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# Senior Chatters Quick-Start Guide

## Overview

Senior Chatters is a friendship only website that is dedicated to anybody over the age of fifty who wishes to build genuine, worldwide friendships with other like-minded people from all over the world.

Therefore, you will be able to chat and build friendships on a global scale. If however you are looking for more than just friendship then you may like to consider our [Seniors Seeking Love](#) website instead.

This quick-start guide is designed to show you the basics of Senior Chatters and get you building friendships in the shortest possible time.

**I highly recommend you print this guide out so you can easily refer back to it later.**

Also, we have created a series of **help videos** to accompany this guide. Sometimes watching a short video is far more helpful than trying to explain it in words...

[You can watch our help videos by clicking on this link](#)

## Accessing Senior Chatters



Username:

My Password:

Remember Me

Our web address (URL) is <http://www.seniorchatters.co.uk> and is available to you

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24/7 - 365 days a year. Click on button from the homepage to access the Senior Chatters community.

Everything you do on Senior Chatters is directly tied to your username. Therefore, in order to start building new friendships and interacting with our community you must first login to the website with the credentials provided when creating your profile.



Simply click on button, on our homepage to get started

## Navigation



The main navigational menu is located at top of every page and will allow you to access ALL of the features on Senior Chatters quickly and easily, either by clicking on the menu links or by hovering your mouse over a menu link to expand its contents fully.

For example, hovering your mouse over the '**Blogs**' link will reveal ALL the pages accessible within the Blog category.

Spend a few minutes exploring the different options here and familiarise yourself with the main aspects to the site.

## My Account Menu

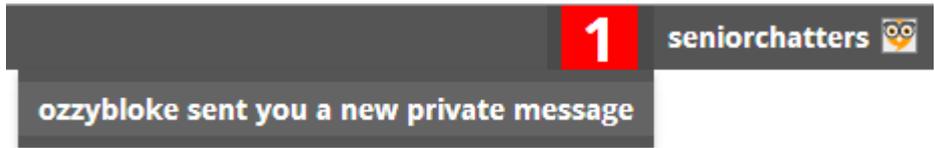


Located at the top right hand corner of the page you will see your username. This is your '**My Account Menu**'. Hover your mouse over your username (seniorchatters in this example) to expand the '**My Account Menu**' contents, and then click on the feature you wish to navigate to. Most account features relating to your profile can be accessed from here.

## Notifications Menu

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When you receive a new message or activity relating to your profile you will receive an instant notification in your 'My Account Menu' whenever you are logged in.

Simply hover your mouse over the red bordered number (the number indicates how many unread notifications you have.) to reveal more information about the notification. In the example above you can see that:

“ozzybloke sent you a new private message”

In order to read the private message, simply click on it

*Tip – Always keep a look out for new '**Notifications**'. They will keep you up to date with new messages' friendship requests and your interaction throughout the site.*

## The Hub - Your Login Homepage

The Hub or Homepage is the main page you will be directed to upon successfully logging in to Senior Chatters. Think of this as your own homepage where all the most important aspects of Senior Chatters are easily accessible from.

### The InfoBox

February 9, 2012 2:33 am blush Nita, Nita, Nita..... HAPPY BIRTHDAY ..... 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊 Hope you have a very special day .... my good friend 🎉  
🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉

February 9, 2012 8:53 am jcb1 happy birthday nitajoy.

February 9, 2012 10:05 am lovely 😊

February 9, 2012 10:05 am lovely hello everybody

February 9, 2012 11:19 am moggy Happy birthday Nita Led and grumpy have a great day.i hope u are happy on ur birthday grumps xxx

February 9, 2012 11:20 am moggy Hey Lovely if u want to chat just click on chat at the top of the home page.Welcome hope u make lots of friends

February 9, 2012 11:20 am moggy good morning chatters have a great day xxx

February 9, 2012 1:24 pm Happy Birthday to allwho are celebrating today. :

**Message**



"Enter" to send. Place code in between [code] tags.

Archive Clear

One of the very first features you should familiarise yourself with on the Hub/Home page is the **'InfoBox'**. The **'InfoBox'** is located approximately half-way down the page and used to post Informational and Birthday messages for ALL members to read.

