



Happy New Year from Computer Friendly

A very happy New Year to you all. Here's to keeping those New Year resolutions - mastering some new Apps for your phones, doing that course about Family History, selling some of the stuff in the loft on eBay. Let our Computer Friendly volunteers help you with a range of courses that can be found [here](#).

Age is no barrier

A few years ago, Audrey was playing bowls at her local club in Fleetville and an advert caught her eye for Computer Friendly courses. With a little trepidation she signed up for a course and since then she has never looked back.



As a direct result of attending an Ancestry course, Audrey was able to track down information about her family tree going back to her great grand parents. Audrey was put in a care home at an early age and she knew nothing about her father. With her new found computing skills she was able to track down information about him using the National Childrens Home database. From knowing nothing about him she discovered a grandfather that had come here as an immigrant from Russia after the revolution and that he had a previous marriage prior to meeting Audrey's mother.

And that's not all. Audrey has attended a number of other courses. Initially, she was a bit uncertain – it took her ages to work out what the right click of a mouse did, but then gradually got to grips with technology. "I was determined not be an 11 plus failure", says Audrey, now 84, with 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. She has both an Ipad and Iphone and is a great exponent of technology, using on-line services for Internet banking, making doctor's appointments online and home shopping. For instance, bulk buying from Ocado, "although I end up spending too much !" She also uses Skype and Facebook as a way to keep in touch with her extended family and has had a partner of 6 years that she found from online dating App.

What an inspiration to us all. Great work Audrey.

Charitable Support at no cost to you

Did you know that when you use easyfundraising.org.uk to shop with any of their 4,000 retailers, the retailer makes a small donation and the charity receive these funds ? There is no cost to you, apart from the spend of the shop with the chosen retailer.

So far 13 generous supporters have helped Computer Friendly receive £272 just by doing some on-line shopping.



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£272.40 Total raised by **13** Supporters

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The amount of the retailer donations varies. A few examples:

Waitrose give a £20 donation on your first five grocery shops when you spend £80 or more

John Lewis give the charity up to 2.5%

Amazon give 0.5%

M&S give 1.5%

Moonpig give up to 7.5%

There are just a few easy steps:

1 Visit the easyfundraising.org.uk website

2 Select Computer Friendly as your preferred charity to support - other charities are available !

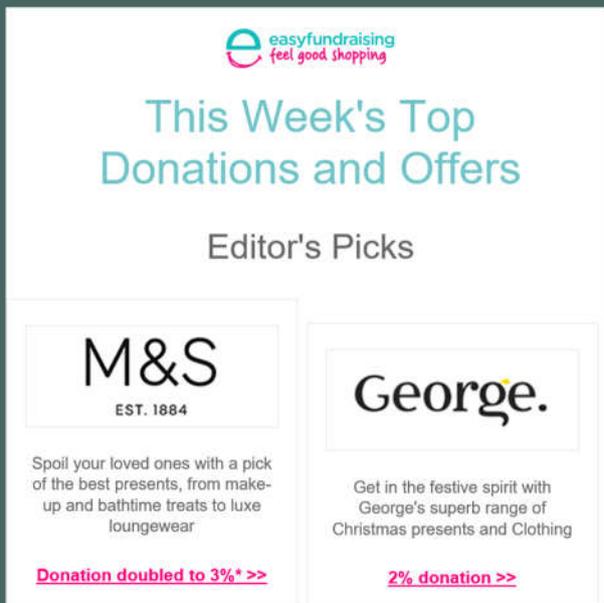
3 Create an account

4 Add a Donation reminder - every time you shop with one of the retailers you will get a reminder

5 Search for a retailer you want to on-line shopping with

Thats it !

Thanks for being a great citizen



[easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)
feel good shopping

This Week's Top Donations and Offers

Editor's Picks

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Spoil your loved ones with a pick of the best presents, from make-up and bathtime treats to luxe loungewear

[Donation doubled to 3%* >>](#)

George.

