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PLEASE SEE OUR HELPFUL SECURITY
HINTS AND TIPS THAT ANSWER SOME
OUR SUPPORT CONTRACT CLIENT'S
QUESTIONS THAT KEEP COMING UP...

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Here's our IT Newsletter Edition 9, packed with practical tech tips for everyday users. Each item includes a helpful link so you can take action right away.

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A reminder to you all – Over the summer I have helped recover over £40000 for clients. Seriously it is no joke to those who suffer the daily bombardment from scammers.

It doesn't matter how many times I say the words "NEVER, EVER, speak to strangers who call you on the phone asking for information, surveys, solar panels, bank information bogus security warning it seems that the "Trusting over 60's" being good decent people from an earlier perhaps simpler time KEEP on trusting what's being said by complete scam artists. Over the last few weeks over £40,000 to my knowledge has been pilfered from the unsuspecting and trusting souls in Sutton Coldfield. The answer is always SHOOT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER! This means be on your guard, never get involved in any conversion that pops up out of the blue from your bank, building society, pension provider. Very rarely will they ever approach you directly unless their algorithms suspect that you are actively involved in being scammed. Watch out for doorstep scams armed with credit card machines mysteriously refusing cash... as well from tradesmen advising they've seen a loose tile on your roof. Search BBC Sounds for "Scams" for more information. More follows: -

And there's more...

CDoS PCDoctor — Autumn 2026 Newsletter

A catch-up edition after the summer break

Introduction

Hello everyone,

I hope you've had a great summer. I took July and August away from newsletters to focus on building **AskPCDoctor**, our upcoming 24-hour digital support service. That work extended into September — so this issue is both a catch-up and a round-up of the most important tech stories you may have missed.

Tech News Highlights — Summer to Autumn 2026

Windows 11 AI Panic Debunked

A viral screenshot claimed Windows 11 was secretly running AI in the background. This was false — the panel shows permissions, not activity.

Gaming Performance Not Affected

Tests showed no measurable change in RAM or frame rates when AI permissions were toggled.

AI Research: Myths vs Reality

Modern AI is safer, more grounded, and less prone to hallucinations.

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Positive Stories About AI (2026)

- On-device AI keeps your data local.
- Accessibility tools are improving lives.
- AI-powered security scanning is faster than ever.

Debunking AI Myths

- AI is not secretly running on your PC.

- AI does not steal your data — unsafe websites do.
- AI cannot act autonomously.
- AI augments jobs rather than replacing them.

How to Spot Fake Tech News

- Check the date.
- Check the source.
- Beware of screenshots.
- Look for “zero activity” counters.

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Windows Shortcuts You Probably Didn't Know

- Win + Shift + S — screenshot tool
- Win + Ctrl + Shift + B — reset graphics driver
- Win + V — clipboard history
- Win + Alt + R — instant screen recording

OpenAI — Recent Issues & Safety Rules

OpenAI has reported elevated error rates affecting ChatGPT Plus and Pro users, disclosed six model misalignment incidents, and previously faced Windows sandbox ACL failures. These incidents highlight why strict rules and safety processes are essential when interacting with AI systems.

Windows Update KB5002914 — Excel Problems

Microsoft's September 2026 update KB5002914 is breaking copy/paste and formula dragging across Excel versions 2016–2024. Temporary fixes include uninstalling the update or reinstalling Office. A permanent fix is expected in the next update cycle.

What's Next: AskPCDoctor

AskPCDoctor — your 24-hour digital version of me — is nearing public testing. More details soon.

Thank You

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

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