To post a comment in the **'InfoBox'** simply type your message into the box provided and press the **'Enter'** key on your keyboard to post your message to the screen. All of the Senior Chatters community will then be able to read your post. To return back to the **'InfoBox'** at any time simply click on the **'Home'** link.

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## Important – The ‘InfoBox’ is NOT a Chat Room – We’ll get onto that later...



*Tip – Why not post a welcome message introducing yourself to our community on the ‘InfoBox’ right now? It’s a great way to start building new friendships...*

## How to Build New Friendships

As a social community there are a lot of ways to interact with members on Senior Chatters and therefore quickly develop new friendships. You may use as little or as many of the features as you like.

The Chat Rooms for example allow you to immediately chat in real-time to members logged into a room (usually the Lobby). Whereas, real-time Private Chatting requires you to be friends with a member before you can private chat one-to-one with them.

This is achieved via friendship requests.



Click on the ‘**Members**’ link and start browsing members with whom you would like to befriend on Senior Chatters in order to be able to Private Chat with them and post to their wall.

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# Members

All Members 1,574

My Friends 98

Viewing member 1 to 7 (of 7 active members)



**mnsbettyboop65**

active 4 days, 12 hours ago



| @tonnieam | Private  
**Message**

**Add Friend**

**Gender:** Female

**Age:** 72

**About Me:** retired registered nurse. enjoy knitting & other needlework. like to fish and picnic. love camping and traveling. have traveled & worked abroad. love to read, and am about to try writing.. looking for friends and persons with varying experience and other interests.

**Location:** **United States**



**chilly**

active 6 months, 4 weeks ago



*Tip – Hover your mouse over a members profile picture (avatar) to bring up their profile in real-time. This will enable you to quickly read a members profile.*

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**Search Members**

**Name**

**Gender**

**Age**

**Age Range**  
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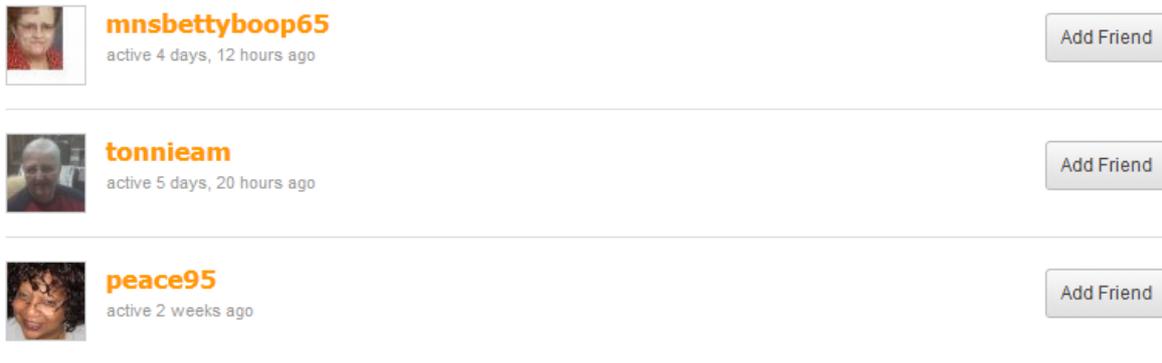
**About Me**

**Location**

[Clear Form](#)

To search for members that match a specific requirement you can narrow your search by choosing different options in the '**Search Members**' box. In this example I only want to see those members who have an interest in **Knitting** and live in the **United States** as shown in the real-time profile above.

**Warning! Please note that the more specific you make your search the fewer profiles will get returned.**



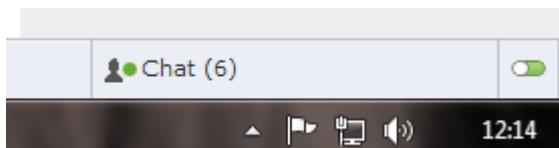
Once you have found a profile which interests you, simply click on the '**Add Friend**' button to request a friendship with that member.

If your friendship request is successful then that member will be added to your friends list and you will then be able to '**Private Chat**' or post on the Members Wall.