Get in the festive spirit with George's superb range of Christmas presents and Clothing

[2% donation >>](#)

My favourite App - Flightradar24

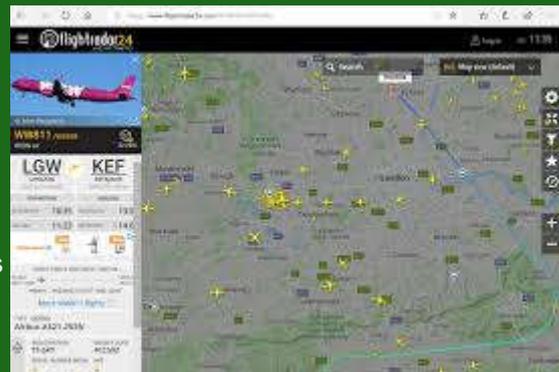


"Have you ever looked up at a plane passing overhead and wondered where it's going, where it's come from, or why it's going in that direction?" asks Nick Rich, Computer Friendly volunteer.

"Flightradar24 can tell you this and much more. It's a flight tracking app which shows both commercial and private flights on a map of your region, the country or the world (use 'pinch to zoom' to select an area).

"You may be amazed at how many flights are in the air at any one time. Tapping on an individual plane brings up a wealth of information, including origin, destination, type of plane, flight path, speed, altitude etc. So next time that noisy plane is annoying you perhaps, you can check which airport it's come from and whether it's on the correct flight path or not!"

The app can also be used for tracking a friend or relative's flight - just search by flight number, route etc. You can download it free from the Apple App Store or from Google Play for an Android device. It's also available via your browser at flightradar24.com.



If app downloading is a bit of a mystery to you, perhaps you would be interested in one of our courses for iPads (iPhones also welcome) or Android tablets / phones. Have a look at our course timetable [here](#) or alternatively call in at one of our Drop Ins.

Spring Term Courses:

Course Name	Town	Venue
Getting more from Android Tablets & Smart Phones	St. Albans	St Paul's Church
Powerpoint	Harpenden	Indoor Bowling Club
Starting off with Android Tablets & Smart Phones	Harpenden	Indoor Bowling Club
eBay	St. Albans	Fleetville Community Centre
Family History	Harpenden	Indoor Bowling Club
Getting more from Windows	Harpenden	Indoor Bowling Club
Starting off with iPads	Harpenden	Library
Getting more from iPads	Harpenden	Library
Getting more from Android	Harpenden	Harpenden Indoor Bowling Club
Starting off with Android Tablets & Smart Phones	St. Albans	St Paul's Church
Starting off with iPads	St. Albans	Fleetville Community Centre
Hands on Google Cloud Workshop	Harpenden	The Skew Bridge
Excel	Harpenden	Harpenden Indoor Bowling Club
Word	St. Albans	The Marlborough Science Academy
Starting off with iPads	Harpenden	Harpenden Library
Hands on Google Cloud Workshop	St. Albans	Fleetville Community Centre
Publisher	Harpenden	Harpenden Indoor Bowling Club
Drops-Ins	Flamstead	The Spotted Dog
Drops-Ins	Harpenden	The Skew Bridge
One-to-One Help Sessions	Harpenden	The Skew Bridge
Drops-Ins	St. Albans	Marshalswick Baptist Free Church
One-to-One Help Sessions	St. Albans	Marshalswick Baptist Free Church
Drops-Ins	St. Albans	Fleetville Community Centre
One-to-One Help Sessions	St. Albans	Fleetville Community Centre

And finally.....

We'd love to hear your success stories or suggestions for the newsletter. Please email any comments to courses@cfsta.org or call 01727 617359 and leave a message.

We are a charitable organisation run by volunteers and rely on the community to provide us with premises. If you have benefited from our service, tell your friends but also please support our work with a donation [click here to support Computer Friendly](#).

Have a great 2020 and happy teching

The Computer Friendly volunteers

