

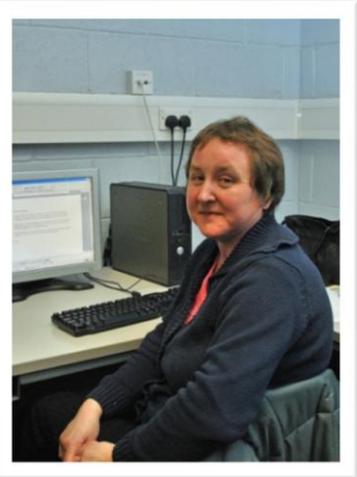


Community Opportunity

Let's Start at the Beginning...

"I think there is a world market for about five computers." Tom Watson, founder of IBM (1958)

If you are around my age, a computer was something that took men to the moon – the thought of owning and using one was as much science fiction as reality. At my college there was one in its own temperature-controlled room. It printed tic-tac-toe in binary. The buzz was the new fangled electronic calculator appearing in the shops that only the better-off people could afford. Today, the first thing you see when you enter the Vale is a classroom with a suite of computers. Somehow, the world has moved on and left us somewhat bereft of the art of using space age gizmos. Computer technology has seeped into every aspect of life and those of us who did not learn such things at school, still want to be in the know. Hence, the second ten week block of adult computer education is proving to be very popular.



I wanted to learn how to use a computer because a friend of mine said she would e-mail me. I need to know how to keep in touch.

Thirty years after leaving the Vale Helen returns to continue the quest to learn more. "I wanted to apply for a job but the application was only on-line. This is something I need to learn. So many jobs need computer skills these days."



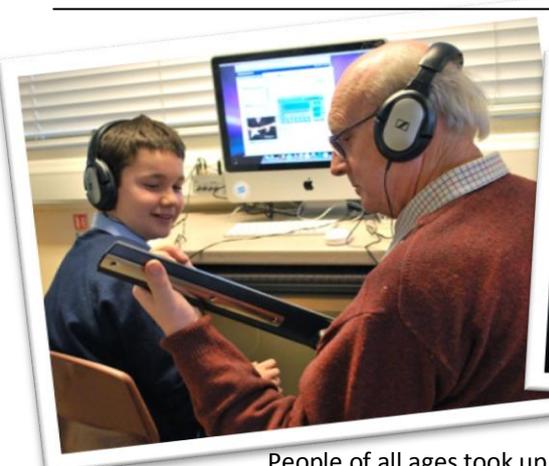
My son works for Microsoft and my granddaughter is at university studying artificial intelligence. I want to show them I can do it too!



I want to buy train tickets on-line.

I wanted to be able to produce simple posters to advertise my goods at craft fairs.

How do I book a holiday on-line?



People of all ages took up the offer to learn an instrument through the amazing programme named Gigajam. Drums, guitar and keyboard – all are taught step by step without having to upset the neighbours or spending large amounts of money on the instruments themselves. What is learned through electronic instruments can be applied to those that don't plug into the mains. What a great way to find a new hobby, indulge a dream to play or simply have a go for fun!

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