



NEWSLETTER

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Subscriptions

All Club subscriptions are now due at the beginning of September and will run from September until August next year. New members will pay a full year's subs for the first year and a proportion in the second year to make their subs fall into line with everyone else. There is a subscription renewal form enclosed—please complete the details and send this off to Steve Massam, 27 St Marks Road, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2PY with your cheque for £12.00 at an early date. Please make your cheque out to **The British Amstrad PCW Club!**

Over the months the Club has received too many postal orders or cheques made out to individuals or the club's former name (or even the magazine title). These have all had to be returned to the sender and this costs both time and money. *Please do not send cash!* It is only too obvious when envelopes have contained pound coins and they *always* arrive empty.

The Summer edition of the *Disc Drive* will be sent to all current members. We are sorry that this has been late but Steve has been very busy over the past few months.

The Autumn edition of the *Disc Drive* will only be sent out to those whose subs have been received by the last day of September. The print run will be based on the number of renewals received.

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Annual General Meeting

The September meeting of the Club is the Annual General Meeting, to be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7th in Committee Room 4 of the Basildon Centre, St Martins Square, Basildon. All members of the Club are invited to attend free of charge.

As you will see from the Committee list Steve Massam is currently both *Disc Drive* editor and Membership Secretary. He has given notice that he must relinquish one of these posts before too long. We therefore need a volunteer and the AGM would be a sensible time to hand over one of the jobs.

Unlike most of the Committee members who are retired, Steve is self employed and his work must come first. This is the reason why the Summer edition of the *Disc Drive* has been delayed for which we apologise.

We mailed out the green Notice of the AGM with its enquiry form in lieu of a *Newsletter* so that we could assess how many were likely to renew their subs and, therefore, estimate the print run for the *Disc Drive* and the *Newsletter* for the coming year. As you can imagine, the costs of printing these two publications are based on the number required. Fortunately, there were sufficient replies for us to keep the subscriptions at the same level as last year, £12 per head.

At least the British Amstrad PCW Club is still in being, not having succumbed totally to the ubiquitous PC. From the various newsletters we receive it would appear that this is the only PCW club left still dealing just with the PCW. The Crawley and Radstock meetings seem to concentrate almost exclusively on the PC and the Widmore Club appears to have had its last meeting. Even ScotWest.pcw now admits to discussion of *Windows*!

Future Meetings

The meeting on the 5th of October is to be on databases and LocoFile. Recent meetings have consisted of one person operating a PCW and other members just watching on dumb monitors. Whilst this means that everyone sees the same screen keystrokes they do not get the hands-on interactivity of earlier meetings. In an attempt to overcome this members are invited to bring their own machine to the meetings to use alongside the monitors. This does mean that you will have to have your own copy of the program being demonstrated but at least you can try your hand at it and watch the tutor's keystrokes on the monitor at the same time.

Many people have LocoFile so bring it along with your PCW (but it must be later than version 2.5). There will be no need to bring a printer.

The meeting on 2nd of November is on Spreadsheets and in particular SuperCalc 2 although other spreadsheet programs will be discussed. Again, bring along your PCW with a copy of the spreadsheet program you use and we can compare the advantages and disadvantages of the various packages. There will not be room for PCWs *and* the monitors *and* printers so please leave your printer at home or in the car.

The December meeting is intended to be Competition night with a small prize for the best items produced exclusively on a PCW. There will not be a tutorial as such so there is no need to bring your machine. However, please do bring along samples of work done on the PCW during the year. Postal members are not excluded: send your items to Mike Elliston to arrive before the end of November.

A Matter of Thanks

Just a very short note of appreciation to all those kind members who expressed a desire to see the Club Secretary back in full strength, attending Club Night meetings regularly and generally getting up to his usual mischief such as heckling the poor presenters, etc.

I am well on the way to recovery after having had a malignant oral tumour removed — maybe I should have taken someone's advice and kept my mouth shut. Thank Goodness, in this case, I didn't.

I'm sure everybody who has a visit from the **beast** or some other obnoxious complaint asks 'Why me?' Well, in most cases that is an impossible question to answer.

Anyway, it's great to be back among friends, so let's get on with helping the Committee members keep this Club running successfully. Maybe you have some excellent suggestions on how best to achieve that? Don't forget that the AGM is coming up soon; you just **have** to attend that to see what we have planned for you over the next year.

