

## Willie's Wonkey Computer Factory

The most common computer problem this month?..... **"My broadband worked fine yesterday.....but today it won't connect!"** Ok this is fairly common if you use a wireless router. A small blip in the phone line connection throws the broadband off. Your router thinks it is connected but it is not. Your computer (which is still connected to the router and network) knows better. Solution?.....unplug the power from the back of the router, wait 20 seconds, plug back in and it should reboot and connect.

**Let's play.** There's been lots of mention in the press the last few weeks about Google's invasion of privacy in their 'Street View' application. See for yourself – go to [www.google.co.uk](http://www.google.co.uk) and in the top left where it says 'Web, Images, Maps,' etc, select 'Maps'. Type somewhere interesting into the search box.....'Tokyo'. In the map that appears, click on the + (plus) sign of the slidey bar in the left of the map until you can clearly read the street names. Now grab the little man above the + sign with the left mouse button and he will look like he's about to fly. (he should be a yellow colour, if he is white colour then the city you selected hasn't been photographed.) Drag him onto the map. A blue coloured grid will appear, these are all the streets that have been photographed, so simply drop him down where you fancy and let go. A picture of that street will appear. Navigate by 'grabbing' the screen with the left mouse button to turn round and click the arrows that appear to move in their direction. Alternatively you can drag the wee man across the small map in the bottom right. The green pointer he stands on indicates the direction you are looking in. Have fun. Only the largest cities have been mapped this way but your choice is huge and tell you what.....the Google camera van was in Peebles last week, so Gala is not too far off either, make sure you are smiling!

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