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From The Rectory

I don't know if you've ever had that sense of finding your people, a tribe or individual with whom you particularly connect. Maybe at school your group were all into the same music. Or you feel a great bond with those who follow your sports team. In *The Four Loves*, C. S. Lewis wrote about friendship arising when two or more people discover "that they have in common some insight or interest or even taste which the others do not share and which, till that moment, each believed to be his own unique treasure (or burden). The typical expression of opening Friendship would be something like, "What? You too? I thought I was the only one."



Perhaps we might ask, who were Jesus' people? He came to his own people, the people of Israel. And he would send his disciples to all the nations, to all sorts and conditions of people, to "whomsoever" would believe in him. He calls us all.

But whom did Jesus seek out in the Gospels? Who sought him out? If we ask these questions of Matthew chapter 9, we find, perhaps, some surprising answers.



Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector. Now, I don't suppose most of us love paying taxes. But two issues make this particularly surprising. One, Israel was occupied by the Romans. To be a tax collector was to be a collaborator. And perhaps all that contact with Gentiles would make tax collectors ritually unclean. Likely, it at least made them questionable. And, two, tax collectors seem to have been corrupt. They seem to have overcharged and exploited people. And yet, Jesus calls Matthew to come and follow him. Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners. The strict, devout, sound, religious Pharisees don't like it. Jesus is compromising. Lowering the tone. Selling out. What's he doing? These are not the right sort of people at all. But Jesus says God desires mercy. He is a doctor who has come for people who know they are sick, not for the stuck up who think they are doing perfectly well without Jesus, thank you very much.



And then, a bit later in the chapter, two people reach out to Jesus. A synagogue ruler whose daughter has died. And a woman who has had a flow of blood for 12 years.

Again, perhaps both of these involve ritual uncleanness (because of the association with death and blood). Jesus calls both the woman and the little girl "daughter". The ruler and the woman seem very different. She's shy. He's respectable. But both of them are desperate. Both of them bring their need to Jesus. They come asking for mercy. They know they need a doctor, a Saviour.

Who are Jesus' people? Men and women. Younger and older. Important and overlooked. The in-crowd and the outsider. Anyone in fact who will come to him with their need, anyone who will answer his call to follow him. Jesus welcomes us all to his table to come and eat with him. And he renews and transforms us. We can come to Jesus as we are, and he will make us whole and new. He will draw us in to his people and encourage us to welcome others in, to show to them the mercy we have been shown. Jesus' people are, or should be, a surprising bunch, of needy repentant sinners who know his kindness and generosity to the desperate and undeserving.

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On the 4th, the flowers will be arranged by Sue Ramsay-Smith followed by Tricia Gray and Helen Bown on the 11th and 18th. Carol Rolfe will complete the month on the 25th.

Good Book Club

We will meet on Tuesdays the 14th & 28th at White Birch Farm at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. We will continue our studies of 2 Peter & Jude, all are welcome. Normally, we meet at White Birch Farm at 7.00 for 7.30pm

Little Warblers Toddlers' Group

Little Warblers is a group for adults with preschool children which meet in the Church Rooms on Tuesday mornings during term time from 9.15-10.45. We welcome you to join us and follow the school term dates. . For more information, please go to the Little Warblers Toddler group page on Facebook or email littlewarblers@warbletonchurch.org .

WarbleArt

We continue to meet on Wednesdays in the Warbleton Church Rooms from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Please contact Gail Welford on 01435 812514 or gwelford51@gmail.com

Warbleton Weeders

We generally meet (weather permitting) once a month on a Wednesday morning at 9.30am for a couple of hours. This month we will meet on the 17th at 10.00 am. Help would be very much appreciated with pruning, sweeping and other light jobs as you feel able. For more information, please contact Judith on judithmhemsley@btinternet.com. or look in the weekly news bulletin.

