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Wednesday 1st October 2008

Guest Speaker
DAVID STALLARD
Digital Cameras & More

Newstream Articles

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OPEN NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2008

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

Most members will be aware that the principal event for October is Seniors' Week, which runs from October 1st to 7th. In case you haven't been attending classes at OPEN in recent weeks the format will be as follows :

MORNINGS :

Normal classes will be held

AFTERNOONS : Visitors are welcome to attend the sessions to see first-hand how our club operates.

Members are encouraged to come along and do their normal activities so that visitors can get an idea of the range of computer topics that we cover.

As we slip in to October it is the time of year that Judy Hall takes 5 or 6 weeks off from her busy OPEN schedule to focus on her even busier work schedule as the family business prepares for the Deloraine Craft Fair. In Judy's absence Margaret Gilpin will return to help with the Family History classes, while the Graphics classes will be in the hands of Eleanor Horder, Karia Wicks and the team.

With five Wednesdays occurring in October there will be special sessions on the 29th—CD Burning and Labelling in the morning, and a look at Ebay and other interesting sites in the afternoon session.

As Robert Tierney has been heavily involved with preparations for Seniors Week the Coordinator's Corner column will not appear this month.

Dennis Murray

"SNIPPETS"

SHOW DAY

Launceston Show Day will be held on Thursday, October 9. Normal classes will be held at OPEN.

HEARD ON THE RADIO

Following my article on 'file associations' last month it was interesting to hear on the ABC Computer Talkback show that a caller couldn't open one of her e-mail attachments—because the computer didn't know which program to use. The problem was further complicated by the fact the caller couldn't provide the 'file extension' (i.e. the 3 letters after the dot in the filename) in order that the computer professional could suggest a solution.

This is one of those situations where a little non-computer logic may have helped. If the caller couldn't work out which program was used to create the attachment perhaps she should have e-mailed the sender and simply asked!

READ-ONLY FILES

Another one from the Computer Talkback show!

A caller wanted to protect certain files so that people reading them couldn't accidentally change the contents. This is a technique we use at OPEN occasionally, the main example to protect the sample files used for word-processing exercises. It was suggested to the caller that each file needs to be set to read-only individually. However, by selecting a range of files, right-clicking any one and bringing up the Properties box, ticking the read-only option will set all the files to read-only status.

OPEN MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at 3:30 pm on October 1 2008.

Please note the later starting time (this month only due to Seniors Week)

All members, both old and new, are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Please take this opportunity to have an input into the way the club



LAUNCESTON COMPUTER GROUP MEETING & MONTHLY WORKSHOP

WEDS. OCTOBER 1st 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Following a short committee meeting there will be a presentation on **Digital Cameras** and related technology with guest speaker

DAVID STALLARD
from Stallard's Camera House
At 7:30 pm
All members welcome.

EMBROIDERY GROUP

The Friday afternoon Embroidery Group will meet on a **MONTHLY** basis this year. The next meeting will be on October 3 2008 at 1 pm.

Contact Eleanor Horder via the club for details.

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Launceston Computer Group

1st October 2008

DISK 2000 - Your Library on Disk



Disk 2000 is now available. The change from a floppy disk to a CD has enabled us to include much more in the way of games, information and utilities. Existing members can upgrade to the new CD version for just \$1.50. Ask at the club or contact Judy via the e-mail address shown below. This disk is free of charge to all new members.

AVAILABILITY OF LIBRARY

At present the Shareware Library is only available during the club's opening hours.

Speak to one of the tutors at the venue - Studioworks, 1 Pipeworks Road, South L'ton.

Email:
opencomputing@bigpond.com

OTHER CLUB RESOURCES

In addition to the 'physical' library OPEN and VICTOR may be able to provide members with a variety of freeware programs as an alternative to downloading from the Internet. Free anti-virus programs such as AVG can now be as large as 45 Megabytes and would take hours to download for someone who only had a dial-up

Internet connection.

