus effects, fix sky colours and using many of the filter effects available.

Basic editing instruction are on the club web site.

www.users.on.net/~pvsc/pc_index.html

Click the [Picasa edit] button to access the page.



The comments are from the editor's research and use of Google's Picasa and the AVG anti virus Rootkit software and are not associated with The Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc.

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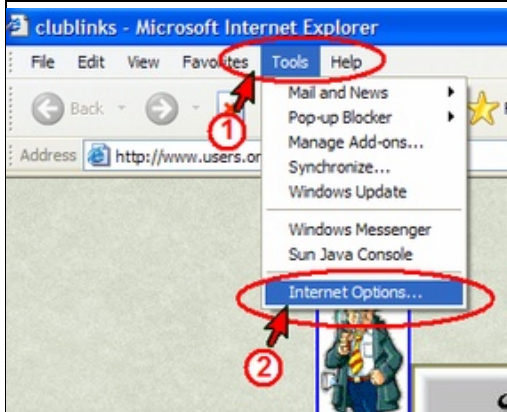


Coffee Break

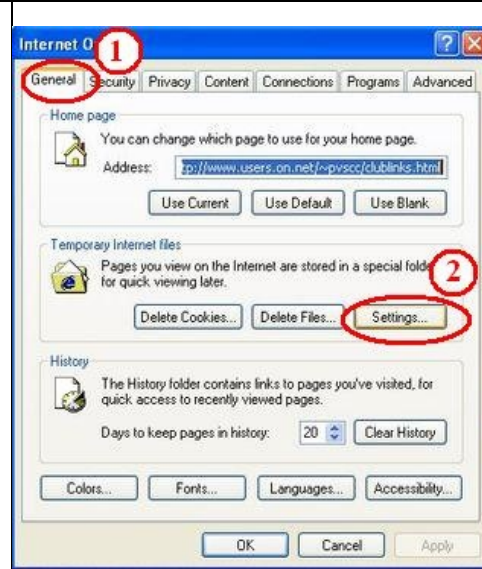
Question on Software or Operating system.

Temporary Internet Files.

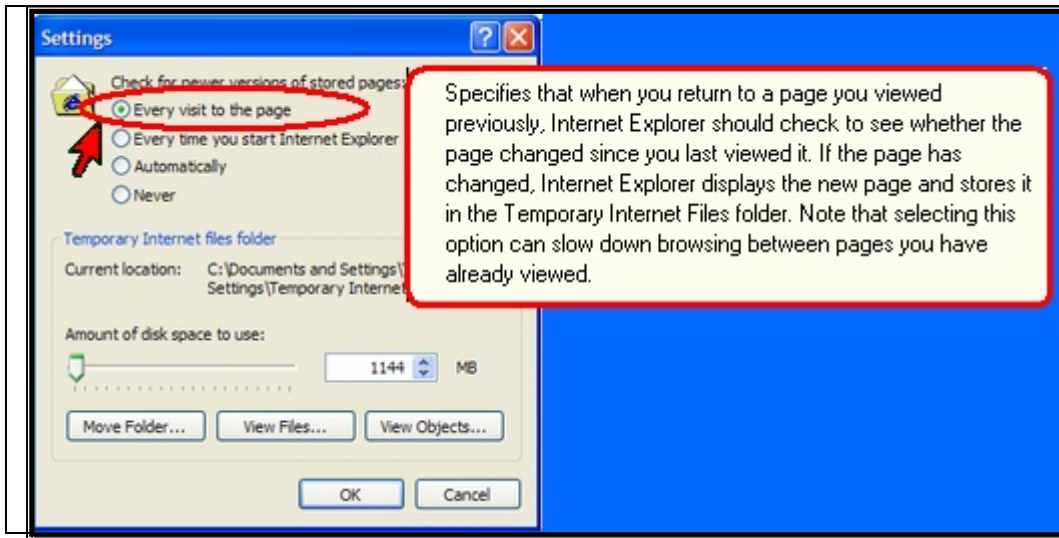
Temporary Internet files, pages that you view are stored in a special folder for quick viewing when you visit that site next time. The space reserved for these files is close to 1144 Mb. The idea for this storage goes back to the dial-up internet connection days. It saved time downloading the web page each time you make a visit. So old graphics that may have been removed from the page will continue to load.



To change this temporary folder in Internet Explorer,
1. Click Tools.
2. Click... [Internet Options]



(1) Have the [General] tab selected.
Then click....
(2) [Settings].



Change the radio button to, [Every visit to the page].

Note the information in the enclosed red box.
It suggests that it may slow down browsing between pages. This mainly applies to dial-up.

When you next visit the site all changed graphics and text will load as a fresh web page. If that does not work.....

You can **Force a Page Refresh**.

Clicking the "Refresh" button on your button bar or by pressing the F5 key, Internet Explorer refreshes the current page. Sometimes, however, due to webpage time stamps, this doesn't always work. To **force** a refresh if the previous technique doesn't work, hold down your **CONTROL** key and press **F5**.