



PC Senior Chat

Hi and welcome to our Newsletter for February 2022 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/advice and we will get back to you.

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Please ring or eMail for more information We can help you with Broadband Setup; choosing a Computer or Tablet; Spyware Protection/Virus Removal; 1to1 Training and Support; TV & Mobile Phone Setup..

Message from PC Senior

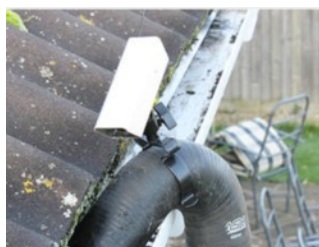
At PC Senior we are, at the moment, happy to carry out Home Visits (we will wear a mask and spray our hands before entering) as we are committed to keeping our Members and Friends up and running with their computers/iPADS etc so that they can keep in touch with family and friends and do what is necessary on-line during this difficult time. We wish you all well as we look forward to keeping you up-and-running during the year!

John & Sandra (PC Senior)

***“Anyone can do it
with a
little Help”***

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PCSENIOR.ORG.UK

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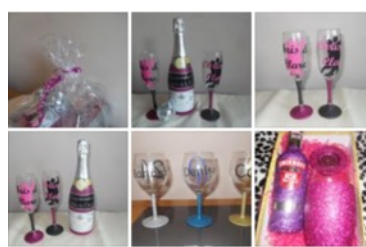
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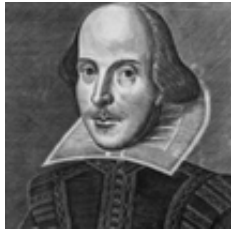


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**PC Senior Membership £25/Year Always someone to turn to!
or £55 Silver Membership, to include a generous 2hrs Home Visit/Support**

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/advice 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!)

Windows 11 Upgrade



“To be, or not to be: that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to take arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing end them?” Work that one out for yourself (or maybe you read William Shakespeare’s Hamlet at school?). Anyway, it seems to apply to Windows11 and whether, if you are offered it, you choose to upgrade your Computer from Windows10 to Windows11?

To be honest, you are not obliged to and you will not be missing much at the moment if you don’t. But I like to encourage keeping things up-to-date whenever possible. There may be “Bells & Whistles” or “Safety Issues” included which may not become apparent until later on when maybe you see something in a good Computer Magazine (“Computer Active” or “Web User” for instance).

Personally, I have upgraded my NEW Laptop from Father Christmas and Sandra’s Laptop which were both eligible and up to catering for Windows11 without any problems in using it or being compatible with my Printers etc so, *“Do not be afraid!”*

I will let you know later in the year of my experiences, changes/tweaks etc that I make BUT after Installation I went straight in and made the following minor changes:

1. I did NOT like the small Icons on my Taskbar – which have always been along the bottom and starting in the bottom left hand corner - to be Centralised! On a Laptop/Desktop it didn’t make sense to me as they just clashed with the Notification Icons in the bottom Right Hand Corner (Date/Time, Sound, WiFi Connection, Anti-Virus etc).

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To set them back to the Bottom Left Hand Corner, Right Mouse Click on a blank area of your Taskbar, choose Taskbar Settings and set it as you choose!

2. By default, you only have 10days to roll back a Windows11 Upgrade to Windows10 again if you don’t like it! BUT, if you know what you are doing, you can extend that Rollback Period to a full 60days just in case with a few quick commands to enable you to give things a proper try

Windows will let you know if your Computer is fit and ready to be upgraded to Windows 11, or NOT if you have an older model which is not up to the job.

If you want help with your Upgrade, contact PC Senior and book a Home Visit.

Or, as it is a lengthy job Downloading/Installing, it may be worth it if I take it home to do the work and deliver it back to you (included in the price for Members of course)

Get Clever using the on-line Thesaurus

I seem to remember using, in the dim and distant past, a Language Reference Book called “Roget’s Thesaurus” where you could look up a Word and come up with lots of others with the same meaning (Synonyms as they are called). You can buy the book from Waterstones for £18.99 or visit a FREE on-line Thesaurus and do your Word Search www.thesaurus.com

I find it clever/amusing to send a card to someone to suit an occasion saying how Clever they are on the inside cover – with a whole list of other words enforcing how CLEVER they are:

You might come up with *Able, Competent, Brainy, Brilliant, Capable, Canny, Gifted, Egghead, Sensible, Intelligent, Savvy, Talented, etc*

Gardening on-line

“The only time that exists in life is Now.