There are also quite a few video tutorials and ASCCA teaching material on our server and these can be quite helpful in ex-

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN 2008 ALL OF JUDY'S
MORNING CLASSES WILL START AT 10
AM
AND NOT 9 AM

FAMILY HISTORY ON-LINE

October 8 — 1 pm to 3.30 pm

October 22 — 10 am to 12 noon

With Judy taking 'business leave' to prepare for the Deloraine Craft Fair, Margaret Gilpin and Karia Wicks Be looking after the Family History classes for the next 5 or 6 weeks.

New information is being added to our resources on an on-going basis to help you trace your family's origins. Contact the club for more information

Classes are limited to 8 people.

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY CLASS

October 15
10 am to 12 noon

This month we welcome back one of our old favourites, **Print Artist**. This has been an entry-level graphics program at OPEN for many years. New users can learn how to make greeting cards, signs and labels, while experienced users may like to do a refresher session. .

VENUE TELEPHONE NUMBER

Don't forget that the club telephone is available during class hours.

6343 4928

GRAPHICS

Please check the registration sheets at the club to find out if there are places available.

The dates for the next classes are :

Extra Class October 1st - 10 am to 12 noon

Basic Graphics October 8th - 10 am to 12 noon

LEVEL 2 & 3 GRAPHICS

With Paint Shop Pro 7 and 8

Wednesday October 15 1 pm to 3.30 pm

This class is designed for people who have completed the Basic Graphics classes, and involves more advanced features of the Paint Shop Pro graphics programs.

Numbers are limited to 8 people. Please check the notice-

OPEN Session Times

At Studioworks, 1 Pipeworks Rd, L'ton

Standard Sessions \$5.00

[Some special tutorial materials may incur additional charges]

Monday	10 am –12	E-Learn & Beginners
	1 pm – 3 pm	Basics and Beyond
Tuesday	10 am –12	E-Learn & Beginners [all day]
	1 pm – 3 pm	Mac [all day]
	7 pm–9 pm	Basics (Night Class)
Wednesday		Special sessions or Meetings
		As for mornings (see rosters)
Thursday	10 am –12	E-Learn & Beginners
	1 pm – 3 pm	E-Learn & Beginners
Friday	10 am –12	E-Learn & Beginners
1st Friday of each month	1 pm – 3 pm	Embroidery Group

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SPECIAL

Date	Time	Topic	Details
October 1	10 am–12 noon	Graphics Workshop	An additional class to utilise the skills learned earlier in the Basic Graphics course.
	1 pm onwards	Seniors Week session and Monthly meeting	Visitors welcome from 1 pm to 3 pm. OPEN Monthly Meeting from 3:30 pm onward
	7.00 to 9.00 pm	LCG Meeting and Monthly Workshop	Guest presenter David Stallard will give us the latest in Digital Cameras and techniques
October 8	10 am–12 noon	Basic Graphics	Eleanor Horder and Karia Wicks continue the course on all aspects of graphics manipulation.
	1 pm–3.30 pm	Family History	Margaret Gilpin and the Family History tutors will assist you in tracing your Ancestry.
October 15	10 am–12 noon	Print Artist	Make a greeting cards, labels or signs with our 'old faithful' graphics program, Print Artist
	1 pm–3.30 pm	Level 2 and 3 Graphics	Advanced graphics techniques using the Paint Shop Pro 7 and 8 programs.
October 22	10 am–12 noon	Family History	Trace your Family History using the various resources available at the club.
	1 pm–3.30 pm	Paint Shop Pro 11	Graphics Class using the most recent version of the popular Paint Shop Pro program.
October 29	10 am–12 noon	CD Burning & Labelling	"Burn" CDs and DVDs and print labels on them.
	1 pm–3.30 pm	eBay and other sites	Explore the World Wide Web

Don't go from XP to Vista unless you go 64-bit

By Stuart J. Johnston

Early indications are that Windows 7 won't be a major upgrade from Vista

But the real choice isn't between Vista and Windows 7; it's between moving to a 64-bit version of Windows now or later.

The bottom line is that if you're using XP, there's no point in upgrading to 32-bit Vista.

It doesn't make sense to upgrade your operating system without upgrading to 64-bit hardware and software in order to get the most out of both.

Allow me to explain.