Warbleton Walkers

Will meet on Wednesday 8th July at 10.00am at the Rectory, Rushlake Green, for a walk of about an hour. Anyone is welcome to join us. Dogs are welcome. We will call into Coffee and Company for refreshments afterwards. The next date is Wednesday 19th August at the Hemsley's (Glenore TN21 9DD)

Our Diocese - Do check out the Diocesan website at <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/>

In particular, some of the events and courses here are open to anyone:

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<https://sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/>

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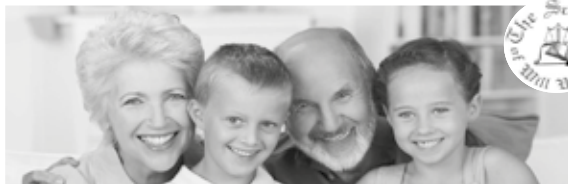
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Faith in Kids

Last year we switched our July focus to Faith in Kids, an organisation from which our youth leaders find their teaching resources. As its name shows it exists to nurture Faith in children and young people, whether through parents, church leaders or by any other means. Its vision statement “is to see confident parents and thriving churches raising children together to trust Jesus eternally,” by encouraging, inspiring and equipping the influencers of faith in children.

The website states its values as:

- Gospel hearted. “We are about the better story, that is joyful, hopeful and found in Christ”.
- Relational. “We are wired for partnership. We connect to those we serve. We listen and we want to understand”.
- Courageous. “We fill the need. We are daring, ambitious and bold in all we do”.

Faith in Kids lists five objectives as they seek to carry out this work:

- Resources. “To develop market leading resources that pursue the goal of our vision”.
- Strategic Partnerships. “To develop relationships with gospel hearted organisations to unlock their vision and ours”.
- Reaching wider and further. “We seek to take our efforts across cultures, socio-economic divides and denominations”.
- Digital accessibility. “To creatively find ways to reach families and churches remotely”.
- Influencing Church Culture. “Being catalysts of change in the culture of children and family ministries”.

Obviously investing in children’s ministry is vital work in our increasingly secular world. Exciting and fun-filled teaching resources, books, podcasts and training courses provided by Faith in kids for parents, teachers, church leaders and Sunday club teachers are a great help in world that knows little of the Christian faith. Join us this month in praying generally for children and young people growing up in our troubled world and more particularly for the work of Faith in Kids.

Helen Bown

Warbleton and District History Group

How to research the history of a house was the theme of Tony Pulton’s talk at our June meeting. He used the history of Boyton House near Haverhill in Suffolk as a case study. Nobody knew exactly when it was built as the deeds had gone missing. Tony narrowed it down to the late 1890s by referring to Census records, newspaper articles and maps. All these are available online, and after to you have a subscription to Ancestry or similar searches are free. He was able to trace the history of the land on which it was built and the house itself. He then moved on to the family who owned it and lived there over the generations, descended from Frederick Taylor JP, who started as a clockmaker, until cheap American imports took away his trade. He then became a miller, with a large mill in Haverhill. Through the talk I wondered why Tony had this interest in a house miles away in Suffolk. At the end he told us that his father rented the house in the 1970s, and the family lived there for about 18 months.

On July 13th Stuart Corner will tell us of The Secret Life of a Honey Bee. Stuart is the secretary of the Eastbourne Beekeepers Association. We meet, as usual at 7.30pm for 8 pm start at the Dunn Village Hall. All are welcome.

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Coffee and Company plant sale: we did it!

I am delighted to say that the Coffee and Company plant sale on 21 May came within the slenderest of whiskers of raising £1000.00 on the morning of the sale itself. This was my goal to achieve, for a very worthwhile charity: the Gardening with Disabilities Trust. <https://www.gardeningwithdisabilitiestrust.org.uk/>

Helped by that rare thing - nice weather on plant sale morning - you all turned out in your droves and brought and bought lots of plants (far fewer leftovers than in previous years! 😊), made donations, and told us to keep the change. It is quite amazing how a £1 cosmos here or a £2 shrub there accumulates into such a total over the course of a morning, and I was quite shocked, in the nicest possible way. The sale is fast and furious when it is in full swing, and one really does not have any idea how things are going until it is over.

In fact, we are already over the £1000 mark, as some donations (amounts unknown) have been made online direct to the charity, and money is still coming in. I will announce the final total in a future edition of the Parish Mag.

The back of our barn and greenhouses looked completely bare afterwards, not a leaf to be seen. Even the acoustic changed without all the plants. I think this is what the horticultural equivalent of Empty Nest Syndrome might feel like.

This was a real team effort. Sincere thanks must go to all of you who supported, by bringing and buying plants, and also those who helped on the day and in the lead-up. Sarah, Rosemary and Wendy made a fantastic team as they stood for hours on the morning, weighing down their apron pockets with cash. Jean groomed and tidied all plants and pots, and Wendy helped the day before, bringing all the plants down to Osborne House garden overnight. Jamie and Kay were as quietly helpful as ever, with practical support such as attaching the GDT banner to Osborne House with a trusty washing line, fetching and returning the tables to the DVH, and keeping everything behind the scenes running smoothly. Helen at Osborne House managed the parking situation most efficiently and cleared the forecourt of cars - always my biggest worry!

