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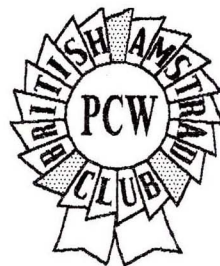
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# NEWSLETTER

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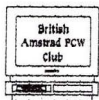
August 1998



From the Secretary's Desk



No. 1



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No.9

## COMPETITION RESULTS

Sorry about the reproduction of entries but this is as the result of reduction where an inevitable effect can be the loss of definition.

The winner had an irrefutable margin so I will only give the other results in a bands of votes. These results are as received from the invigilator Mr. Ken Rouse.

0 - 10 Votes... No's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 11.

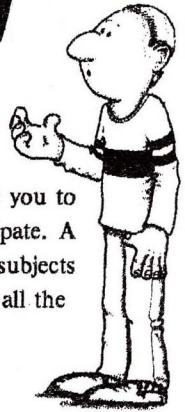
11 - 20 Votes... No's 9 & 10

The runner-up is No. 9 but with 32 votes the clear winner is No. 8, this is a revamp of the existing logo with the changes made by Mike Elliston.

I can understand this result as it indicates the desire to maintain a link with our original club. May I say a personal thank you to all of you who participated in the competition, well done. Some of the entries showed considerable flair and should not be considered losers but alternatives that merited careful consideration.

David Lalieu

# NEXT CLUB NIGHT AUGUST 6TH BRAIN'S TRUST.



It's a night that you need not bring your machines. We do however expect you to come prepared to challenge the panel with your questions. To be fair we would like you to send your questions to me before the meeting so that postal members can participate. A review will be in the next issue of the newsletter. It will also allow us to segregate subjects into the various categories. So let us have a night when you can ask questions about all the mysterious details of the PCW world and the panel will attempt to answer them.

David Lalieu

## Chairman's Chatterings

Let's Communicate!

This network of contacts formed by being a member of the British Amstrad PCW Club is certainly growing as we gather more members around the country. And it's working too, at least as far as I am concerned.

My advertisement on the back page of the monthly Newsletter led to Brian Watson (of 8-bit magazine) putting out a message on the Internet which in turn brought forth the information that Messrs Rakewell of Aylesbury still supply the Cambridge Z88 and software for it. This gave me the contact I needed to buy a copy of ImpExp which connects the Z88 to the PCW. Thus I can sit in bed, or on the train, or out on the patio and write articles and notes on the Z88 (which is about the size of a thin pack of A4 paper) and then copy them across to the PCW at the end of the day. This is being typed into the Z88 at midnight because I can't sleep and it makes no noise, has no bright glaring screen and is totally portable.

(We all make mistakes, *once!* I did have a copy of ImpExp already, on a 3" disc. I decide to make a backup of it and as the other side of the disc was blank I formatted it to copy the files onto the second side. Only after I had formatted side two in the A: drive of an 8512 did I discover that the disc had been a CF2DD all along and now half the files had been erased! I shan't do that again in a hurry!)

David Williams from Scotland, through his ScotWest newsletter, put me in touch with Roger Pederick in Dunfermline who had the copy of PCWDOS that I had been after. (Thank you, too, to David for volunteering his name for the Club's helpline contact list.) Anthony Hill provided all the documentation files that I complained about being left off the cover disc that comes with *PcWToday* - many thanks. Anthony, too, has volunteered to join the help line contact list - thanks for that also!

