

# NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2007

Is it really this far into the year already? It seems that each year is passing quicker than the last... our little boy Tim turning 2 on the weekend is testament to that!

We hope you all have a great Easter!



Ascott Computer Services is proud to announce that we are now an official reseller of AVG Products! These include the award winning AVG Antivirus, AVG Antispyware and the exciting new AVG Internet Security range. As an official reseller, we can tailor packages to fit your computer security needs, from individual computers up to multiple servers. The price is right too, with the standard AVG Antivirus package giving you two years protection for the price of other programs one year. Call us now to discuss your Antivirus, and related program, needs!

## ARE YOU BACKING UP??

Do you have a working backup strategy? Backing up data is not just a task for big business. Everyone should take periodic "snapshots" of their data, to ensure that you don't lose up to years of acquired data. Think of what is on your hard drive. Precious family photos? School/University assignments? Personal correspondence? These are just a few examples of what is on the average family PC. Are you in business? Imagine having to re-enter years of customer data. Years of invoices and other tax data. Imagine the cost in work hours lost! You can take some simple steps to reduce the harm done by a "worst case scenario" data loss. Use a CD or DVD burner to make backups of your data. Or use a USB stick to save a copy of important files. There are even programs that will back data up for you! Ascott Computer Services can setup an effective and reliable backup solution that is tailored to YOUR needs.

Some tips for effective backups:

- Back up often. If in business, or actively

using your computer for schooling, do it once a week.

- Don't leave your backups with your PC. I always think the worst case scenario is a fire near the PC. If your backup disks/key/etc is with your PC, it will be in the same sorry state as the original data!
- Don't get lazy! Make it part of your "Computer Routine". This way you won't be left with an "if only" feeling....

## GST UPDATE

Ascott Computer Services has recently reached a business milestone - We have had to register to collect GST! And so we enter an exciting time with our accounting! Our Call-out rate will be changing to the original \$80 per hour plus \$8 GST making a total of \$88 per hour. We have not had a rate increase for 4 years, despite large petrol price and inflation rises. Collecting GST is not a rate increase for us, as we have to pass this money onto the government, but this will affect some of our clients in different ways. While this development will have little affect our business customers (as they can claim GST back), we hope that our home users will still find our quality of service and prices extremely competitive. We are now operating at a level which we have been working toward for years, and feel this will be of benefit to most of our customers.

**Warmest Easter Wishes From  
Ascott Computer Services.**

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