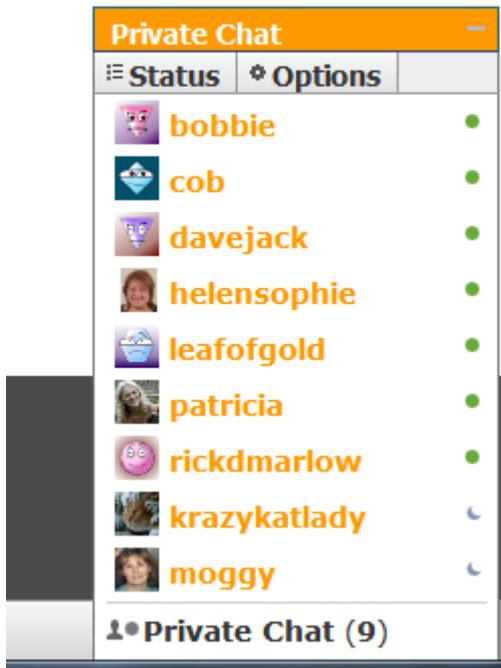
[Click on this link to watch a video demonstrating how to build new friendships.](#)

## Private Chatting in Real-Time

One of our most popular features on Senior Chatters is being able to '**Private Chat**' with your friends in real-time. Here's how you do it:

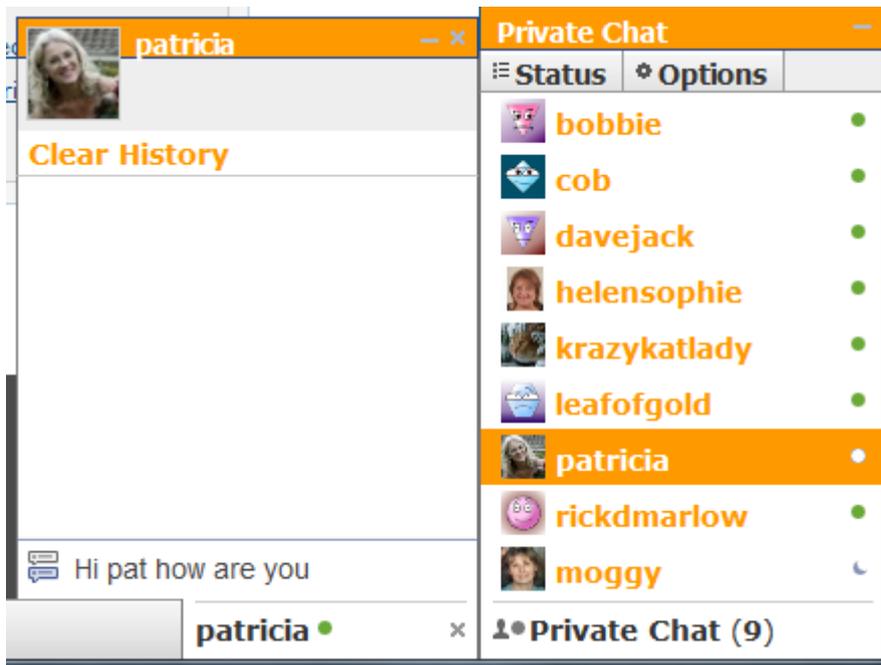


Located in the bottom right hand corner of any page is your '**Private Chat**' bar. You will see from the example above that there are **6** of my friends currently logged into Senior Chatters with whom I can privately chat in real-time with.



Click on the 'Chat' box to expand your list of friends who are logged in to Senior Chatters and available for private chatting. Remember, in order to be able to 'Private Chat' you need to be friends with that member for them to appear in your 'Private Chat' box.

**Important – If you don't know how to build new friendships make sure you read the chapter above again.**



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With your '**Private Chat**' box expanded, simply click on the username of a member with whom you wish to 'Private Chat' with. In this case, I want to chat with '**patricia**' who becomes highlighted once her username has been clicked.

A new window to the left will then pop-open allowing you to type your real-time message.

In the example above I have typed "Hi pat how are you". To send the message to '**patricia**' I would then simply press the '**Enter**' key on my keyboard to post the message and initiate a private chat session with '**patricia**'.