Despite Microsoft's best attempts to keep a lid on the next version of Windows — code-named Windows 7 — details about the new OS's features are slipping out.

The early word is that the successor to Vista, which is due to ship in early 2010, won't be much different from Vista Service Pack 1.

To date, Microsoft has said only that the next version of Windows will launch within three years after the consumer release of Vista, which debuted officially in January 2007.

A recent report Microsoft's current schedule as having the OS ready for PC manufacturers in June 2009, substantially earlier than advertised.

Microsoft executives have kept mum not only about the when of Windows 7 but also the what: specifically, what features will and won't be in the next release.

Significantly more information regarding Windows 7 will be available in late October at the company's Professional Developers Conference (PDC) and in early November at its Windows Hardware Engineering Conference.

Late word is that PDC attendees will receive a pre-beta of Windows 7 on a 160GB external USB hard drive.

Early testers of the new release indicated that a public beta of Windows 7 is due around mid-December 2008.

Microsoft has said it will sign up beta testers via its Connect site <http://connect.microsoft.com>.

That would be the right time frame for Microsoft to get the final release to PC makers in time for the 2009 Christmas sales season — a critical mistake Microsoft made with Vista in 2006, say analysts.

Windows 7 emphasizes performance, stability Testers of early preview releases indicate that Windows 7 will provide greater stability, reliability, and performance than Vista.

The most recent of the three prebeta releases reportedly delivered all three of the promised benefits.

One of the three biggest complaints about Vista — or more specifically, the 32-bit version of Vista — is performance.

(The other two big Vista problems, application incompatibilities and the lack of device drivers, have been solved over the past year and a half, with a few noteworthy exceptions.)

The 32-bit edition of Vista supports only 3GB of memory, a limitation that the 64-bit edition doesn't have.

How much memory can 64-bit Vista address?

The range is from 8GB for Vista Home Basic to 128GB for the Ultimate, Enterprise, and Business editions.

All 32-bit operating systems, not just Vista, have greater memory restrictions than their 64-bit versions.

At this point, if you're considering buying new systems, you should be looking at setups that use 64-bit hardware and software.

After all, what good are all those lightning-fast processor cores if the system runs low on memory to support them?

While there will be a 32-bit edition of Windows 7, the writing is on the wall: the future of desktop computing is 64-bit.

"The 64-bit editions support more than 3GB of RAM, which removes the headroom limit that 32-bit editions have," principal analyst Rob Enderle of the Enderle Group told Windows Secrets.

Some users echo that sentiment.

"I installed a full 64-bit copy of Vista six months after release and it runs great," said a user who goes by the screen name Darkest Daze on one user forum.

"I love my Vista 64.

I would never go back to XP," said a posting by another user who goes by the screen name Ike_Skelton.

While there is a 64-bit release of XP, Microsoft plans to end free support for XP on April 14, 2009, although the company will continue to issue critical bug fixes.

After that date, you'll have to pay per incident for support from Microsoft.

One big reason why Microsoft should have no problem meeting its shipping deadlines for Windows 7 is that the OS will not be much different from Vista Service Pack 1, which shipped last spring.

For instance, screen shots of the latest pre-beta that were briefly posted to the Web last week (until Microsoft's legal department got involved) showed a user interface that is suspiciously like Vista's aero look.

Windows components are moving to the cloud As part of Microsoft's broad initiative to evolve its product offerings to embrace its emerging software-plus-services vision, some features and programs that had previously been included with the operating system will become Windows Live services, residing in the cloud while remaining tightly integrated with Windows 7, the company confirmed this week.

"Starting with the next release of Windows, Windows Mail, Windows Calendar, Windows Contacts, Windows Photo Gallery, and Windows Movie Maker will no longer be available in the Windows operating system," a Microsoft spokesperson said in a statement e-mailed to Windows Secrets.

Instead, those capabilities will be provided via Windows Live services, the statement continued.

Moving those features out of Windows 7 may also help improve performance.

"The whole idea is to have Windows Live be a piece on top of the Windows 7 platform," Kip Kniskern, staff writer for Windows Live enthusiast site LiveSide.net, told Windows Secrets.