However, I have decided - very reluctantly - that this plant sale will be my last one. I have been involved in them for more years than I can remember (?15? maybe more?) but climate change has made the job much much harder this year. Endless grey days and cold nights and the incessant Turners Towers Tornado meant seeds did not want to germinate, and roots did not want to bulk up to create nice chunky saleable plants. There were even times when I thought I'd have no stock and would have to cancel the sale, so I felt fortunate to squeak by.

With appreciation for our supportive and generous community, as always.



PS: please don't return your "empties" to me this time, as I shall not need them in such quantity next year.

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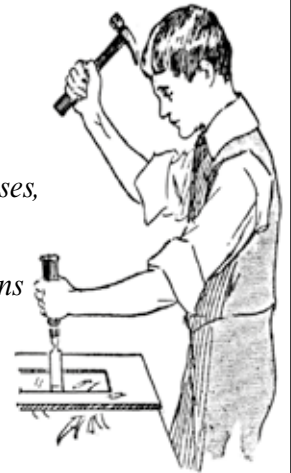
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Diamond Cottage Rushlake Green

A glimpse of the past, continued from last months magazine.



In 1933 Squire was awarded a knighthood for his services to literature. In the same year whilst visiting Rome he met Mussolini (the meeting was brought about by a chance conversation in London which Squire had had with a visiting Italian dignitary). Squire happened to mention that he was shortly about to visit Rome, whereupon he was asked whether there was any particular person he wished to meet. Squire promptly replied "Mussolini", not least because Mussolini at that time was very much in the news, largely on account of Italy's hostile attitude towards Abyssinia. On Squire's arrival in Rome a meeting was duly arranged. In addition to expounding at length on Italy's domestic and foreign policies, Mussolini aired strong views on archaeology and gave some interesting reflections on poetry. Commenting afterwards, Squire said Mussolini had the making of a poet!

For a short while Squire lived in Kensington. His neighbour, who became a close friend, was J.B. Manson, a Royal Academician. He painted Squire's portrait and this is now held by the National Portrait Gallery. Squire was not however immune from life's sorrows and misfortunes. His marriage broke up in 1938 with the consequential loss of family life; his second son was killed during the war whilst on active service; he put the contents of his London home into storage for safe keeping during the London blitz only for the store to take a direct hit - resulting in the loss of many of his possessions, including rare books and much literary memorabilia; later, whilst writing, he was injured by flying glass from a bomb blasted window; subsequently the Suffolk cottage in which he was then living, was destroyed by fire. The fire also destroyed his few remaining possessions - many of which were irreplaceable. Financial difficulties plagued him throughout his life; often he was penniless and sometimes destitute. When however, he was in funds these were quickly dispersed. First, to friends who had fallen on hard times and to causes which he felt worthy. (Seigfried Sassoon once described him as the 'most generous of men' - a description which would later form part of the title chosen by the author of Squire's biography.) Secondly, to payoff outstanding debts and thirdly - there was seldom very much left.

Falling income, increasing debt, unpaid taxes and pressure from the Inland Revenue forced Squire into bankruptcy in 1947 - a situation less socially acceptable then than it is today. Drink, distress and disorder began to overwhelm him until a mutual friend introduced him to Bertha Usbome.

Bertha had long respected Squire's literary achievements and was well qualified to undertake much needed secretarial responsibility. She quickly set about the challenging task of bringing order and stability into his life. Additionally, she took a keen interest in his writing and provided him with a secure home, thereby bringing tranquillity and contentment to what had otherwise become a very troubled existence. Eventually they both moved to Diamond Cottage and it was here that he lived out his remaining years. He became a 'regular' at the Horse and Groom and even had brick steps set into the adjacent embankment so as to assist his homeward passage across the Green! (The steps are still in place today.) As his health declined Bertha's commitment towards his care was total. It prompted her to remark that he was 'perpetually uncomplaining'. When eventually he became bedridden, nursing became even more demanding not least because the cottage was then without electricity and without running water. Notwithstanding his physical deterioration Squire remained mentally alert right to the end. Even as late as 1957 he began compiling a carefully selected collection of his poems which he believed deserving. These were published in 1959 and contained an introduction by John Betjeman and also a dedication to Bertha Usbome.

