



## Newsletter No. 16

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### **The PCWisdom website:**

I am very pleased to announce that the PCWisdom website at [www.pcwisdom.co.uk](http://www.pcwisdom.co.uk) is now up and running. This site offers questions and answers, tutorials, contact information and, in the near future, a chat line facility which will allow instant messaging between us at certain times of the week. Please feel free to browse the site and let me have your comments.

### **Picasa 3 unveiled:**

As many of you may have noticed, I am a great admirer of the free photographic software program, Picasa, from Google. You may be interested to learn that it has now got even better with the release of version 3. This latest version allows you to re-touch your images by removing unsightly marks and blemishes from your photo masterpieces. The photo viewer has been improved allowing you to see full frame images. Any improving edits to your images can now be uploaded to your online albums at the touch of a button. The red-eye correction tool has been greatly improved. It is even simpler to email your photos to friends and family with Picasa 3. Captions, text and watermarks can now be made to your pictures. The program now offers a screen capture facility as well as basic video editing. New icons and tools have been added to display useful information about your images like where and when they were taken under what exposure settings. And finally, the cropping tool has been made even more user-friendly.

Download the program from <http://picasa.google.com/>

### **Google Chrome web browser:**

This is one of the latest offerings from Google. A streamlined web browser to replace Internet Explorer and Mozilla's Firefox. I have long been an advocate of Firefox over Explorer but I am now, almost, converted to Chrome. It is cleaner, faster and safer than the other two contenders. I say 'almost' because it is still in the 'beta' stage of development with one or two facilities missing but these are minor issues and I am using it almost exclusively for my own web browsing.

Try it out at [www.google.com/chrome](http://www.google.com/chrome) .



## **Removing an icon from the desktop:**

I have had a number of requests recently about how to remove an unwanted icon from the desktop. You will be pleased to learn that this is a very simple procedure. Simply *right* click on the icon in question and then left click on Delete from the dropdown menu. Bear in mind that this will not remove the program from your computer – only the icon. If you wish to remove the program itself you will have to go to the Control Panel from the Start menu and choose Remove Programs. Scroll down the list of programs, highlight the program and then click on Remove.

## **Computing for Seniors newsletters:**

There are a couple of very useful weekly newsletters that I have found and now subscribe to which offer very useful, simple and practical advice and comments for the mature web browser.

The first is PC Knowledge for Seniors – check it out at <http://tinyurl.com/2zxr57> - which is eminently readable and provides a great deal of practical advice while the second, The Senior Surfer, at <http://www.theseniorsurfer.blogspot.com/> offers weekly quizzes to test your knowledge as well as keeping you up to date with the computing world without resorting to jargon.

Subscription to both newsletters is free and you can unsubscribe (horrible word!) at any time in the future.

## **Where can you buy the book?**

Following a number of newspaper articles on the publication of the book “Computing for the Older and Wiser” I have had a surprising number of emails and telephone calls asking where copies of the book can be obtained. I am pleased to say that the answer is “almost anywhere”. Waterstones and the Red Lion bookshop in Colchester, most leading bookshops throughout the country and the Borders bookshop in Singapore (if you have the desire to travel in that direction) all have copies of the book or are happy to order it for you. The other alternative is to buy it from Amazon on <http://tinyurl.com/6rrk77> at the heavily discounted price of £8.39 compared to the shop price of £12.99.

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