Beyond that, however, he too views Windows 7 as a relatively minor release.

"I don't think Windows 7 is much more than Vista SP2," Kniskern added.

"The code base isn't much different."

One feature that will be new in Windows 7 is support for multi-touch displays, which Microsoft's Surface computer pioneered.

Chairman Bill Gates and CEO Steve Ballmer demonstrated Windows 7's support for that feature at the Wall Street Journal's D: All Things Digital conference in May.

As cool as this feature may appear, it's unlikely to be reason enough for the millions of XP users in the world to postpone their next system upgrade for more than a year.

When you're ready for a 64-bit desktop PC, it's ready for you.

Office 2007 - new look - same shortcuts

In Office 2007 you have the same menu shortcuts as in earlier Microsoft Office products even though the appearance of the screen and menus is quite different.

Office 2007 not only has keyboard shortcuts but in many ways they are better than previous versions of Microsoft Office. For the most part the shortcuts you used in Office XP and Office 2003 will work in Office 2007 also - despite the very different look of the screen.

The trick is to hold down the Alt key - that will reveal little shortcut reminders for each option on the current ribbon. For example here's what you'll see when you press the Alt key in Excel 2007.

The Office button on top left has an F so if you press Alt then F it will open than menu. F might seem like a strange choice until you remember that Alt + F took you to the File menu in earlier versions of Excel.

The shortcuts can go many levels deep, the little tags that appear after pressing the Alt key will change as you make each selection. Press Alt then G brings up the Design ribbon in Powerpoint 2007 and shows that, among other things, pressing Alt G and O will change the slide orientation.

On top of all that, the Ctrl key shortcuts are all there too - Ctrl + O still opens the File | Open dialog and so on

Going Back Press the wrong shortcut key? Press Escape to go back one level and retain the shortcut tip display. You don't have to go back to the start.

This trick is also useful for exploring the new interface to see what's available via shortcuts

5 ways to speed up your PC

By following a few simple guidelines, you can maintain your computer and keep it running smoothly.

This article discusses how to use the tools available in Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2) and Windows Vista to more efficiently maintain your computer and safeguard your privacy when you're online.

On This Page Free up disk space Speed up access to data Detect and repair disk errors Protect your computer against spyware Learn all about ReadyBoost Free up disk space By freeing disk space, you can improve the performance of your computer.

The Disk Cleanup tool helps you free up space on your hard disk.

The utility identifies files that you can safely delete, and then enables you to choose whether you want to delete some or all of the identified files.

Use Disk Cleanup to:

Remove temporary Internet files.

Remove downloaded program files (such as Microsoft ActiveX controls and Java applets).

Empty the Recycle Bin.

Remove Windows temporary files.

Remove optional Windows components that you don't use.

Remove installed programs that you no longer use.

Tip: Typically, temporary Internet files take the most amount of space because the browser caches each page you visit for faster access later.

To use Disk Cleanup

1. Click Start, point to All Programs, point to Accessories, point to System Tools, and then click Disk Cleanup.

If several drives are available, you might be prompted to specify which drive you want to clean.

2. In the Disk Cleanup for dialog box, scroll through the content of the Files to delete list.

Choose the files that you want to delete.

3. Clear the check boxes for files that you don't want to delete, and then click OK.

4. When prompted to confirm that you want to delete the specified files, click Yes.

After a few minutes, the process completes and the Disk Cleanup dialog box closes, leaving your computer cleaner and performing better.

Top of page Speed up access to data Disk fragmentation slows the overall performance of your system.

When files are fragmented, the computer must search the hard disk when the file is opened to piece it back together.

The response time can be significantly longer.

Disk Defragmenter is a Windows utility that consolidates fragmented files and folders on your computer's hard disk so that each occupies a single space on the disk.

With your files stored neatly end-to-end, without fragmentation, reading and writing to the disk speeds up.

When to run Disk Defragmenter In addition to running Disk Defragmenter at regular intervals—monthly is optimal—there are other times you should run it too, such as when:

You add a large number of files.

Your free disk space totals 15 percent or less.

You install new programs or a new version of Windows.

