

# AMDATA

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THE OFFICIAL AMSTRAD USER CLUB NEWSLETTER

**STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP**

## **DISK BASED GAMES: PRICES DOWN**

With immediate effect, the club is reducing the prices of *CPC disk-based games programs* to within £1 of the tape equivalent.

It means that programs such as SPANNERMAN which we were recently quoting at **£11.00 to members**, now come down to just **£9.45 to members** - an immediate saving of over 25% off RRP.

In addition we have also negotiated a deal with AMSTRAD, whereby many games will become exclusive to the User Club, and will no longer be available through other outlets. Favourites like AMSGOLF, and many others from the Amsoft Gold Range will shortly disappear from the High Street, and be available exclusively from the Club - at the new, lower prices.

It amounts to a fantastic chance for all disk-based machine owners to build up your library; so if you're missing out on any of the classics then **now** is the time to catch up! See the latest order form for details, or ring

**091-5673395**

Not content with scooping up the games market, the club will shortly be embarking on a programme (no pun intended) to expand the range on offer, and even have some games written and produced purely for members. There's lots happening - watch this Newsletter for details.

## **THIS MONTHS OFFER - 6128 and 664 OWNERS**

CPC 6128 and 664 owners have sometimes complained that clearances and special offers tend to pass them by, and that they suffer because disk based CPC machines don't always get the same support from manufacturers, that tape based machine owners seem to enjoy.

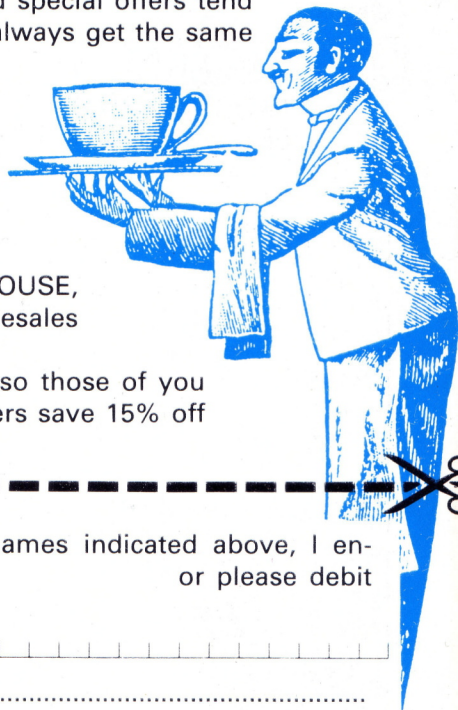
We're gradually putting this right, and as a start, this month's special offer is purely for 6128 owners.

Quite simply, you can buy any **three** of the games below for just £23, but the selection must include 'THE SCOUT STEPS OUT'. Why? well, its one of the most exciting games around, and its vastly underrated. When looking round for a top-seller on which to base this offer, it immediately came to mind. Tick your selection below, and send the form in to the usual address - VICTORIA HOUSE, P.O. BOX 10, 1-6 LOW ROW, SUNDERLAND, TYNE & WEAR, SR1 3PY or ring Telesales on 091-5673395

In addition there's a special offer on MICROSPREAD and MICROGRAPH - so those of you who use your 6128 on a semi-business basis can also benefit. Normally, members save 15% off RRP - this time they're 50% off!

Choose your games selection from -

- |                               |                         |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SOFT 1988                     | The Scout Steps Out     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| SOFT 07058                    | Strangeloop             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| SOFT 07047                    | Doors of Doom           | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| SOFT 1117                     | Roland in the Caves     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| SOFT 1911                     | Jammin'                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| SOFT 07055                    | The Golden Path         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| SOFT 1144                     | Electro Freddy          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| SOFT 1938                     | Transact                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| SOFT 1181                     | Quackajack              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>SPECIAL BUSINESS OFFER</b> |                         |                                     |
| CPC                           | Microspread just £24.50 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| CPC                           | Micrograph just £14.90  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |



Please send me the games indicated above, I enclose Cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ or please debit my ACCESS/VISA

CARD Number \_\_\_\_\_

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

MEMBER No. ....

We promised you that 1987 was going to be an exciting one for AMSTRAD owners and we're determined to make this come true. Already, we've been FIRST with Carbon Ribbons, new modems, exclusive games like Indoor Sports and Eagles' Nest; and now we've put together a very exciting deal with ARNOR - makers of some of the best utilities programs on the market.