The Past and Future both require a functional mind to exist. Only the present prevails independent of mind. We must not fall asleep in the present because the Now moment is the only reality we truly have.”



That's just to remind you, and encourage you, that – if you want a nice garden later in the year – there are things that you must do NOW in preparation!

I'm no expert on this and am famous within our family for my failures in the garden and vegetable plot! (I'm never allowed to forget my one tomato and greenage that filled the conservatory!)

BUT I do know how to search the Web for Help/Advice.

Take a look at www.rhs.org.uk Click on “Gardening” then on “This Month” to see what you can/should do this month or any other month by clicking on the Calendar Jan to Dec along the top of the Web Page.

If you are not able to do your own gardening then why not checkout “The National Garden Scheme” and enjoy someone else's hard work/gardening skills AND help them support many Nursing & Health Charities at the same time? www.ngs.org.uk

The scheme gives visitors unique access to over 3,500 exceptional Privat Gardens in Englan, Wales, Northern Ireland and Guernsey, and raises impressive amounts of money for Nursing & Health Charities through admissions, teas & cakes.

www.waitrosegarden.com Visit the web site for plants, garden essentials and green-fingered advice.

The Gift of Flowers



What a great way to say “Thankyou”, “We care about you”, “Happy Birthday/Anniversary” etc.

Of course, you CAN go down to your Local Flower Shop, Supermarket, Garage, Drive-by on the A127 etc (They may do Home Deliveries? - or get them yourself to give personally!)

If you are good at buying on-line, you can Order them and have them delivered BUT it always bothers me whether or not the person will be in on the delivery day?

To get around this worry, choose a Web Site which offers “**Letterbox Delivery**” (i.e. The Flowers will it through a normal letter box).

www.serenataflowers.com Worried about whether your receiver will be in to receive the flowers? Try this site who do “Letterbox Flowers” (Boxed to go through the letterbox). Slightly slower delivery time and a bit more expensive (About £30) but a great idea if it suits your need!

www.moonpig.com If you want the full range of Home Delivery items – Flowers, Wine, Chocolates etc - then try this Web Site. From the Home Page, Click on “Flowers & Plants” then Scroll Down a bit to see “Letterbox Friendly” Flowers.

www.waitroseflorist.com Order flowers (including letterbox flowers) and plants by visiting the web site or calling 0800 188881. Named-day delivery available on all products.

Any Old Iron

“Any old iron, any old iron” a good old song asking for any old iron which they could make use of. Unfortunately, with Computers/Laptops/Old iPads, it’s not proving very true as the specs on new ones change for the better so rapidly that they make the old ones almost unusable!

I am finding that older Laptops at the moment are becoming so slow that they are annoying to use even for me who has lots of patience (but don’t ask my wife about that!)



If you are in this situation and can’t afford or want to purchase a new/faster machine, then there are a couple of things you can do:

1. Hibernate your computer instead of switching off in the normal way every time.

You MAY have this option if you Click on the Start Button, then Click on Power and then select “Hibernate” If you don’t see this option you will need a quick tweak by PC Senior to make it available (1hr Members Call=£20). This makes so much difference to your Bootup Time that it is A-Maz-Ing!

2. Upgrade your old Hard Disk Drive (HDD) which spins round like an old LP to one of the newer Solid State Drives (SSD) which has no moving parts. With PC Senior, this may cost you around £120 - £130 including the new Disk but nowhere near the price of a new machine at £400 - £500

Note: If you CAN afford a new Computer, ensure that it has an SSD Drive (Min 240GB) and not one of the older HDD Drives (Ask PC Senior if you need advice)

Making use of your old iPad with IOS v 9.3.5



Recently, I tried to prepare/sort out an old iPad for someone which had a Version 9.3.5 Operating System on it the latest is now about Version 15 and the older ones WON’T upgrade to it!

What this means is that it is very hard to Download any of the newer Apps and it is “Trial and Error” as to which old ones will actually install.

The Apple people would like to say that your old iPad is Obsolete BUT I have sussed out the following Apps which worked for me and found a way to Install more but ***please ask If you need advise***

Solitaire; Jigsaws; Radios; Oldies Radio; Radio UK; NHS App; Wikipedia; Daily Word Search; Hangman; Crossword Jam; Checkers; Dolphin browser; Safari
Also, you should find that Zoom will work ok so don’t throw away your old iPad just yet!

Games On-Line

Or, if all else fails, you could just use your Browser to access some simple on-line games as below:

<https://games.silversurfers.com>

You might even want to Register for Discount Benefits etc

All the best from John & Sandra (PC Senior)