To use Disk Defragmenter:

1. Click Start, point to All Programs, point to Accessories, point to System Tools, and then click Disk Defragmenter.

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Click Analyse to start the Disk Defragmenter.

2. In the Disk Defragmenter dialog box, click the drives that you want to defragment, and then click the Analyse button.

After the disk is analyzed, a dialog box appears, letting you know whether you should defragment the analysed drives.

Tip: You should analyse a volume before defragmenting it to get an estimate of how long the defragmentation process will take.

3. To defragment the selected drive or drives, click the Defragment button.

Note: In Windows Vista, there is no graphical user interface to demonstrate the progress—but your hard drive is still being defragmented.

After the defragmentation is complete, Disk Defragmenter displays the results.

4. To display detailed information about the defragmented disk or partition, click View Report.

5. To close the View Report dialog box, click Close.

6. To close the Disk Defragmenter utility, click the Close button on the title bar of the window.

Top of page Detect and repair disk errors In addition to running Disk Cleanup and Disk Defragmenter to optimize the performance of your computer, you can check the integrity of the files stored on your hard disk by running the Error Checking utility.

As you use your hard drive, it can develop bad sectors.

Bad sectors slow down hard disk performance and sometimes make data writing (such as file saving) difficult, or even impossible.

The Error Checking utility scans the hard drive for bad sectors, and scans for file system errors to see whether certain files or folders are misplaced.

If you use your computer daily, you should run this utility once a week to help prevent data loss.

To run the Error Checking utility:

1. Close all open files.

2. Click Start, and then click My Computer.

3. In the My Computer window, right-click the hard disk you want to search for bad sectors, and then click Properties.

4. In the Properties dialog box, click the Tools tab.

5. Click the Check Now button.

6. In the Check Disk dialog box, select the Scan for and attempt recovery of bad sectors check box, and then click Start.

7. If bad sectors are found, choose to fix them.

Tip: Only select the "Automatically fix file system errors" check box if you think that your disk contains bad sectors.

Top of page Protect your computer against spyware Spyware collects personal information without letting you know and without asking for permission.

From the Web sites you visit to usernames and passwords, spyware can put you and your confidential information at risk.

In addition to privacy concerns, spyware can hamper your computer's performance.

To combat spyware, you might want to consider using Microsoft Windows Defender, which is included in Windows Vista, and is available as a free download for Microsoft XP SP2.

Alternatively, there are other free anti-spyware software programs available.

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this!

Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.



Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2 : The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3 : You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4 : If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5 : Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping--they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes._ Learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

If you agree, pass it on.

If you can read this - Thank a teacher!

CAN YOU IMAGINE THIS STORY.....

A Lady Named Irena

There recently was a death of a 98 year old lady named Irena.

During WWII, Irena, got permission to work in the Warsaw Ghetto, as a Plumbing/Sewer specialist.

She had an ulterior motive...

She KNEW what the Nazis' plans were for the Jews, (being German).

Irena smuggled infants out in the bottom of her tool box she carried, and she carried in the back of her truck a Burlap sack, (for larger kids).

She also had a dog in the back, that she trained to bark when the Nazi soldiers let her in, and out of the ghetto.

The soldiers of course wanted nothing to do with the dog, and the barking covered the kids/infants noises.

During her time and course of doing this, she managed to smuggle out and save 2500 kids/infants.

She was caught, and the Nazis broke both her legs, and arms, and beat her severely.

Irena kept a record of the names of all the kids she smuggled out, and kept them in a glass jar, buried under a tree in her back yard.

After the war, she tried to locate any parents that may have survived it, and reunited the family.

Most of course had been gassed.

Those kids she helped got placed into foster family homes, or adopted.

Last year Irena was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize....

She LOST.

Al Gore won, for doing a slide show on Global Warming.