Peter A Clark

(Club Secretary, slowly recovering.)

PCW Wants

Keith Bull of Southend-on-Sea wishes to purchase the following PCW items:

LocoScript LX fonts, Class G for use with Epson Stylus C600 printer on 3½" discs; also LX Size, LX Symbol (C, E, G and S), LX Style and LX Extra fonts for the same printer on 3½" discs. Please state LX extra fonts being offered. £5.00 offered for each disc supplied.

Keith also wants a 1.5 Mb Ram Port and Printer Interface for a PcW9256, either an SCA Rampac Plus or a Miniram. He does not want the Creative Technology Ram pack which does not fit the PcW9256.

Please phone Keith on 01702 339894 with details of price and postage allowing for secure packaging.

PD Library News

An upgrade of the PcW16 Rescue Disc, version 1.13 is now available *exclusively* from the Club's PD Library. Send a PcW16 formatted HD disc to Daniel with a cheque or postal order for one pound made out to **The British Amstrad PCW Club** (or five second class stamps will do) for your copy. Daniel now has the latest version (1.36) of the Joyce PCW emulator. Send a HD disc formatted on a PC with a cheque, postal order or five second class stamps as above. Do not try and format either disc in 2in1 on a PCW — it won't work!

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PCW Sales

Amstrad 9512 with 3½" drive, Canon BJ300 printer (takes 17" wide paper), 1.5 mB Ram pack, Keymouse, LocoScript 3, LocoSpell upgrade, FIB discs, MicroDesign3, various clip-art discs, extra print wheels and cartridges, etc. etc. All manuals and master discs included. **£70.00** but will separate.

MiniOffice 3" disc, boxed and unused. **£5**. Gillian Betts, 61 Beehive Lane, Chelmsford CM2 9TQ. Phone 01245 268303

Amstrad PCW 8256 upgraded with 512k of memory, complete with original discs, plus LocoScript 2, LocoSpell, LocoMail, LocoFile, Desktop Publisher, Cracker II Turbo, clip-art, Template guides, etc. Fifty four 3" discs, bottle of ReInk formula, Mastering LocoScript 2 video, issues 15 to 92 of *8000Plus* and *PCWPlus* and many other PCW related magazines. Phone Patrick on 01454 884107 (Bristol).

LPP 512 Locomotive Power Pack; CP/M Master discs, CP/M upgrade discs (v1.15 for 8000 and 2.15 for 9512); LocoScript 2 and v2.30 master installation discs, LocoFile v2.30; The Network v 1.05, Tweak 3 v3.02; 8000Plus Guide to MicroDesign and examples discs; 8000Plus Basic Listings collection disc; PCWPlus Tips collection discs; Stop Press System disc, Demo files, Typefaces and Clip-art discs; MiniOffice Professional discs for 8256/8512/9512; PCW World G101 disc; Five discs of graphics for MD2 by Mick Harrison. All the above are on 3" disc

MicroDesign MWH 27A and MWH 27B in CF2DD format on 3½" discs; FIB file disc for PCW 8256/8512 including PC/M v1.15 on 3½" disc. Contact Terry Ward, 4 Stanhope Gate, Ashburton Road, Southsea PO5 3JS for details

Amstrad PCW 8512, printer, LocoScript 2, LocoFile, Locomail, LocoFont plus many manuals and quantity of blank discs. Geraldine Dahike, 134 Coverts Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey KT10 0LH

Three inch discs, 52 No. in good condition; MasterFile 8000 on 3" disc, hardly used; Money Manager 3", hardly used; 8000Plus Tips collection on 3" disc with instructions; NewWord disc with instructions; Two Reel Time cassettes; MicroNav (instrument navigation system) with joystick, etc; Ten multistrike printer ribbons for 9512. Clive Anderson (Isle of Wight), phone/fax 01983 295452.

Amstrad software on 3" discs: LocoScript2, 3 & 4: £20; LocoFile and LocoSpell: £20; SuperCalc 2: £6; Scrabble, Chess and Snooker: £3 each. All above with manuals and instructions. Also PCW magazines *in binders* 1983-1993: £12 the lot. Brian Mitchell, phone 0117 9879979 (Bristol)

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