I highly recommend you [click here to watch this video where I show you how to private chat in real-time with your friends](#).



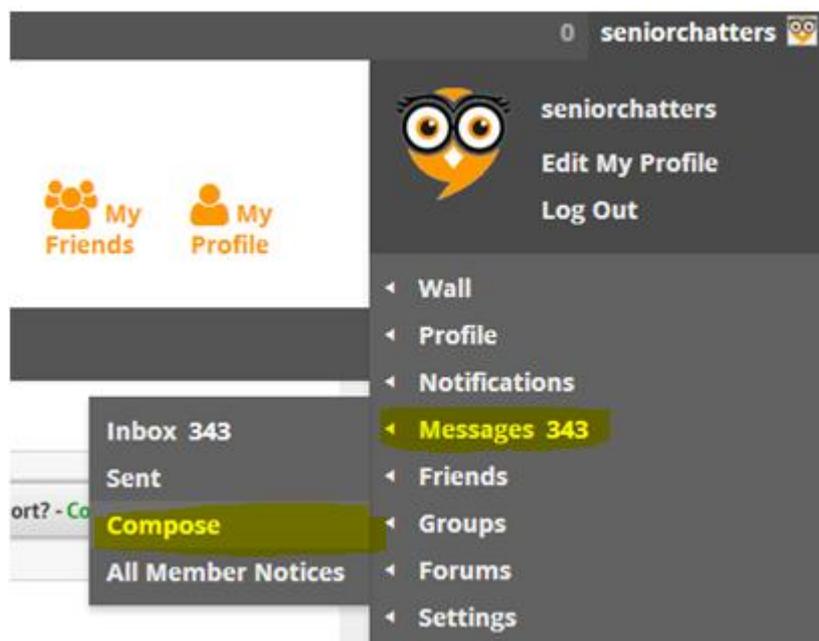
*Tip – You can have multiple private chat sessions open at the same time. Just click on another username from your '**Private Chat**' box and repeat the process.*

## Private Messaging – Senior Chatters Mailbox

Another very popular feature that you will want to make use of straight away is being able to email members directly from within Senior Chatters. You can send private messages to any member regardless of whether they are on your friends list or not.

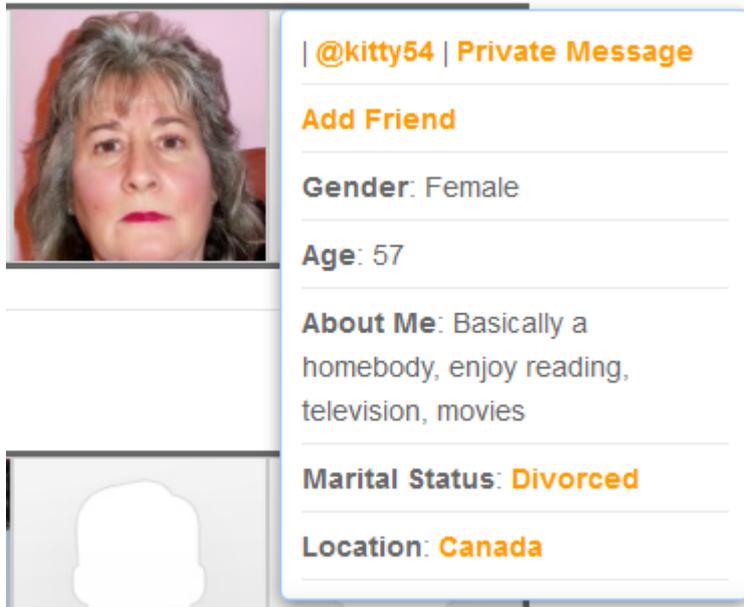
**Important – When sending and receiving messages your email address is NEVER revealed.**

### Sending a Private Message



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Hover your mouse over **'My Account'** and then **'Messages'** to expand its contents before clicking on **'Compose'** to write your private message.



Alternatively, to send a single message to a member, simply hover your mouse over a profile picture (avatar) to display the members profile in real-time and then click on the **'Private Message'** link to accomplish the same thing.

**Inbox** **Sent** **Compose** **Notices**

**Send To (Username or Friend's Name)**

This is a notice to all users.