As was his wish he was buried in his native Devon, among his ancestors at Broadwood Widger. Ironically, his grave now lies in Cornwall - the result of a subsequent boundary change. The brewers Shepherd and Neame have taken an interest in the Horse and Groom's former celebrated customer and as a result an appropriate memorial may soon be placed in the saloon bar. Bertha stayed on at the cottage until around 2001. Reclusiveness, advancing years and failing health took their toll, leading to neglect of the cottage and the garden and sadly the neglect of herself. This situation was worsened by a candle ignited fire which caused extensive damage to the cottage itself.

Following restoration and in accordance with Bertha's wishes, the cottage passed on her death to St. Michael's Hospice, Hastings.

Michael Davison.



SERVICES in July 2026

Warbleton Parish Church

Sunday 5th	11.00 am	All Age Family Service followed by Church BBQ
Sunday 12th	11.00 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday Club
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Morning Worship and Sunday Club
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Together on the Green with a bring-your-own picnic and games on the Green
August		
Sunday 2nd	11.00 am	All age Family Service

St John's, Bodle Street Green

Sunday 5th	9.30 am.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	9.30 am.	All-Age Family Service for Sea Sunday
Sunday 19th	9.30 am.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion.
Sunday 26th	11.00 am.	Joint Benefice Marquee Service at Rushlake Green, with a bring-your-own picnic on the Green afterwards, if you wish.

St Giles Dallington

Sunday 5th	11.00 am	Service of the Word
Sunday 12th	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Joint Benefice Marquee Service at Rushlake Green, with bring-your-own picnic on the Green afterwards.

Three Villages Calendar for July 2026

Wednesday 1 st	Prayer first at the Rectory	7.45pm for 8.00pm to 9.00pm
Thursday 2 nd	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Thursday 9 th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Monday 13 th	Warbleton & District History Group	7.00pm to 8.00pm
Thursday 16 th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Monday 20 th	Villages Luncheon Club at Bodle Street Green Village Hall	11.30am to 2.30pm
Thursday 23 rd	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Saturday 25 th	WDHP Annual Summer Show on Rushlake Green and then dancing to <i>TAYLOR MADE</i>	1.00pm onwards from 7.30pm
Thursday 30 th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Sunday 26 th	Proms on the Green with Warbleton Brass Band	6.00 pm
Friday 31 st	Pimms in the Porch at St Giles Church, Dallington	6.00pm

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Sunday 12th	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	11.30 am	Joint benefice Service at Rushlake Green



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Holiday in Romania

It shouldn't be a surprise that our holiday in Romania featured churches, lots of beautiful churches of two main types, painted churches in Moldavia, and Saxon fortified churches in Transylvania. The painted churches are not only covered in fresco paintings on every possible space on the inside, but on every possible space on the outside as well. The Last Judgement, the Tree of Jesse, martyrdoms, hierarchies of saints, and even the siege of Constantinople are popular subjects. How have the exterior paintings survived? Well, not all of them have. Paintings on the north church wall are often faint or have gone completely, and lower sections, within a vandals reach, have also suffered. Where they do survive they are magnificent.

The painted churches are monastery churches, and they are Eastern Orthodox. The Saxon fortified churches were built by German or Hungarian settlers as Catholic churches, but are now Evangelical Lutheran, Protestant, as a result of the Reformation. The Orthodox monasteries are flourishing. Many had to close under the Communist regime but are being re-populated by monks and nuns. We happened to be visiting Voronet monastery on St. George's Day when a service was in progress – not in the painted church itself, but on a stage in the monastic grounds. The stage was filled with male priests wearing marvellous robes and with all the paraphernalia of an Orthodox service – books, crosses, candles, icons, incense. Next to the main stage was a small gazebo for a choir of nuns. The congregation simply stood, sat or knelt on grass in front.

The Saxon churches are less busy. The main ones have regular opening times, but the less visited are more usually shut, and the key-holder impossible to find. To explain why a little background history is necessary. The different parts of modern Romania were separate countries for much of their history; rather like England, Scotland and Wales, but only coming together more recently. Moldavia and Wallachia (where Bucharest is) joined in 1877, becoming Rumania. They decided they needed a monarchy to be a proper country and chose a German prince, Karl von Hohenzollern, who became Carol I.