## ARNOR

ARNOR concentrate exclusively on AMSTRAD - and have been involved with Amstrad Software, ever since the first CPC 464 machine came out. Their speciality lies in producing programs which maximise the potential of the hardware. Every possible part of the memory is used, so the machine is always working to its full capacity. This makes for excellent programs, packed with features, good graphics, and very quick reactions. We've been talking to ARNOR for some time, and have always been impressed with their presentation (handbooks are excellent, and packaging is extremely stylish) - but its only recently that we've managed to get the prices we wanted for Club Members. The descriptions below are very brief summaries of the programs - ring **091-5673395** for a leaflet, or more details - they're all super programs, capable of converting the CPC series into powerful business adjuncts.

## THE PRODUCTS:

In one of the biggest product launches we've ever undertaken, the club has brought in a whole series of top ARNOR programs in varying formats - including, ROM chips. Anyone who's been involved in computing for any length of time will appreciate the quality of chips - they're tidy, compact, load very quickly, and give you the minimum of fuss: BUT Remember, you need a ROMBOX to use them with (more of this later). The new inventory looks like this:

- ▶ **PROTEXT:** A top-class word processor based on the highly acclaimed WORDSTAR 1512 (generally regarded as the standard setter for PC's). It works with any printer and is packed with useful features.

CPC ROM CHIP CODE: TEXT 0002  
**members £34.95** non-members £39.95

- ▶ **PROSPELL:** A superb, high speed spelling checker for CPC's, with a 34,000 word dictionary, and much more. It works with PROTEXT and virtually every other CPC word processing program,- bringing 'LocoSpell type' power within the grasp of the CPC user.

CPC DISK CODE: PRO5 0001  
**members £21.85** non-members £24.95

CPC ROM CHIP CODE PRO5 0002  
**members £34.95** non-memebers £39.95

- ▶ **PROMERGE PLUS:** A bolt-on addition to PROTEXT - its a flexible mailing program with all kinds of advanced Mail-Merge features. CPC owners now no longer need envy the PCW's 'LocoMail' because this one has it all, in a compact, easy to use package.

CPC ROM CHIP CODE: PROM 0002  
**members £30.60** non-members £34.95

- ▶ **MODEL UNIVERSE:** Absolutely rivetting - its a stunning introduction to the world of 3-D modelling. Features include 360° rotation, zoom, and various perspectives. Magnificent, and very entertaining: the only limit is your imagination.

CPC DISK CODE: MODL 00ID  
**members £17.45** non-members £19.95

CPC TAPE CODE: MODL 00IT  
**members £13.95** non-members £15.95

- ▶ **UTOPIA:** This program will genuinely make the most of your Amstrad's potential. Its a ROM extension for the CPC series and includes all the commands needed for serious Basic programming. Once installed you've got access to over 50 new commands covering file, disk, and memory utilities.

CPC ROM CHIP CODE: UTOP 0002  
**members £26.20** non-members £29.95

- ▶ **ARNOR 'C':** New for 1987 this is one of the most powerful and flexible computer languages available today. It took a top Cambridge team two years to develop - they claim its better than CP/M+ - we've used it, and think its excellent, but check it out for yourself.

CPC DISK CODE: ARNO 0001  
**members £69.95** non-members £79.95

- ▶ **BCPL:** Another operating language from the ARNOR - this one has been developed for Word Processing; Databases; and Operating Systems. It works at a very high speed, (an 8K program can be compiled in 15 seconds), has as inbuilt de-bug routine, library function, and a lot more. If you need a good, precise, 'technicians' language to work with, then this is it.

CPC/PCW DISK CODE: BCPL 0001  
**members £34.95** non-members £39.95

# CONTINUED

- ▶ **MAXAM:** A brilliant Assembler/Disassembler for Amstrad Micro's. Its ideal for examining, modifying and 'dissecting' programs. Indispensible for anyone who's serious about home programming.

CPC ROM CHIP CODE: MAXA 0002  
members **£34.95** non-members £39.95

- ▶ **MAXAM II:** A classic Assembler only; based on the Z80 system, its got dozens of features and is capable of debugging, editing, relocating, blocking, shifting, and much more. A **must** for anyone who enjoys programming, or needs to write a specific program for individual use.