**Subject**

**Message**

In the **'Send To'** box type in the Username of the member you wish to message.

**Inbox** **Sent** **Compose** **Notices**

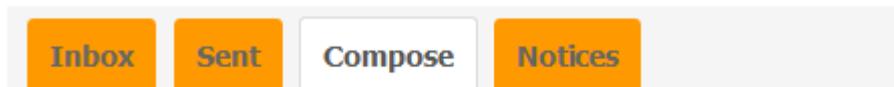
**Send To (Username or Friend's Name)**

 **tinkrbell (tinkrbell)**

**Subject**

...And then click on the member you wish to message from the list that gets displayed to confirm your selection. In the example above I have typed **'tink'** into the **'Send To'** box and clicked on the username of **'tinkrbell'** to confirm that is the member I wish to message.

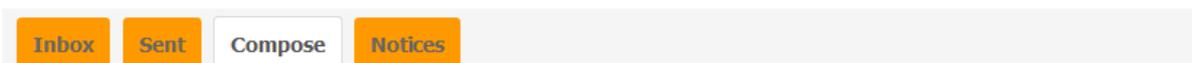
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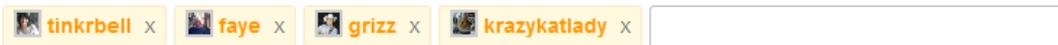
Send To (Username or Friend's Name)



You can also send a message to multiple members at once simply by repeating the process above. Here you can see that I will be sending my message to members 'tinkrbell', 'faye', 'grizz' and 'krazykatlady'.



Send To (Username or Friend's Name)



This is a notice to all users.

Subject



Message



Make sure you enter a 'Subject' title and compose your message in the 'Message' box before clicking on the 'Send Message' button as show above.

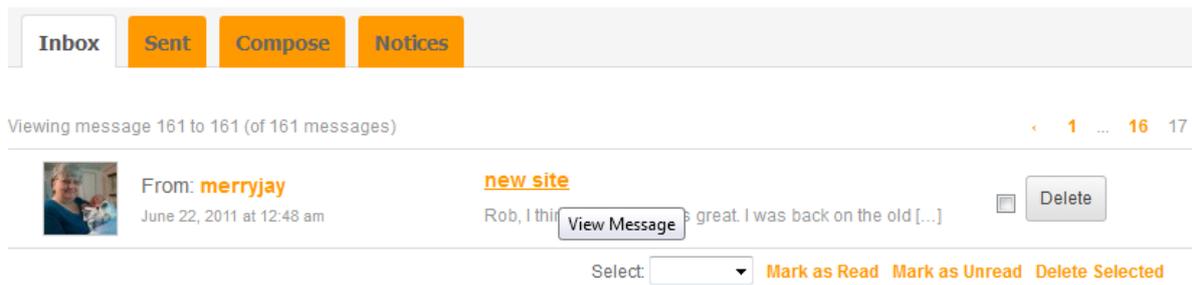
**Warning! Your message will NOT be sent unless it has a 'Subject' title**

**Disclaimer - your email address is NEVER revealed when sending or receiving messages. An email notification is sent to the recipient with your message, but in order to reply to it the recipient must be logged into Senior Chatters.**



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To look at your received messages click on the 'Inbox' button as shown above.

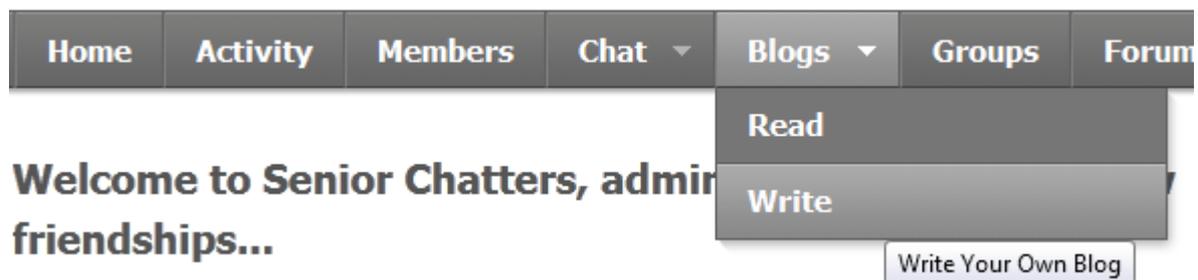


In the example above you can see that member 'merryjay' has messaged me. To read or reply to her message I would click on the subject title – in this case, I would click on where it says 'new site' to read her message.