Transylvania didn't join the others until 1918 (by force) or 1921 (by Treaty) and as result of the First World War. Transylvania was taken from Hungary and joined to Rumania, becoming Greater Romania, now Romania, after some other bits were detached by Stalin in 1940. A northern part of Moldavia, Northern Bucovina, is now part of Ukraine; and an eastern part of Moldavia, once Besarabia, is now the Republic of Moldova.

The Saxons and Hungarians once ruled the roost in Transylvania. They were the landowners, they were in charge, and Romanian speakers were banned from entering their main towns, or could only do so, to trade, by paying a fee. Once Transylvania became part of Romania, however, the tables were turned, and it was the German and Hungarian speakers who were in the minority, and who were discriminated against. Not surprisingly perhaps, it was the German speaking Romanians who supported Hitler and the Nazis in the Second World War, hoping to gain lost territory and lost prestige. Romanian troops joined the invasion of Russia and the siege of Stalingrad. After the War Stalin took his revenge, thousands of Romanian Germans were forcibly moved to Russia to work repairing war damage as slave labour. Some were able to return years later, but many died.

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Active discrimination of minorities continued under the Communist regime of Ceausescu. Jews and German speakers could pay for exit visas, a valuable source of revenue. In 1989, when the Communist regime fell and the borders were opened, what had been a trickle became a flood as Romanian German speakers left for Germany. The Saxons have left and the Saxon churches are empty or only have tiny congregations, a reminder that we don't just need buildings, we need communities, for a Church to survive.

The Saxon churches are surrounded by walls with towers and gateways, and the monasteries are the same. You seem to be approaching a fortress rather than a church or a monastery. Why did churches and monasteries need these serious defences? Because this part of Europe was a battleground in the Middle Ages, a fight for domination and power between East and West, between the Ottoman Turks and the Habsburg Empire, between Muslim and Christian. Borders and alliances changed as battles were won or lost. The Habsburgs and Hungarians kept hold of Transylvania for most of the time. Wallachia and Moldavia had independent leaders but had to pay tribute to the Ottomans. The fighting could be brutal and merciless. There really was a historical Vlad the Impaler who impaled his enemies on greased stakes.

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April 24th saw the erection of antennas for 2m/70cm and Public Mobile Radio (PMR) these are radios that anyone can have and which RAYNET are encouraging the public to use and become familiar with. (it is no good wondering how to use something once the emergency has started) More about this later!

2nd working day



11th May 2026 Not such a nice day. Four members gathered for the installation of the solar panels which will charge the battery used to power the radios. These were placed horizontally on the top of the container using very strong magnets. Members were careful not to have their phones nearby in case the strong magnetic fields damaged their phone memories. Having installed the panels, they had to be connected to the battery, but this involved a special controller attached to the back of the cabinet along with a standby battery charger in case the panels are covered in snow and cannot charge the battery.



The small box is the solar panel controller and the bigger one is the battery charger. Apparently, they can talk to each other by Bluetooth so if the battery cannot be charged by the solar panels the battery charger takes over should the need arise. It can also be controlled remotely. Pretty cool eh!

Here we see Ray fitting the radios into the cabinet, big battery to power everything at the bottom. Not much room for anything else! Should have got a bigger cabinet!

This shows the cabinet in the cupboard complete with battery and radios. It was tested and found to be successfully relaying messages across the county.

There is a nice glass door to go on it, but it reflects the light and you would not be able see the contents.

The next stage is to train interested members of the Parish (and anyone else) to use the PMR radios