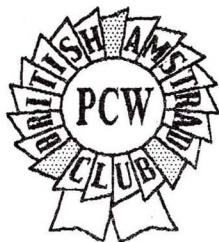
John Butler from Kingsbury can up with the information on the CP/M version of Grammatik

**THE BRITISH AMSTRAD PCW CLUB**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 1998**

GENERAL ACCOUNT	1997	1998	1997	1998
EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£
488.73 Hire of Hall	415.88	1320.00	Annual Subscriptions	1381.00
1801.27 Printing, Postage, Stationery	2124.86	440.00	Attendance Fees	411.00
54.00 BACC Insurance	86.00	214.28	Sales and Bring & Buy	133.72
4.00 BasCard	4.00	59.00	Raffle	
11.00 Travel Expenses	35.00	10.15	Bank Interest	12.28
61.00 Prizes	75.00		Sale of Magazines	45.50
22.22 Write Off Equipment	35.38	382.00	Donations/Adverts	353.00
35.20 Depreciation Equipment	34.84		Hardware repair	10.00
Bank - Unpaid Cheque	9.00	175.00	Software Sales	336.83
66.20 Misc Expenditure	256.00		Crossword Maker	205.00
		14.33	Overrest. Creditors	
75.14 Excess Income to Balance Sheet		4.00	Refund Future Pubs	
			Excess Expend to Bal Sheet	187.63
£2618.76				
	£3075.96	£2618.76		£3075.96

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1998**





# BRITISH AMSTRAD PCW CLUB

## CONSTITUTION

The Club shall be known as the "British Amstrad PCW Club" and hereinafter be referred to as the "Club".

### OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall be:-

1. To arrange meetings of interest to the Club members.
2. To promote awareness and appreciation of computing between the Club members.
3. To obtain discounts for the Club members.
4. To promote good communications with all Amstrad PCW users.

### MEMBERSHIP

Full membership of the club is open to all Amstrad PCW users.

Amstrad PCW users may apply for Postal Membership which entitles them to receive by post copies of the club magazine "The Disc Drive" and club "Newsletters". Postal members are non-voting members.

The membership year runs from September to August the following year.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The AGM will be held at the September meeting of the Club each year. 20% of the voting membership (rounded down to the nearest whole number) will constitute a quorum.

### COMMITTEE

The Committee members will be proposed and seconded and elected by a simple majority at the AGM. If there is more than one candidate a vote will be necessary and this will be as a show of hands or a paper vote. The committee shall consist of the following:-

Chairman	Secretary
Treasurer	Editor
Membership Secretary	Program Officer
One ordinary member	

The Committee will be allowed to co-opt any member who may be of use to the Committee. The Committee may appoint sub-committees of club members as and when required. All Committee members will have one vote. The Chairman will also have a casting vote if necessary. Co-opted members will not have a vote at Committee meetings. Committee members will be elected annually by simple majority vote at AGM.

### PRESIDENT

The Honorary appointment of life President can be conferred on a member in recognition of meritorious work for the club.

## MEETINGS

At each meeting each member shall pay the meeting attendance fee as set by the Committee. Prospective members are welcome to attend their first night free of charge.

## FINANCE

Accounts are to be presented each year at the AGM. Bank account to be opened with signatories the Treasurer and one other elected member. A payment for running expenses and small sums for known useful hardware, software etc may be authorised by the Committee, but any expenditure larger than £150.00 needs the consent of the Club members by simple majority vote at any ordinary meeting. All remaining monies must be paid in to the Club's account. Any hardware, software and property of the Club is to be put in to the care of two specified Committee Members. All property of the Club should be recorded. An up to date inventory of all Club property should be maintained by the Treasurer and be made available for inspection at all meetings.

## MINUTES

Minutes of the AGM and of ordinary Committee meetings will be kept in the Minutes Book by the Secretary and will be available for inspection by any member at any time.

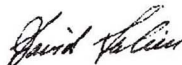
## CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

Changes in constitution of the Club may only be made by two thirds majority vote at a General Meeting of the Club, all members having been duly notified. Any member wishing a change in the constitution must submit the proposal in writing to the Secretary at least two weeks before any General Meeting may be called. A General Meeting may be called at the discretion of the Committee if six full members request it.

## CLOSURE OF THE CLUB

If the Club full members so desire and provided that there is at least three quarters majority vote then the Club may be wound up. The voting must be by postal ballot with the closing date for votes stated on the voting slip. All full members must be notified. If such a vote is carried, the assets of the Club, after all expenses and outstanding accounts are settled, should be sold and money thus obtained be given to local charitable organisations. If computer hardware or software is held by the Club and it could be of use to such an organisation, then it may be given to that body rather than sold to release capital. The disposal of the assets should be the responsibility of the Committee.