You can also keep track of the message you have sent and to which members by clicking on the 'Sent' button.

## Senior Chatters Blogs



Think of a Blog as your own journal where you can post information and stories that you personally find interesting and want to share with the rest of our community. A good Blog post will have a descriptive, well-written title and will encourage comments by other members to be posted.

To start writing your own Blog, hover your mouse over the 'Blogs' link at the top of any page and then click on the 'Write' link.

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## Write

**Post Title:**

(required)

Write A Good Title Here!

**Post Content:**

(required)

Write your Blog post here

Click Publish below to submit your post

Publish

Make sure you write a descriptive title about your Blog post in the '**Post Title**' box (this will ensure that any relevant Blog post also gets displayed).

Also, ensure that your Blog post is at least 300 words long, well written and checked for spelling errors. In short, the better it reads and the more thought-provoking your post is the higher the chance it will be commented on.

Once you are satisfied, click on the '**Publish**' button.

Home	Activity	Members	Chat ▾	Blogs ▾	Groups	Forums
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**Welcome to Senior Chatters, admiring friendships...**

Read

Write Read Members Blogs

To read other members Blog posts, and to post comments hover your mouse over the **'Blogs'** link and then click on the **'Read'** link.



by *macathy*

## GREMLINS Chapter 2

Feb 10, 2012 at 8:19 am in [Senior Chatters](#) by *macathy* · [Edit this entry](#)

My journey around Senior Chatters. Is a very fascinating experience people I meet ,while roaming freely through the corridors of this world. People come in, and some stay awhile,others a bit longer ,but then like home,so they put their feet up and stay.

I spend a lot of my free time here in chatters ,much to the disapproval "Get off the computer get in the real world."

"Sorry I thought I was in the real world.These people are my friends I know when they are happy,I feel when they are hurting,we pull together these hard times. How much more do you need to make it a real world

There are some that come that don't see it as a real world,cause a friend has seen this happen and I have experienced it. The wonder of chatters helps you through it.

Yesterday Whippet put a link up,like he is so wonderful at doing,that I clicked on it, watched it and thought about it ,was nice but then went on with my life. Then I started to cry as thoughts came to me I had tried so hard to

### 3 responses to *GREMLINS Chapter 2*



**skippy** said on February 10, 2012

[Reply](#) - [Edit](#)

Mac this beautiful blog expresses the beautiful you ,thank you my friend for such a beautiful honest caring post. So glad you are my mate xxxx



**jcb1** said on February 10, 2012

[Reply](#) - [Edit](#)

macathy i wasnt going to read this because usually i just read the blogs that give me a laugh but i am so glad that i did read it now. you have a wonderful way with words and it sums up chatters just right. i thoroughly enjoyed reading it and very well done.



**cooldreams** said on February 10, 2012

[Reply](#) - [Edit](#)

Mac, thank you very much you have helped me more than you will ever know. Your blog was fabulous and full of truth. STAY COOL & STAY SAFE

#### Leave a reply



Type Your Comment Here!

You may use these HTML tags and attributes: `<a href="" title="">` `<abbr title="">` `<acronym title="">` `<b>` `<blockquote cite="">` `<cite>` `<code>` `<del datetime="">` `<em>` `<i>` `<q cite="">` `<strike>` `<strong>`

Post Comment

Below every Blog Post you will have the opportunity to post a comment as shown above.

## Senior Chatters Groups

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Another popular feature to Senior Chatters is our Groups and Forums. A Group is essentially just like a club where a group of members who share the same group interest can discuss related topics within that group.



To Join a Group or to create your own click on the ‘**Groups**’ link at the top of any page.

