

NEWSLETTERS

The Various Formats

Since stopping distribution of the NW Newsletter in paper form, we have been evaluating various methods for presentation of this document on-line. The most familiar to computer users will be the **Adobe Acrobat PDF** (Portable Document Format), which can be read easily on-screen or printed if desired, regardless of the computer platform in use (Microsoft Windows, Apple, Linux, etc.). It gives a direct reproduction of how the 'old' printed Newsletters appeared. Two versions are provided; one that can more easily be read on-screen (i.e., it has consecutive pages, in pairs; 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, 7&8) and a second, more suited to printing and compilation into a booklet format (page order; 8&1, 2&7, 6&3, 4&5).

The '**On-line Reader**' version employs 'behind-the-scenes software' to produce an on-screen version of a physical book, where pages can be 'turned over'. We are currently evaluating a system operated by a firm called 'Calaméo'. This is tricky to use the first few times until you get a feel for how it operates. The simplest instructions would be to click on the the small 'monitor' icon (top right of screen), to make the view 'full screen', then use the 'left' and 'right' arrow markers at the sides of the screen to turn pages. To return to normal view press 'Esc'. There is a 'Save' option, but files can be overly large. If you want to save the document, to read later, we would advise you to use one of the PDF versions.

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