YOU HAVE TO WORK OUT WHAT THE LETTERS MEAN

According to MENSA, if you get 33 of these you are genius

Only 2 MENSA

members, achieved full marks. See how well you do-

No.	Cryptic	Answer	
	0	24 H in a D	24 Hours in a Day
1.	26 L of the A		
2	7 D of the W		
3.	7 W of the W		
4	12 S of the Z		
5.	66 B of the B		
6.	52 C in a P(WJs)		
7.	6 S on the AF		
8.	18 H on a GC		
9.	39 B of the OT		
10.	5 T on a F		
11.	90 D in a RA		
12.	3 BM (SHTR)		
13.	32 is the T in DF at which WF		
14.	15 P in a RT		
15.	3 W on a T		
16.	100 C in a D		
17.	11 P in a F (S) T		

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- 18. 12 M in a Y
- 19. 13 is UFS
- 20. 8 T on a O
- 21. 29 D in F in a LY
- 22. 27 B in the NT
- 23. 365 D in a Y
- 24. 13 L in a BD
- 25. 52 W in a Y
- 26. 9 L of a C
- 27. 60 M in a H
- 28. 23 P of C in the HB
- 29. 64 S on a CB
- 30. 6 S in A
- 31. 6 B to an O in C
- 32. 1000 Y in a M
- 33. 15 M on a DMC

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HAIKU ERROR MESSAGES

*Three things are certain:
Death, taxes, and lost data.
Guess which has occurred.*

*Everything is gone;
Your life's work has been destroyed.
Squeeze trigger (yes/no)?*

*Windows NT crashed.
I am the Blue Screen of Death.
No one hears your screams.*

*Seeing my great fault
Through darkening blue windows
I begin again*

*The code was willing,
It considered your request,
But the chips were weak.*

*Printer not ready.
Could be a fatal error.
Have a pen handy?*

A file that big?

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*It might be very useful.
But now it is gone.*

*Errors have occurred.
We won't tell you where or why.
Lazy programmers.*

*Server's poor response
Not quick enough for browser.
Timed out, plum blossom.*

*Chaos reigns within.
Reflect, repent, and reboot.
Order shall return.*

*Login incorrect.
Only perfect spellers may
enter this system.*

*This site has been moved.
We'd tell you where, but then we'd
have to delete you.*

*[Editor's Note: the foregoing were the winners in the Salon Magazine
1998 competition. Many thanks to Thomas Cremer for sending them in.
Those that follow are additional classics found at
www.funnypoetry.com.]*

*First snow, then silence
This thousand dollar screen dies
so beautifully.*

• *Simon Firth*
*No-one can tell
what God or Heaven will do
If you divide by zero.*

• *Elas Giordano*
*A crash reduces
your expensive computer
to a simple stone.*

• *James Lopez*
*The Web site you seek
cannot be located but
countless more exist.*

• *Joy Rothke*
*A thousand flower petals
writhe in the wind -
disk C: not found.*

• *Elas Giordano*
*Out of memory.
We wish to hold the whole sky,
But we never will.*

• *Francis Heaney*
• *From AppleACT July 2008*

MENSA TEST ANSWERS

1. 26 Letters of the Alphabet
2. 7 Days of the Week
3. 7 Wonders, of the World
4. 12 Signs of the Zodiac
5. 66 Books of the Bible
6. 52 Cards in a Pack (Without Jokers)
7. 6 Stars on the Australian Flag
8. 18 Holes on a Golf Course
9. 39 Books of the Old Testament
10. 5 Toes on a Foot
11. 90 Degrees in a Right Angle
12. 3 Blind Mice (See How They Run)
13. 32 is Temperature in Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes
14. 15 Players in a Rugby Team
15. 3 Wheels on a Tricycle
16. 100 Cents in a Dollar
17. 11 Players in a Football (Soccer) Team
18. 12 Months in a Year
19. 13 is Unlucky For Some
20. 8 Tentacles on an Octopus
21. 29 Days in February in a Leap Year
22. 27 Books in the New Testament

23. 365 Days in a Year
24. 13 Loaves in a Bakers' Dozen
25. 52 Weeks in a Year
26. 9 Lives of a Cat
27. 60 Minutes in a Hour
28. 23 Pairs of Chromosomes in the Human Body
29. 64 Squares on a Chess Board
30. 6 States in Australia
331. 6 Balls to an Over in Cricket
32. 1000 Years in a Millennium
33. 15 Men on a Dead Man's Chest

So how many did you get right?