**Groups**

All Groups 61 My Groups 26 Order By: LastActive

Viewing group 1 to 20 (of 61 groups) 1 2 ... 4 >

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 **Chat Room Monitors**  
active 10 minutes ago  All Email (change)

A hidden group for all chat room monitors Hidden Group / 14 members

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 **UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS!!!**  
active 12 minutes ago

This Group Will only discuss with people who saw something in the Day or Night skies,that they could not explain... Public Group / 26 members

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 **Photography**  
active 1 hour, 43 minutes ago  No Email (Get email updates)

Somewhere for people to share their photographs and discuss aspects of photography. Public Group / 57 members

Please post photos of your own in here. No photos of people under the age of 18 please. Any people in photos must have given [...]

Click on the ‘**Join Group**’ button to join a Group that interests you. Groups can be Public, Private or Hidden depending on how the Group Administrator has set it up.

## Senior Chatters Forums



Click on the Forums link to access the Forums. Closely matching the ‘**Groups**’ are the Senior Chatters ‘**Forums**’. In order to write in the ‘**Forums**’ you **MUST** be a member of the ‘**Group**’ to which the ‘**Forum**’ belongs to.

So for example, only members of the Photography ‘**Group**’ can write a Photography ‘**Forum**’ post.

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**Forums**

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Order By: LastActive ▾

Viewing topic 1 to 20 (of 66 total topics) 1 2 ... 4 >

Topic Title	Latest Poster	Posted In Group	Posts
<b>Lab Lover</b>	<b>leafofgold</b> 19 hours, 37 minutes ago	<b>Dog Lovers</b>	4
<b>The Best Book You Have Ever Read...</b>	<b>jonuk55</b> 1 day, 20 hours ago	<b>The Book Club</b>	28
<b>70s vs todays boxes on wheels</b>	<b>John1957</b> 3 days, 17 hours ago	<b>Love those cars!!!</b>	5
<b>UFOs fact or fiction?</b>	<b>cazy</b> 1 week ago	<b>UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS!!!</b>	19
<b>Builth Wells Photographic Club</b>	<b>ann333</b> 1 week, 1 day ago	<b>Photography</b>	1

Click on a Forum 'Topic Title' to read a Forum post and be able to comment on it.

## Senior Chatters Chat Rooms

Home Activity Members **Chat** Blogs Groups For

Chat Rooms

Welcome to Senior Chatters e ne

ShoutBox Interact

Arguably, one of the very best features to Senior Chatters is our Chat Rooms. This is one area that I think you will get a lot of use and enjoyment from and is probably the easiest and quickest way to build new friendships.

To get started hover your mouse over the 'Chat' link and then click on the 'Chat Rooms' link to start chatting with other members in real-time.

Unlike 'Private Chat' the Chat Rooms **DO NOT** require you to be friends with members first in order to chat with them.



*Tip - Think of the Chat Rooms like a free-for-all where members get to chat in real-time all together. If you are new to chatting in real-time then you may feel this is a little daunting. But please don't worry, just dive in, all our members*

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are really friendly and will make you feel at ease right from the word go.

## Chat Rooms

 Senior Chatters	
Users Online (11)	
Username	Room
ozzie59	Lobby
davejack	Lobby
macathy	Chill Out
2doghouse	Lobby
sugrnspace	Lobby
dadaieff	Chill Out

**Welcome to Senior Chatters International Chat Rooms. Here you can chat with o**

**Please keep the conversation polite and respectful at all times – Abusive users will expression of sexual related content is strictly prohibited.**

**Please bear in mind that due to different time zones members login to the chat ro and night. Therefore, if nobody is online when you are, try waiting for 10 minutes**