As amended August 1998



David Lalicu  
Club Secretary





GENERAL ACCOUNT

	1997	1998	1997	1998	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
1997		1998	1997	1998	
393.72	Balance Brought Forward	468.86	577.26	Cash at Bank	215.85
75.14	Add Excess Income/Exp		30.00	Cash in Hand	30.00
	Less Excess Exp/Income	187.63	10.00	Sundry Debtors	
468.86		281.23	105.60	Equipment	35.38


254.00	Sundry Creditors			
<u>£722.86</u>		<u>£281.23</u>	<u>£722.86</u>	<u>£281.23</u>

/ September 1998   
(M. Blackman) Treasurer.

Auditors Certificate

We certify that the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts have been audited by us, and we are of the opinion that the said accounts fairly state the financial position of the Club as at 31st August, 1998

/ September 1998   
(K. Rouse) Auditor.

(R. Woodford) Auditor 





that has been unavailable for (seemingly) years. This is something that our President, Jim French, has been after for a long time so that's another void filled, all due to the club that Jim started so long ago. John also dug out lots of information on Gary Kildall, the author of CP/M and founder of Digital Research. We hear so much nowadays about Bill Gates but it is often forgotten that MicroSoft would be nowhere today but for the foundations laid by Gary Kildall that Gates and Paul Allen built upon some eighteen years ago.

Yet again another urban myth about the PCW continues to persist! I have beefed on before about the fact that you do not need to keep your LocoScript or CP/M start of day disc in the machine once you have started up. Now we hear from someone who wants to know what he/she can do now that their MicroDesign disc is full up.

With very few exceptions, like the need to put a dictionary disc into a drive when using, for example, Protex, whenever you load a program into your PCW the program is copied into the M: drive and runs from there. This is why, when you load LocoScript into a PCW with 512k of memory, such as an 8512, you only have perhaps 100-150k of M: drive left. The actual LocoScript program and all its utilities (fonts, data files, dictionaries) are loaded into M: which is the RAM, Random Access Memory. Once the program has loaded and is up on the screen then, please, take out the start up disc and put in a data disc for storing your own documents, files, data, whatever you wish to call it. Not only does this mean that the start up disc will last a lot longer but you are far less likely to delete essential program files by mistake.

The only major exception to this rule is when you are running a number of programs in the Creative Technology utility The Network. The Network is a front end and, apart from displaying what programs are *available* to you for subsequent use, it does very little on its own (once you have installed and set up the Desk Top). If you want to use, for example, MicroDesign, you must have the disc on which MD is loaded in (probably) the A: drive before it can start. It is most likely that you have MicroDesign installed on the same disc as the Network and so you simply leave that Network disc in the drive and start up MicroDesign.

However if you needed to use SuperZap or NewSweep, which were not on the Network disc, you will have to replace the Network disc with the SuperZap or NewSweep disc before continuing. When you return to MicroDesign, create a new Area or Page and want to save it, put in a data disc, *not* the MicroDesign disc, to save it on.

If you want to use some fonts or MDAs from, for example, a public domain disc or one you have bought as Extra fonts, you do *not* have to copy these onto your MicroDesign disc: when you need to load that font or picture file. Simply put in the PD disc and load from that.

Keep your start up discs as start of day discs, not 'use all day' discs! Discs that are left in the drive all day long can get very warm and will deteriorate, especially if the hub glue melts and the disc becomes detached from the hub; then you will have problems. Only have a disc in the drive when saving or loading, not all the time - please.

Mike Elliston

## SMALL ADS.

### External 3.5" Drive (Pinboard)

Dual external A/B drive for 8256/8512. As new never been used. listed price £115:00 a bargain at £80:00 plus carriage.

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- Micro Manual Stewart Hasted £5:00
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Contact the Secretary David Lalieu.

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