Now that the weather is not so severe we can get on with the programme approved at the AGM. We aim to move with the times.

Members have not enthused about the social websites such as Twitter, Facebook or Bebo, but they do use the internet quite a bit for browsing all sorts of topics.

Researching the family tree is a popular pastime and more people are becoming interested in setting up a personal web site – possibly to show the results of their searches. They will also want to be able to set out their results in an attractive way using appropriate software.

Whatever they do, they will want to do it on a secure computer, free of interference from invasion or viruses.

On 9th February we will be looking at the groundwork to setting up a personal or family web site.

The following meeting will look at the general security issues to keep your computing free from interference and spam.

hen we shall examine Microsoft Office 2007 before we are swamped with advertisements to buy Office 2010 so that we will be able to see the differences and make an informed choice.

Next will be a return to web site design to talk about how to build the site.

In April we will see where all the family history information comes from and how your computer can do a lot of the work for you.

There will be a talk to look at the basics of spreadsheets; enough to explain just how much it is possible to do with them and how useful they can be if mathematics is not your strong point.

In May we shall have an evening exploring aspects of digital photography; home video and such. Another evening will be spent looking at Windows 7 (again) to see if it is living up to its early promise after six months.

Many households are now using several computers. We look in June at how to go about setting up a home network to let them talk to each other and how to protect such a home network from the wider world.

At the end of June we will enjoy our social Chips and Chat Night.

On 13th July we will be holding an Open Evening as part of the Penarth Holiday Festival.

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