



This final piece about Peter's predictions looks at what is happening now in certain areas and what might develop as a result.

New Money. Your mobile as your wallet, credit/debit card. Much of the world population has no access to bank accounts. The facility already exists to transfer cash using mobile phones and will spread among the 'unbanked'. When the people are

satisfied that the transfers are secure and convenient, such use will become common. Already Uganda is considering taxing such transfers

The "Online U". Your mobile will become your identity as it incorporates your driving licence, loyalty cards, and passport and is used to buy tickets or becomes your airline boarding pass.

Talking and texting. People will use their mobiles primarily for personal communications.

Wearing computers.

The wearing of devices will become common, like wristwatches. New devices will perform other duties such as health monitoring. Peter believes that there will be resistance to Google Glass. The device, incorporating a tiny screen attached to a pair of spectacles; will be linked to a power source in your pocket and enable you to view the web or take pictures of what you are looking at. It exists and is being tested.

You can also wear a camera that makes a diary of your day by taking a picture at frequent intervals and recording conversations. How many people would want to do that AND deal with the masses of data that would be gathered?

The Spacetop. Announced earlier this year and still under development. In a few years you could look through your screen to see your work in three dimensions. Not only that, but the workstation will be so arranged that you can reach behind the screen and type on a picture of a keyboard. You will be able to 'flip' through a file of papers by grasping their images as if they were physical papers. The arrangement of kit to achieve all this looks very expensive, but remember: the first computers were large, cumbersome and massively expensive – as were the first mobile phones. And look where we are now.

Peter's final comments were to remind us that they are his thoughts and come with a pinch of salt. It can all change if new materials are discovered – and graphene is a contender. If you want to see more about Peter's predictions, all the articles are on our web site under [Forums>Press>Archive 2013](#).

It remains only for me to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas. If you want a technical present from Santa the whole web is your shopping area and there are plenty of suggestions. If you get a surprise computer and don't know how to use it – well, that's why we're here. See you all next year.