



NEWSLETTER

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Announcements at the February Meeting

The February meeting began on a sad note, the announcement of the death of long term member Bob Woodford in late January. Those present took a minute for silent devotion in his memory.

This was followed by a special General Meeting of the club to explain the position following the resignation of David Lalieu as Secretary.

At the Committee meeting at the end of January, Peter Clark, who had previously been selected as a co-opted Committee Member some months earlier, was asked to stand in as Secretary.

It was pointed out to those present at the General Meeting that there appeared to be no mechanism in the present constitution to replace the previous Secretary without an election, that the club could not run for a month or more without a Secretary, and that without a Secretary to call an election, etc., there would be stalemate. It was therefore necessary to elect a Secretary as soon as possible.

The Chairman therefore proposed Peter Clark for Secretary until the AGM in September, this was seconded by Ken Davies, and the vote was unanimous.

Revised Committee Structure

With immediate effect the officers of the club are therefore as follows:

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It is likely that the post of Membership Secretary will also be taken over by Peter Clark at some point in the future under a merged post of Club Secretary but please continue to liaise with Steve on membership matters until a formal notice appears in the *Newsletter*. (Advertisements for inclusion in the *Newsletter* and the *Disc Drive* should be sent to the appropriate editor.)

Crossword Competition Results

After the above formalities, and on a lighter note, the winner of the recent crossword puzzle competition was drawn from the hat from the ten entries submitted. The prize of a copy of the club's Crossword Maker pack was awarded to Harry Sanderson of Hampton in Middlesex. *Congratulations, Harry!*

The rest of the meeting continued with the second part of the discussion on using LocoScript on the PCW.

Deceased Members

Four members of the committee and a number of other members of the club attended at Bob Woodford's funeral at Southend Crematorium on the afternoon of Thursday 10th February.

It is with regret that I must also announce the death of another member of the club, Charles Patrick Creighton of Great Boughton, Chester. He had only been a member for a couple of years but he was an active correspondent on PCW matters and obviously enjoyed using his PCW. Our sympathies go to his family on this sad loss.

Future Meetings

I apologise for the error which appeared in the last *Newsletter* regarding the dates and topics of the next few meetings. The correct details are as follows:

Thursday 2nd March:

Labels using LocoFile and LocoMail

Thursday 6th April:

Introduction to CP/M: Part One.

Thursday 11th May:

Introduction to CP/M: Part Two.

Thursday 1st June:

Introduction to BASIC: Part 1

Please note that the May meeting is on Thursday 11th May, the second Thursday in that month, as local elections are being held on the 4th May and the building will not be available to the public.

All these meetings are held in Room Four at the Basildon Centre, St Martins Square, Basildon, Essex.

Do you live near Colchester?

Following our appeal for other members of the club to consider forming their own local branches or meeting groups, Jane Reynolds from Colchester announces that she is willing to give a lift by car to club meetings held in Basildon to any members who live in the postcode areas CO1-CO5.

Alternatively if you live some distance away from Jane you may find it convenient to drive to Chelmsford and travel up together from there. Please contact Jane direct to make your own arrangements.

Jane's phone number is 01206 383118 and the next few meetings are listed above.

Thank you to Jane for this initiative.

PCW Contact Point

Further to the PCW Contact Point in the last *Newsletter* here is a second list of people who have contacted the Club asking if our members would be interested in their PCWs. In most cases additional related items are on offer as well. You are invited to make contact directly with the advertiser and make mutual arrangements for delivery and price.

Dr P F A Watkins,
Weir Mill,
Drewsteignton,
Exeter EX6 6QA
01647 24223

PCW 9512+ in perfect working order with printer, manuals and discs.

Mr J Trehoux,
Glebe Cottage,
Corscombe,
Dorchester,
Dorset DT2 0NU
01935 891202

Free PCW 8256 to anyone willing to collect. Original discs, manuals, box of discs. Good working order

Mr D A Lickman,
1 Willow Crescent,
Willow Lane,
Gedling, Notts NG4 4BL
0115 9561053
PCW8512, much modified, 3½" drive, 1 Mb memory, many 3" discs. PCW free to anyone willing to collect. Offers for 3" discs..

Mr H G White,
3 Willow Dene,
Bushey Heath,
Herts WD2 1PS
0208 386 1138
PCW 8256 with 3" A: and 3½" B: drives & 768k Ram. Loco3, LocoFile, Canon BJ200ex printer. Perfect working order, Free to anyone willing to collect. hgandj@cw.com

Mr G D Gana,
76 Brompton Road,
Kingsbury,
London NW9 9DD
0208 204 4589
PCW 8256, SCA 768k Rampack (boxed), six new 3" CF2 discs.

Mr R Bentley,
29 Vernon Avenue,
Woodingdean,
Brighton,
East Sussex BN2 6BF
PCW 9512, keyboard, discs; good order but needs drive belt. Offers.

Mrs A Price,
2 Fulton Close,
Ipplepen,
Newton Abbott,
Devon TQ12 5YJ
PCW 9512 and printer in full working order.

Mr A R Wright,
Quorn Cottage,
Grondborough,
Rugby CV23 8DH
01788 814728
Upgraded PCW 8256 plus a good deal of software.

Mr E Roberts,
45 Point Adam Crescent,
Ruabon,
Wrexham LL14 6ED
01978 820627
Canon BJ1-ex printer in excellent condition. Offers.

The above information is printed as provided. The Club can not be held responsible for the condition of any of the goods offered.

