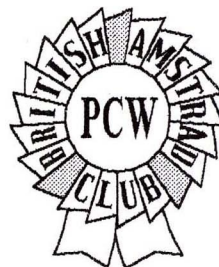


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March 4th 7:30 pm **Fundamentals of LocoScript Part 2** **Bring your machines!**

The second part of LocoScript fundamental is the subject for this evening. Now many of you will no doubt say this is pretty basic stuff, I must say we have to cater for all levels of knowhow and you might be surprised you could find you have adopted bad habits and learn a thing or two! The evening is very informal with many members adding their own experiences to the discussion, you need not be shy. If you don't understand a particular feature speak up this is what it is really all about.

This month has been very busy with our preparation for the Crawley meeting in May taking up a lot of time. The committee will attend this function in strength. It is hoped many members who are unable to attend our club nights will be able to make their way to Crawley for this very worthwhile meeting. It is certainly intended to be a gathering of users of PCW machines with an exchange of knowledge in respect of how, who and where. So make a note in your diary to the effect this is not an event to be missed! As we understand there will be representatives from all of the remaining companies that still support the PCW machine in the way of merchandise. Clubs and organisations will no doubt be available to answer questions on their own particular involvement. The last occasion when the Crawley club put on a similar event it was a great success, we have every reason to believe this will be in the same calibre.

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Chairman's Chatterings

Forenames have their fashions; someone named George is *likely* to be over 60 (but not necessarily so!) whilst a Wayne will be in his thirties or forties. When I was at school there were seventeen Michaels in a class of thirty-five so surnames were used without question - it wasn't an insult, it was simply practical.

The name *Adrian* must have been in fashion at some point not too long ago for, in this PCW fraternity, we have two making a name for themselves, and needless to say, in the last *Newsletter*, I got them muddled up. I credited Adrian Hooper, who hails from Radstock near Bath with running the Strad team and producing *PCW Today*. I probably insulted the real organiser of the excellent *PCW Today*, Adrian Braddy from Middlesbrough on Teesside. Apologies to both! Incidentally, Adrian Hooper's own *Radstock.pcw Newsletter* is quite an interesting read, too, and from a one-man show I suspect. Thanks to both for the efforts they make in keeping the PCW world active.

Wouldn't it be nice to have that brilliant design you've just created in MicroDesign (or any of the other PCW drawing packages) on the front of a tee-shirt or sweatshirt? Well here's a way you can do it for yourself at home without too much bother. Print out the design in high quality at the required size onto the centre of an A4 sheet (using a good black ribbon, if dot matrix) and get a couple of good photocopies of this print.

Then make up a mixture of two parts water to one part white spirits or turps in a bottle, shake well, add a drop of detergent or washing-up liquid and shake *well* again. Put

the photocopy face down on a clean impervious surface and liberally brush first the back and then the front of the paper with the mixture (but not so hard as to smear the image)..

Heat up an old (clean) metal tray with an iron and slide it *inside* the (pre-washed) tee-shirt. Place the wet photocopy face down in the required position on the front of the tee-shirt (with the hot tray inside) and roll with a hard wallpaper roller until the image transfers onto the cloth (as it will). The image can be *fixed* by spraying it with fixing spray from an arts and crafts shop.

It might be advisable to experiment first on an old handkerchief or the inside of a pillowcase until you perfect the technique but quite good results can be obtained by this simple method. It *will* work with certain types of laser printer (depending on the volatility of the toner used and the temperature of the corona wire). What might be far more impressive is to try a *colour* photocopy of an image created with one of the new colour printers - multi-colour images are simpler now with LocoScript4!

Remember though, if your design incorporates *lettering*, the text on the photocopy must be reversed to get right-reading words on the cloth. You can either "flip" your MD3 image by copying it onto itself with the corners switched before you save and print it, *or* you can make the first photocopy onto clear film, flip the film image, and photocopy it again in reverse. Both methods will work.

The club logo is available in the club's PD library held by Nick Chaundy, so now you can create your own British Amstrad PCW Club tee-shirt to wear and advertise the Club. Enjoy!

Mike Elliston

Hardware Problems with your PcW16

Gareth Morris is at present looking to discover why some PcW16s are dying prematurely and also exploring the possibilities of PcW16 Hardware upgrades.

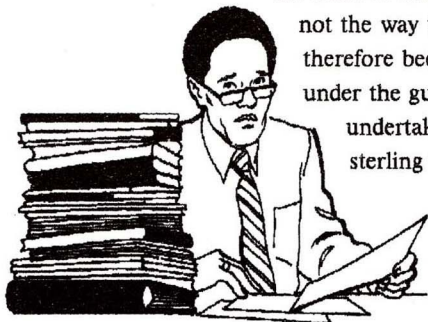
So, if you are experiencing hardware problems, or think you may be interested in upgrading your PcW16 sometime in the future, why not contact Gareth to find out the latest developments.

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Steve Massam
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The Disc Drive Magazine

Beyond the next issue of the Disc Drive, the committee are agreed the production format must be changed. For a very long time an editor has had the burden of producing this publication pretty well on their own. Don't get me wrong, I am not referring to our excellent article writers. But the organisation type setting and so forth is very time consuming. Invariably you find you are short of text and feel obliged to produce fillers yourself. This is not the way to keep the magazines good quality reputation. It has therefore been agreed we need a team of volunteers to work under the guidance of a team leader. Steve Massam has agreed to undertake this position. Many of you will remember the sterling work Steve did as editor for a long period of time. It is an opportunity of improving your expertise particularly in the field of *desk top publishing* so why not contact Steve who will fill you in on our expectations.



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Trouble with your PcW 16 ?

Why not change to a classic 8000 or 9000 PCW secondhand machine, these machines have an excellent known pedigree and there is still plenty of a wide variety of software about.