

Important Information about the distribution of Scatterpoint and UK Microwave Group subscriptions

There are two changes that are imminent regarding the distribution of Scatterpoint.

1. Electronic PDF copies of Scatterpoint will no longer be distributed directly by e-mail. You must register in the Scatterpoint Yahoo group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scatterpoint/>) to receive your electronic copy. A majority of members have already followed this process and are successfully receiving Scatterpoint by this means. **If you do not do this then the January copy will be the last copy that you receive if you pay the basic membership fee!** We do not want this to happen so PLEASE register now or make a diary note/yellow sticky/write on the back of your hand a reminder to do it very soon..... Additional instructions regarding the Scatterpoint Yahoo registration were in the Nov/Dec-2010 edition of Scatterpoint and are also on the UKuG sub-site <http://www.scatterpoint.org/>
2. The last printed copy of Scatterpoint will be published in May 2011 due to increasingly prohibitive printing and mailing costs. After that you will only be able to receive Scatterpoint electronically via the Yahoo group. With immediate effect there will only be a standard membership fee of £6/€10/\$12 which will mean that new members will only be able to register for the standard PDF version. If you currently receive a printed copy then see below for the process that will apply.

The change from email to Yahoo distribution was first published in October-2009 and Peter explained the changes relating to the printed copies in the December-2010 edition of Scatterpoint. The UKuG committee recognises that this will cause some concern but concluded that, as with many organisations across many disciplines, using the most appropriate and cost effective means of delivering the newsletter has to be addressed.

If you are a current subscriber receiving a printed copy then the following will apply.

- If your renewal date was between July 2010 and January 2011 then you will continue to receive a printed copy until these cease and the amount that you have paid will be pro-rata'd so that your membership will be extended by an appropriate amount. The membership secretary will advise you what this change will be.
- If your renewal date is between February 2011 and May 2011, please wait for a reminder from the membership secretary who will advise you what you should pay to cover the period to June 2011 for the printed copy after which your fee will cover a standard (electronic) membership. There are only about 13 members who fall into this category so each will be notified individually.
- If you last paid in June 2010 then you will receive a reminder in May 2011 asking you to pay the standard (electronic) subscription of £6/€10/\$12.

We do recognise that there are a handful of members who do not have access to the internet and understand that they will not be able to register with the Yahoo group. Several have indicated that they are likely to reach an agreement with a local amateur who will print a copy for them. If this is not possible and you do not have access to the Internet then please write to the Chairman (see page 2 for his address) who will offer an interim option.

These changes have not been undertaken lightly and so please do not 'blame' Peter who has, for many years, done and continues to do a brilliant job. If you are unhappy with these changes then address your comments to treasurer@microwavers.org but please recognise that all members of the committee are charged, by virtue of their elected position, with delivering the best, most cost effective way of managing the UKuG.

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