The following machine is an Amstrad PC, not a PCW, but it is on offer for a small charge to anyone who could use it: PC8086s processor, 12" white monitor, 3½" floppy disc drive, 640k Ram. Sounds like a 2086 Mono or similar but if you are interested please contact Mr J Smethurst, Manor House, Lewes Road, East Grinstead, W Sussex RH19 3SY.

Please remember to tell the advertiser where you saw his advertisement. Please also let the Secretary or the *Newsletter* Editor know that you have acquired one of these machines so that it can be removed from the listing.

Crossword Competition Solution

For those still struggling with the Crossword Competition which accompanied *Newsletter* No.76 the solution is given below.



ACROSS

- The name on all PCW computers. (7).
- Elebrate (4).
- Short Monday back for French name. (3).
- BASIC logic operator and word connector. (3).
- This could be held regularly or just occasionally. (5).
- You'd need Zoom (or a lens) to see this! (5).
- Sleep slope where money is stored. (4).
- Definitely not landscapes! (9).
- Out and out removals. (9).
- Measured in years for a long time. (4).
- Cambridgeshire town where masho is all mixed up. (5).
- Now hear this announcer. (5).
- She's got the habit! (3).
- This could be a routine or a profile but usually its under water. (3).
- Emmanations from computers, wide winged fishes and the sun. (4).
- Hard copy producer. (7).

DOWN

- A place to buy or sell or even haggle! (6).
- The fifth letter of belief or doctrine under canvases. (5).
- Those noisy things in 9000 daisywheel printers. (9).
- Definitely not thumb down! (5, 6, 2).
- It all adds up! (5).
- Gather together after compiling? (8).
- Male sheep harbours computer add-on. (7).
- Jalous over PCW 8000 screen display. (5, 4, 4).
- Learned educator. (9).
- These might be the ones whodunnit! (8).
- Slaying power of endurance. (7).
- Fidget whilst playing the violin. (6).
- Sweet founder of I across. (5).
- Compartment on board ship. (5).

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Authors of articles

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before posting your order.

Bob Woodford

Bob Woodford, who died on Sunday 30th January 2000, will be remembered by many of us as a keen and enthusiastic member of the club. A regular attendee, always accompanied by his dear wife Vera, he very strongly influenced the development of a friendly camaraderie among members. He became a member of the club in 1992 and was always willing to participate in its activities. In addition to acting as club auditor he organised occasional suppers, name badges and gifts of appreciation for the committee at Christmas meetings.

Bob served with distinction in the Royal Navy during World War II in various parts of the world. He was married to Vera, who served in the WRNS, in 1948 and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1998 in the bosom of their family. He kept up his Naval associations to the end and always had a good word for shipmates old and new.

Bob will be remembered as a happy family man with a keen sense of humour; a lover of tradition, etiquette, principles and thoroughness.

Our hearts and sympathies are particularly with Vera and his family at this sad time.

Bob was a good man and a good friend who we will dearly miss.

Various PCW items for sale

PCW9512 with printer, keyboard, manual and discs	£25
PcW10 with printer, keyboard, manual and discs	£25
Replacement boards, power or CPU, for both the 8000 series and the 9512 at only £5 each.	£5
3" 180K disc drives for 8256/8512 A: drive	£10
8000 series printers, no flaps but good working order	£4
Dust covers for 9512, set of three, brand new	£2
Box of ten 3½" DD discs. Good quality.	£1
Many other items available	Postage extra

Send SSAE for list to:

John King, 26 Guysfield Drive, Rainham, Essex RM13 7AJ

Tel: 01708 630477

From John King

Much has been said regarding the high prices being asked for printer ribbons for the PCW8256, PCW8512, PcW9256 and PcW10 machines so I undertook a search on the Web with the following results:

Activ offers compatible MultiStrike ribbons for £2-43 each or compatible FN ribbons for £2.54 each. There is no minimum order and these prices include postage and VAT.

Activ Direct Computer Products Ltd,
Freepost MID 17855,
Ilkeston, Derby DE7 9BR
0115 9308 222.

www.activdirect.co.uk/

Consumables.Net offers a pack of five original film ribbons for £10.23 including postage and VAT.

Consumables.Net,
Unit 1, Cathedral Units,
Phoenix Business Centre,
Low Mill Road, Ripon,
North Yorks HG4 1NS
01765 608855
fax 01765 608877

www.consumables.net/

I have no connection with either firm nor have I purchased from them; they were just the cheapest found after a lengthy Web search. Could there be an even cheaper supplier? If so, please let the Club know.

To obtain the above information I typed the phrase "Printer Ribbons" in the Search box on the Web and then scrolled down all suggested suppliers opening each in turn. (Check if prices include post and VAT.)

As mentioned in *Newsletter No.77* the Club's Public Domain Library is now in the capable hands of Daniel French. The Committee apologises that it was necessary to withdraw this popular facility from September until February but it was more important that the Club had a Treasurer on the Committee, until Daniel volunteered to take on the PD Library.

Following the move of the Library from Basildon to Roehampton, Daniel undertook an extensive stocktaking exercise to update the catalogue and to ensure that everything had gone smoothly. It transpires that some of the data and programs on the discs, which have been donated to the Club from a number of sources, are copyright material and are not in the public domain.

Daniel has been advised to withdraw such material from the catalogue because some of it is still on sale from authorised suppliers and some material bears copyright registrations within the files. This means that it is just possible that you will be advised that discs you have recently requested are no longer available. Please accept that the Club can not distribute copyright material which has not been released into the public domain. Sorry.

Colophon

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