**Click On The Login Button Below – When You See Other Messages On The**

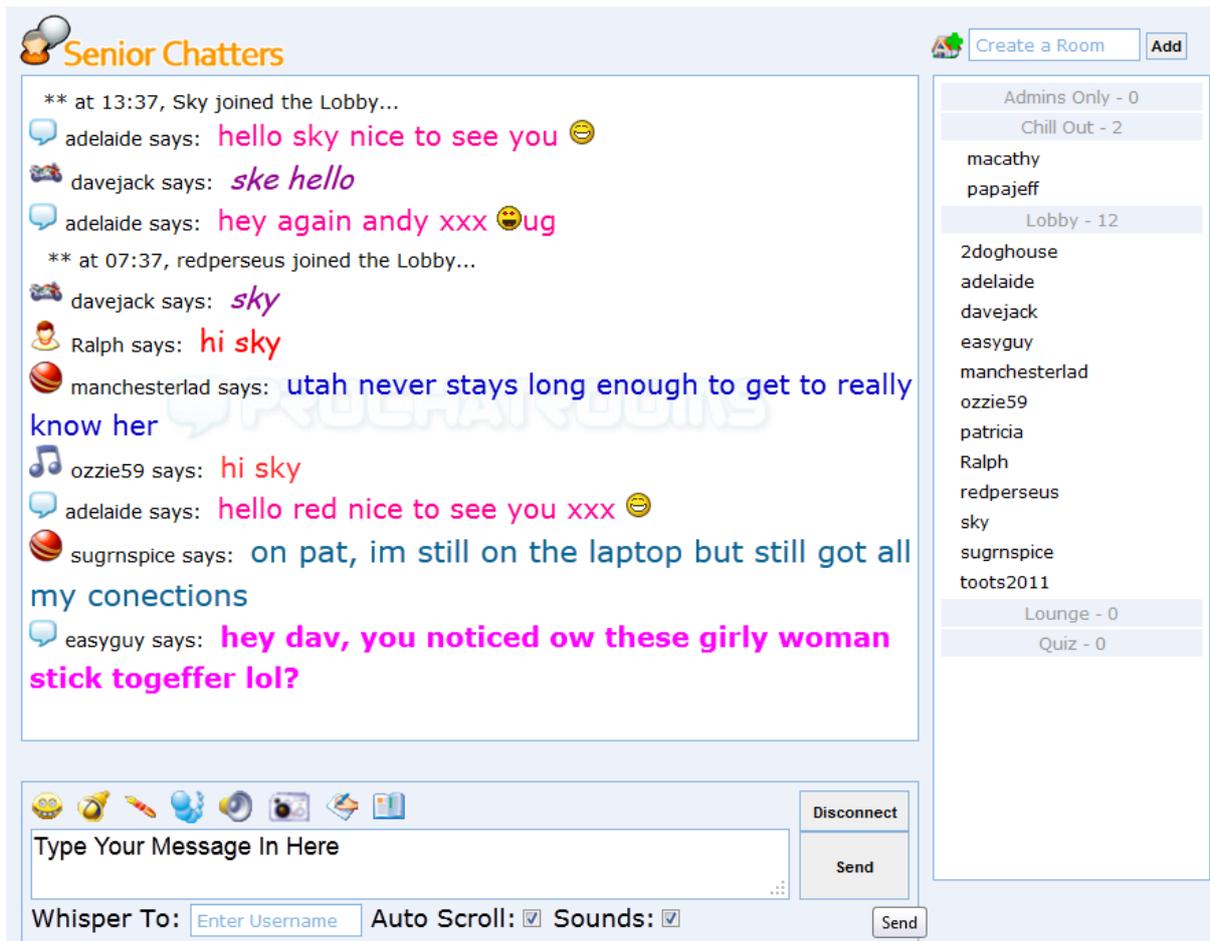
[Click Here to Access The Chat Rooms](#)

Click on the ‘**Click Here to Access The Chat Rooms**’ button to start chatting in real-time.



*Tip – If nobody is in the Chat Rooms when you are, try waiting around for 10 minutes before leaving. The Chat Rooms are frequently visited by members 24/7 - But due to different time-zones some periods are busier than others, so please be a patient, other members will be along shortly...*

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As soon as you see posts on the screen you'll be able to join in the conversation.

To say something, simply type your message into the message box and click the 'Enter' key on your keyboard to post it to the screen.



To change your font size, style and colour of your text in the 'Chat Rooms' click on the 'Pen Icon'



*Tip – The default font size is a little small, so it's a good idea to click on the 'Pen Icon' on visiting the Chat Rooms for the first time to customise your screen text.*



Click on the 'Book Icon' to read about all the other features of the Senior Chatters Chat Rooms.

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Simply write your post in the **'Message'** box and press the **'Enter'** key on your keyboard to write your post to the screen.