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Visit the clubs web page for training courses www.users.on.net/pvscc/training.htm

<i>Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses</i>	
Mondays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor: Alan Lees 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics (Digital Editing). Tutor: Zillah Warner	Tuesdays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics (Digital Editing). Tutor Bert Foster
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am Using the Software. Tutor: Tom Lehane 1pm to 2.30pm Beginners, Internet/Email, and Genealogy Tutor: George Bell	Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners, Card Making and Do your own thing. Tutors Pat Mitchell & Zillah Warner
Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees	

Members please note that the computer club will be closed from December the 9th 2005 until 30th of January 2006, unless attending the ASSCA training course. (See note below).

Surface sanding of the main halls floor and other maintenance will commence in early January. No admittance to the centre for other activities from January the 8th to 16th due to the above maintenance.

The President, George Bell and members of the committee wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.



On Wednesday 23rd Michael Davis presented a workshop and demonstration on the procedure to transfer Vinyl (LP records) to a CD using the computer.

Forty four members and visitors assembled to listen and learn from the presentation using the club's computer video projector. The interest shown was evident at question time.

Michael demonstrated software to repair damaged recordings after capturing the sound through the computers sound card. The types of music compression software used and their ability to reproduce the sound from the original.

President George Bell thanked Michael for a very informative and well presented talk.

George has arranged for the ASSCA training officer to come and give us a one day 'Train the Trainer Class' on Friday 27 January 2006 between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

Please let me know, as soon as possible:

1. If you wish to attend, and
2. Who should be specifically invited to attend.

All members, who wish to be tutors or mentors and who wish to attend the course, to write their names at the foot of the poster on the Club Notice Board or advise the Committee by email.

Lunch provided.

In our October newsletter there was a column on digital cameras. There was a small piece on batteries and memory cards for these cameras.

Almost every digital camera sold today comes with insufficient memory. In an effort to keep their prices lower, manufacturers package cameras with memory cards that may hold as few as 16 images at the camera's highest JPEG resolution. Most shoppers buy just the standard package and find that they need more memory. On the other hand you may feel 16 images is OK because you can delete any bad snap shots and you were comfortable with the 20 photo roll film from the old camera. With the old roll film camera removing a fully exposed roll and placing a new one in the camera over came this short limitation of a small memory card.

Sixteen images are far too few for a digital camera so invest in a larger memory card.



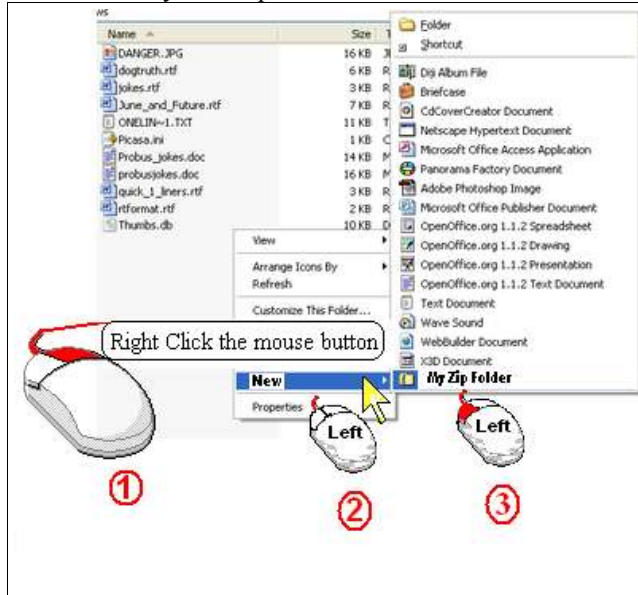
Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

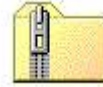
Compressing files with Windows XP

If you're using Windows XP, it already has the ability to create .zip files without loading third party software. There are a few ways to use this compression (zip) feature.

The easiest way is to Zip files in the folder there in.



Open the folder with the files to compress (Zip).
 Right click the mouse button in that folder.
 (Example in right hand image.)
 Move the mouse pointer on **New**.
 A second option window opens.
 Move mouse pointer down to the Zip Folder Icon, Then left click.

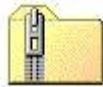


Note the Zipper image on the folder.
 Any files dragged into this folder will be compressed (Zipped)

To select the files to Compress (Zip) left click the first file. Hold down the **Shift Key** and left click the last file required to compress. Lift off the **Shift Key** and drag the files into the Zip Folder.

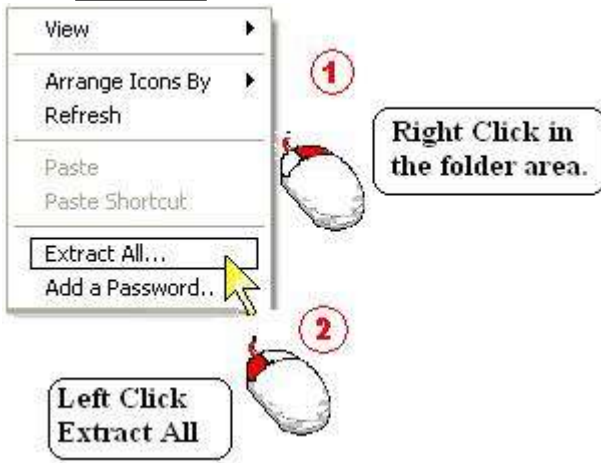
Your files are now compressed.

To extract (UnZip) your files, left click the Zip



Folder icon.

The folder will open, **Right Click** in the folder area then choose **Extract All**.



An Extraction Wizard appears left click the Next button and follow the prompts.



. The other option of compressing files is to make the **Zip Folder** on your 'C' drive root directory (main directory) and drag files and folders into this **Zip Folder**. This is an easy method to compress files and folders for making back-ups of your work, image or sound files to burn onto a CD.

Note: JPEG images, MPEG sound files are already in a zip format and dragging them into a Zip Folder won't compress them any further. Still a good method for making back-up files.