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PC Senior Chat

Hi and welcome to our latest Newsletter which includes information & computer advice to keep you up and running with your Computer/Laptop/Tablet/iPhone etc with just a little help from us at PC Senior So remember, if you are a Member, then you can eMail or Text/Telephone us any time if you need help/advise and we will get back to you

John & Sandra (PC Senior)

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OR drop us a line at 78 Manor Rd, Barnet, Herts, EN5 2LG We can help you with Broadband Setup; choosing a Computer or Tablet; Spyware Protection/Virus Removal; 1to1 Training and Support.



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PC Senior Membership £30/Year Always someone to turn to! or £60 Silver Membership, to include a generous 2hrs Home Visit/Support

With an up-to-date PC Senior Membership, you won't need to struggle with your computing just for the sake of having no-one to ask! Members can ring John or Sandra any time for help/advise or send an eMail detailing your problem (If it turns out to be a Major Problem, then don't worry - you can arrange a 1to1 Home Visit at our Members' Rates with someone you can trust and who knows you and your computer setup!)

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Looking Forward

It's my birthday in September, a big one, as they say! Big ones are always a time of reflection and planning. A time to look forward and try to make life go our way.

As such, I have set a date to step back a little and take it easy in retirement.

So, as of September, I will not be actively looking for new PC Senior computer work.



BUT, if you are an existing Member, don't panic! I will continue to help you in an informal way in order to keep you up and running with your computers/printers etc. So please feel free to contact me if you are in need of help or advice.

You are only cheating yourself

I've travelled a long way since I used to use Arthur Mee's Encyclopaedia to research (cheat) on my homework! I think my mum brought 10 volumes back from a jumble sale (Not a clue how she got them home?) Nowadays, to finish a crossword, I often get the answer by using Google. Yes I know it's cheating and, as my mother used to say, "you are only cheating yourself"

Try the example below:

Constricting snake (crossword clue 8 letters) A_A_O_D_



For Answer See bottom of next page

OR just type a Search into Google "constricting snake crossword clue 8 letters" See if you get the answer.

Getting to know my iPhone

I quite often like to take a Screenshot /Photo of what's on my iPhone Screen so that I can look at it again at my liesure or maybe send it to someone. Quite often I send it to myself and look at it the next day. I can never remember how to do it but I've just done it as follows:

Hold down the "Volume Up" Button on the Left side, then Press the large "On/Off" button on the right. You should hear it Click and the Photo will be on your Phone with all your other Photos in the normal way.

To Send the Photo to someone (or to your own eMail)

Open the Photos Icon on your Home Screen - your Screenshot show show as the last one to be taken. Click on "Select" top right of screen; Tap the Screenshot/Photo to Select it (it will receive a Tick on it); Tap the Share Icon bottom left of screen; the options you have will be listed but normally you choose Mail or WhatsApp; then just type in who it should go to, type a Subject for it and then Send. Normally I choose to Send it at Actual Size as it is the only one.

Note: You can do similar on your iPAD by Pressing the large round "Home" Button and the "Power" Button top right SIMULTANEOUSLY

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Desert Island Discs

A lovely old radio programme on Radio4, do you remember it? Especially entertaining if you knew and liked the celebrity in the hot seat. It was devised by Ray Plumley and first broadcast broadcast 29th January 1942 (It is currently off air but due to return in mid September this year)



Desert Island Discs is a format in which a guest is invited to choose eight discs to take with them as they are cast away on a mythical desert island and explain why?

They're given the complete works of Shakespear together with a copy of the Bible and they can then choose one book and a luxury item to take with them.

In my favourite Computer Magazine (Computer Active) last month they guided me through how to download and listen to back copies of the programme. They often give a web site link to go into but, if it is very lengthy, they give a "Snipca" Link which is an abreviated link to save you having to type in the long version.

Try it as below by just typing it into your web browser:

www.snipca.com/50996

Note: A Snipca Link may sometimes stop working after a while and you will need to use the full web link. As below in this case, so you can see how easy it is to make a mistake in your typing:

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnmr/episodes/downloads?page=

When it goes into the Desert Island Discs page, scroll up/down then click on Download when you see someone who you like. Then Click to Open/Play the Podcast on your computer.

Note: You can adjust the Volume in the Audio Window which pops up and/or by clicking on the Sound Icon which is on the bottom right of your Taskbar along the bottom of your screen.

If you are feeling particularly nostalgic for the programme, check out the Theme Tune they play for every episode Just do a Google Search for "desert island discs theme tune"

Finally, What would YOU choose if you were deserted on a desert island ?

Constricting snake (crossword clue 8 letters) See Page 2 A_A_O_D_

Answer ANACONDA

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Thanks BT (for nothing)

As I use BT for my Broadband, I get FREE Norton Antivirus on all my Computers and I also make use of the FREE 1Terabyte (which is a lot = 1024Gigabytes) Cloud Drive to which I copy all my Files/Photos so that they are safe and sound from any mishap if my Computer gets corrupted or stolen.

BUT no matter how carefully a project is planned, something may still go wrong with it. The saying is adapted from a line in "To a Mouse," by Robert Burns : "The heat laid schemes of mine and man often as gum?"

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men often go awry"

AND, true to form, BT have recently informed me that they will shortly be discontinuing/scrapping their Online Cloud Storage! "Thanks BT" I rely on it for all my Documents and for a whole load of History Photos.

For reference, if you use BT Cloud Storage, please note that from September 9th 2024 you will no longer be able to add more Documents/Photos to it although you will be able

to View them and Download them somewhere else up until 31st October which is coming up fast!

So, my problem is chosing where else to Copy my Documents & Photos so that I have a safe Backup of them?

These are my Options:

1. Replace my Office Program with the Online Office365 and Save my work directly to the online Drive which is included at £79.99/year (with 6Terabytes and for up to 6 people)

2. Using my existing Office Program on my Computer, make a Copy of all my Documents/Photos onto my Google Drive each week/month. My Google Account gives me 15GB Free which might not be enough for me but if I need more space then it will cost me just £20/year for 100Gigabytes which would suffice.

3. Copy my Documents/Photos onto an External Disk Drive each week/month as my Backup Copy having two External Drives to rotate DiskA & DiskB and keep one them offsite or at least in a different place within the house. The External Disks will cost £30-£50 depending on if they are 500GB or 1Terabyte size.

Whatever I choose, I must remember to adhere to the 3-2-1 Backup Rule which I was taught when I was at work:

3 Independent copies of your Data (one being the one on your Computer).

- 2 Copies stored on-site for fast restore
- 1 Copy stored off-site for recovery after a total disaster.

Give me a call if you need help putting your 3-2-1 Backup Plan in place

All the best from John & Sandra (PC Senior) Have a GREAT SUMMER

(We look forward to keeping you up and running with your Computer etc during the rest of the year)