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87 Years.2003 Age Concern Cymru, Senior Learners Award received, for passing examinations in Microsoft Office and Publisher programmes, also devised and published the Brochure for Cardiff Civic Society. Commenced learning PC, when my wife suffered a massive stroke and required constant attention and care, as respite therapy. Aided and supported by our Vale of Glamorgan Council, who run "Lifelong Learning" in most computer subjects with professional tutors and all free to all users. Once started I found computing quite easy, slow to learn but simple when viewed logically. Today's writers hype up the subject, frequently writing with sketchy knowledge, juvenile expressions and use of initials to make understanding difficult. Had to buy an Internet Dictionary to keep up. For a Pensioner or Older Citizen everything far too expensive, hardware, especially software, their contents frequently exaggerated to increase the price, and above all Broadband, which makes a PC really useful, £30.00 per month or £14.00 which I pay is a great burden out of a pension. At 7 years I started building a crystal set, now I converse with my children and grandchildren, with some face to face. The whole world is open to me, I can learn about anything. But please do not expect me to scrabble around at the back of my television plugging in and out scart sockets, my knees are not up to it.