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John & Jenny Murray have now ceased to be editors of the Einstein Magazine. PLEASE SEND ALL FURTHER ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION TO THE CHIEF EDITOR AT NEW ROMNEY, NOT TO BARNSTAPLE. Please give the Chief Editor brief details of anything you have already sent to Barnstaple (or Winterton) for publication.

This has forced us to seriously re-examine whether we can justify continuing with the magazine & user group, when expenditure consistently exceeds income despite the most stringent economies.

The answer depends on three things. It depends on cross-subsidy, membership renewal/recruitment and on giving the Einstein a future, not just a past.

Giving the Einstein a future as an economical low-level computing platform for the 21st century is the easiest of the three to solve, as we already have major hardware and operating system upgrades that are running as prototypes or under beta test, and a properly co-ordinated team effort has every prospect of giving users "plug-in-&-play" options on modern PC-compatible disk/drives, 80-column displays, hard disk drives, modern inkjet/laser printers & much else within the next year or so.

This research & development has been generated by a lot of individual initiative until now, but if it is better co-ordinated, software updated too, and arrangements made to keep everyone properly informed, even better results will be possible.

This is hoped to be mainly by informal networking and "think-tanking", but we are also experimenting with lighter weight paper for the magazine so that we can use our regular magazine mailings as a secondary means of information interchange, to help keep everyone up to date on progress, and to open up a new forum on problems that need solving.

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The Einstein was (and is) a very good machine, and it is a potentially excellent low-level option for the 21st century for people with limited needs or limited means if our research and development pays off with the option of easy "plug-in-and-play" PC compatibility for the average non-technical user. Your Chief Editor is committed to this option, and will continue to support it so long as Einstein users themselves -- that's you, in case you'd forgotten! -- are prepared to allow him to do so.

That needs you to revert to an industrial producer society outlook of subscribing to a user group in order to be a participant in what is going on, and of postponing your membership of a post-industrial consumer society until the research & development has paid off, & you all have nice modern 3.5" PC-compatible disk drives that take easy-to-buy 3.5" HD disks, and 80 columns, hard disks & good modern Einstein software, paid for by selling off your redundant 3" disks to desperate Amstrad CPC, PCW & Spectrum owners, who can't get them anywhere else.

If YOU decide to just pay your subs and sit back waiting for someone to deliver whatever it is you paid for, then so will the Chief Editor and the small handful who make it all happen. If YOU don't soon volunteer to be our Publicity & Recruitment Officer, then soon YOU will be the only member!!!

As is far too obvious, your Chief Editor is not best suited to run a one-man-show, and he will be far too busy co-ordinating research & development and keeping everyone informed. If you want the rest of the user group to function properly it must be a delegated responsibility. With immediate effect the day-to-day running of the group is therefore in the hands of the group's officers, a list of whom will be published shortly, and who will be responsible for forming a management committee. Tell them what needs doing, and how.