

Notice of Main Monthly Meeting for Tuesday 14 April 2009

The next Main Monthly Meeting of the PC Users Group will be held on Tuesday 14 April 2009 from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start at the Grant Cameron Community Centre, 27 Mulley Street Holder. The topic tonight will be **BACKING UP DRIVES AND DATA USING ACRONIS TRUE IMAGE**.

As a PCUG member pointed out recently: there are two types of PC users - those who have experienced a hard disk crash and those who will experience one in the future. The same can be said for data in general: those who have suffered from lost or corrupted files and those who will suffer in the future. In the presentation, Terry and Mike will demonstrate two specific approaches to backing up PCs that have Windows operating systems, using the highly regarded and popular backup software Acronis True Image.



Mike Boesen and Terry Bibo

They will show how Acronis True Image (and the free versions thereof) can be used with backup drives that are either in removable caddies or in external USB enclosures, and to create a backup "clone" of a whole drive or to make a compressed backup archive. The pros and cons of caddies Vs enclosures and clones Vs archives will be discussed. Also covered in the presentation will be: the importance of "validating" an Acronis archive; the need to undertake a fire drill using a created backup; how to access the contents of an Acronis archive through the "mount" process; creating and using a bootable Acronis "rescue" CD; the availability and limitations of free rebadged versions of Acronis True Image version 11 (Seagate Diskwizard and MaxBlast5) and the free version of Acronis that has limited functionality; potential problems with USB cables and sockets; and the creation of supplementary straight copies of selected files using Syncback.

After the meeting you are welcome to discuss the topic further with the presenters over a cuppa and biscuits. The meeting is free and open to the public, so invite a friend or colleague. The Centre has parking space along the front just off Mulley Street and is well lit.

