



HOT KEY

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SPECIAL EDITION

This edition of *Hot Key* is to let members know what is happening. Whilst 50% of the membership are members of the Yahoo e-group "iwpcusers" and get their news that way, and most members occasionally look at the club's web site (www.iwpcug.org) there are still some members who can only be contacted through *Hot Key*. The trouble is, the club is having problems in the regular production of this journal and it may not be appearing regularly in future. Nevertheless, we hope it will appear at least once every three months at the minimum. Meanwhile, all members are urged to keep in contact either via the e-group or the web site or both. Information on how to join the e-group is

2004 Subscriptions are now due. The current rate is £12 per year. Please send your sub. to Ray Boote (see page 3 for address).

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be an Annual General Meeting of the Isle of Wight PC User Group on Wednesday, 4th February 2004 at The Riverside Centre, Newport, starting at 7.30 pm. Members are invited to send Nominations for the Officers and Committee and to submit resolutions for discussion to the Secretary.

AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes of the previous AGM (available on the web site).
2. Matters arising from the minutes.
3. Receive reports from the Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary.
4. Elect a new Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary.
5. Elect a new Committee (up to a maximum of eight).
6. Set the annual subscription.
7. Approve the following changes to the Constitution (a copy of the Constitution is available on the web site in the documents section):
 - 7.1 Paragraph 7: Change "should" into "shall".
 - 7.2 Paragraph 7: Change "Appoint an Auditor" to "Appoint an Independent Examiner who shall not be a member of the Committee."
Reason: An Auditor is not necessary for a small non-profit-making club.
 - 7.3 Paragraph 11: Change the words "in a form acceptable to the Auditor" to "in a form acceptable to the Independent Examiner".
 - 7.4 Heading to paragraph 12: Change ACCOUNT AND AUDIT to ACCOUNTS.
 - 7.5 Paragraph 12: Change the paragraph to read as follows:
"The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st December when the club accounts shall be drawn up, published and independently examined for approval at the AGM."
8. Appoint an Independent Examiner.
9. General discussion on the management of the club.

IWPCUG COMMITTEE:

Details removed prior to publishing on the web site

FUTURE EVENTS

IMPORTANT NOTE: Owing to the difficulties in finding speakers and subjects, until further notice there will not be a meeting on the third Wednesday of the month.

(except for the visit to the Observatory on 17th March).

4th Feb: **Annual General Meeting**. Refreshments will be available afterwards and Lo Janus will talk about 3D Modelling.

3rd Mar: Introduction to Spreadsheets -- David Broughton.

17th Mar: Visit to the IOW Observatory at Winford (see map) (£2 entrance).

7th Apr: Love Russia and IT Management -- Alex Cooke.



HOW TO JOIN THE E-GROUP

Send an e-mail to: iwpcusers-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com

All members are urged to join this e-group (which costs nothing and is private to club members) in order to keep in touch with events and join in discussions. You can also keep in touch by regularly visiting www.iwpcug.org, particularly for the latest details of meetings.

HOT KEY PUZZLES

Production of the Hot Key may be a bit erratic, but the puzzles continue via the web site.

Solution to the MARBLES puzzle: Five members sent in the correct answer of 95 @ 8p, 1 @ 20p, 3 @ 45p & 1 @ 85p -- a total of 100 marbles costing exactly £10. They were Gordon Stonham (who won the random draw), John Bownas, Peter Wreford, Rosemary West & John Moxon. The random draw for the first time was done by a computer spreadsheet using a random number generator.

Balancing the Equation

Using the decimal digits 1 to 9 once and once only, construct an equation that uses only the plus sign (as many times as needed). There are many solutions so they should be quite easy to discover with a little testing and a pencil and paper. Here are some examples that are wrong but show the kind of answer expected:

$$19 + 76 = 34 + 52 + 8$$

Wrong because the equation does not balance.

$$1089 = 765 + 324$$

Wrong because there is a zero.

$$63 + 15 = 34 + 28 + 7 + 9$$

Wrong because the digit 3 is present twice.

If you can find a solution that uses only one plus sign you will get a special mention and will be included in the draw twice. Send your solution to me, David Broughton, by e-mail or snail mail to arrive by 4th February.