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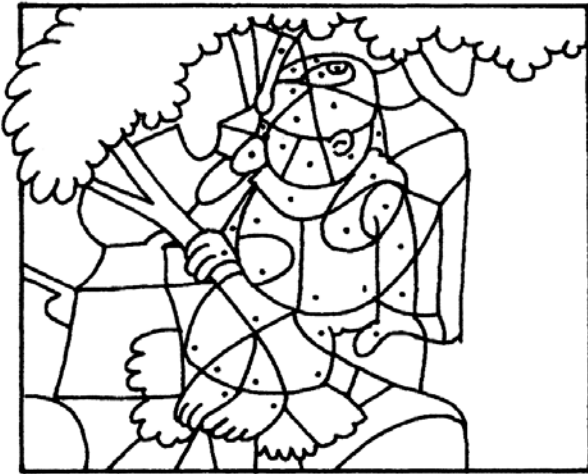
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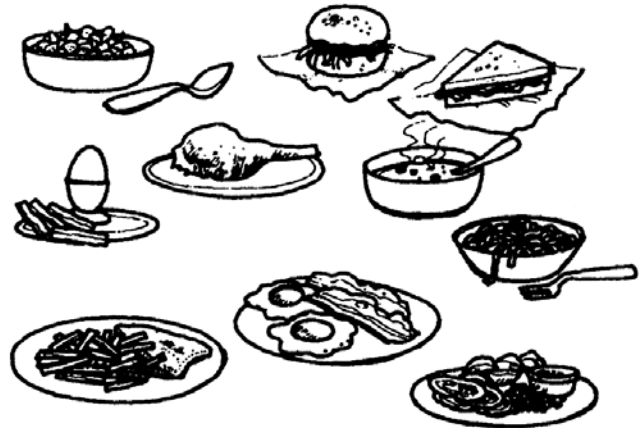
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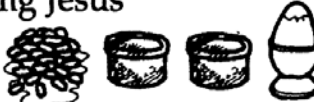
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Zacchaeus was
by meeting Jesus



Sharing showed friendship



Being Jesus' friend
helped Zacchaeus become honest



Why are these people
looking grumpy?
Look up Luke 19:7

Scam, bam, no thank you, ma'am!

Computers and security and how to keep yourself safe

I suppose I should start by introducing myself; I'm Richard, or *Computers Fixed with a Smile!* I've been working in computers professionally for thirty-five years and now I visit local people and fix their computer woes. So, now that's out of the way I'll get on with the task in hand. Today, lucky readers, I'll be providing a bit of education in the field of *Computer Security*.

First, a little necessary background. Go back twenty-five years and the state of computer security was very different. Computers were reasonably easy to hack into and as such, they were the low hanging fruit. Viruses, worms, malware and hackers all used gaps in your computer's security to get into your computer; it was the easy way in. Here in 2026 the story is very different. Computers are far more secure and their built-in defences do their job very well. It's now actually quite difficult to hack into a computer. As such, your computer is no longer the low hanging fruit. That moniker now belongs to *you*, the user. Infiltrating your system via the user is the most successful way in, it's called *social engineering*.

As timely proof of this, in the last two and a half months I've been out to five people who have been hacked. And not a single instance came about from someone hacking into a computer; they all started with hacking the user.

So, what does this mean for Bob at number 26, or Janet at Lilac Cottage? Well, it means that to be secure you need to defend not only your computer, but also yourself. Or as one customer put it, you need to be a suspicious b*t*h! I'm not sure I would go that far but the suspicious part is a very good start.

Nothing makes sense like a real world instance. So here's some examples that I've seen recently.

The user is happily browsing the Internet when something official looking pops up on the screen notifying them that they are infected with a virus. It says it's from Microsoft and tells them that this should NOT be ignored (warning 1). The user clicks the X to close the window but it pops up again (warning 2). At the bottom of the window there's a helpline number that you can use to talk to a Microsoft expert (warning 3). The user phones the number and speaks to the expert. He's friendly, well spoken, sounds educated and obviously knows his field. All in all very believable. The expert talks the user through setting up remote access (final warning), letting the expert take complete control of the user's computer. He installs some programs and does lots of impressive looking stuff. After an hour or so the expert tells the user that their computer is now secure and requests payment which is normally pretty steep like £275 plus VAT. The user transfers the amount via bank transfer. You've been stitched!

Let's break down what just happened. The user was browsing their computer and what popped up was just an advert. It looked like a serious system message from Microsoft but it wasn't, it was just an advert (a genuine virus warning will not be shown in a browser window). The user should have restarted the computer at this point ending this scenario. But the user didn't, instead he or she phoned the fraudster. The person at the other end of the phone persuaded the user to set up remote access and in doing so handed full control of their computer to the fraudster. At this point the fraudster can do whatever he or she pleases. This could include installing a key logger to secretly gather your passwords, it could include installing a back door into your computer to make sure they can access it in the future. It could include a myriad of things. If the user decided not to pay their bill, the fraudster, having gained full access to your computer, could cause you a lot of problems. As I'm sure you'll agree, this is a situation to be avoided at all costs.

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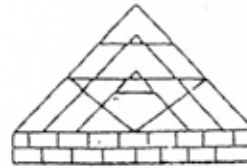


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