



EVENTS

Events of interest in the coming fortnight:

- **Monday 17th July** – ‘Social Engineering: See what the hacker sees’ Engine Shed, Bristol 2pm – 4pm. [VentureFest](#)
- **Thursday 20th July** – Devon & Cornwall Constabulary will be in attendance at the ‘Keeping Safe’ event. St Austell Library 10am – 1pm.

ADVICE

Passwords

- Change your SnapChat password immediately.
- Change your password to any other online accounts where you have used the same password.
- Create a strong password using a minimum of 16 characters.
- Use a combination of upper and lower case letters, symbols and numbers
- Install a Password Manager Application to store your passwords.

CURRENT THREATS

SnapChat Credentials Stolen

A website has been identified whereby users who are trying to access the social media site ‘SnapChat’ are redirected to a secondary site where they input personal information such as their usernames, password and also their IP address is recorded.

It is not yet clear how users are being redirected to this phishing site but we are urging users to change their passwords. Further investigations are taking place.

VIDEO

A light-hearted video from the TV show the IT Crowd.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rksCTVFtjM4>

10 STEPS CYBER SECURITY

Managing User Privileges

Establish effective management processes and limit the number of privileged accounts. Limit user privileges and monitor user activity. Control access to activity and audit logs.

NEWS

Decryption key to original Petya Ransomware released

Good News for victims of the original Petya Ransomware [Petya](#)

Android Devices infected by Malware

Malware known as CopyCat has been infecting Android devices through apps available from third-party app stores. It does not appear to be infecting apps in the Google Play store. Once the malware has infected a device, it collects information from the device and downloads rootkits. According to CheckPoint, CopyCat has infected more than 14 million devices. Android's "fragmented" security updating system means that many users are running unpatched versions of the mobile operating system. [SCMagazine](#)

CYBER DICTIONARY

Brute Force

Having a high number of unsuccessful login attempts is typical of a brute force attempt where the account password has been repeatedly guessed in an automated fashion. Dictionary style word lists of commonly used passwords are often used.