CPC DISK CODE: MAXA 0001  
members **£69.99** non-members £79.99

CPC ROM CHIP CODE: MAXA 0002  
members **£34.95** non-members £39.95

- ▶ **NOTE:** Unless otherwise stated, CPC disks will work with the 464, 664 and 6128 machines - BCPL will also work with both PCW's
- ▶ ROM chips need a ROM extension board. Inevitably its known as a 'ROMBO' - its got 8 sockets for chips, and is available at just **£30.60 members**, £34.95 non-members CODE: ROMB 0003F!
- ▶ This series from ARNOR is just one of many new groups of products that we'll be introducing over the next few months. Keep in touch, and keep watching the NEWSLETTERS!



## MAGAZINES

This newsletter comes to you in the Official Amstrad magazine - either "Amstrad Computer User" (if you've joined the leisure club) or "Amstrad Professional Computing" (if you've joined the professional club). PCW owners tend to join either club, depending on how they are going to utilise their machine - and this situation is further complicated by the fact that both official magazines sometimes carry features on the PCW series.

However, this is all about to change:- recognising the need for differentiation, the publishing company will now be issuing three magazines:

- AMSTRAD PROFESSIONAL COMPUTING
- COMPUTING WITH THE AMSTRAD PCW
- PERSONAL COMPUTING WITH THE AMSTRAD

**NOTE: If we don't hear from you, we'll have to assume that you want the CPC mag**

### RELEVANT

It means that each area will be much more clearly defined, and you'll be reading articles and reviews that appertain to **your** machine - and of course PCW owners will now have their own dedicated magazine.

### VOUCHER

The Club will endeavour to send the correct Magazine to the relevant members; but in order to help us, if you are a PCW owner, please fill in this voucher, and send it to the usual address: **Victoria House, P.O. Box 10, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, SR1 3PY**

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

Member No. ....

Machine Type PCW: .....

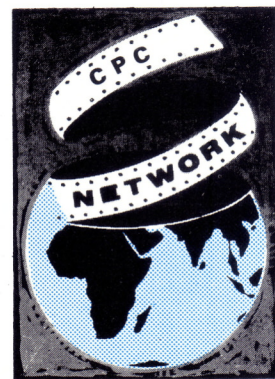
I wish to continue receiving my current magazine\*

I wish to receive the new PCW magazine\*

\* Please delete where applicable

# NEW FOR CPC OWNERS:

## Exclusive Cleaning Kits



We've always considered it rather odd, that once people have paid nearly £300 for a computer, they think 'thats that', and simply set about buying the software they need - entirely ignoring the maintenance of their hardware.

### LOSS OF INFORMATION

Many of the technical calls we get from CPC owners centre around programs not loading - and in many instances, our advice is 'Clean the tape heads'. Inevitably, over the months, oxides build up; dust gets in, and even cigarette smoke can cause a patina, which can get so bad, that the heads cannot read information.

We've looked around for a good cleaning tape for a while and it had to be at the right price as well. Abrasives, or 'shoelace' type tapes were out of the question, and so were those that you use once, then revive with liquids for subsequent uses.

### ESSELTE TAPES

We discovered a batch of superb tapes, that have just come in from Sweden. They were made for 'Esselte' a Swedish office equipment/stationery company. Esselte intended to make quick inroads into the computer cleaning market, by offering top quality products at a discount price. Although this is a commendable idea; any marketing man can tell you that its a recipe for disaster - at the end of the day you get what you pay for. However, Esselte persevered - the tapes were made by Philips and the chemical coating by Sapona. Not surprisingly, Esselte found that low prices and quality didn't go together; so they upped their prices and lost their foothold in the market, and this is where we came in.

The Club has bought a large quantity of these tapes at a bargain price, and can offer them at:

**£1.25 members £1.50 non-members CODE: SOFT 944**

They can be used 10 times each - and the effect on dirty heads can be startling! At this price why not buy two or three - they were in the shops at £1.99, so they represent a genuine scoop. They're fine for audio cassettes too!

### COMING SOON:

3" Disk Cleaning Kits are being looked at by the Club - more details in the newsletter.

## PERSONAL TAX PLANNER

For the Amstrad 6128 and PCW series, this disk-based program is an absolute must for anyone who is self employed, or just curious about how it all works. "Which" magazine is always fond of quoting how readers have saved hundreds of pounds just by learning **why** they are taxed on various benefits and peripherals - and perhaps you can do the same with this program.

Its menu-driven, and easy to use - and is brand new, so its fully up to date with Government legislation. The handbook also comes with Guidance Notes; and there is a FREE upgrade, should legislation change at any time.

### WHAT IT DOES

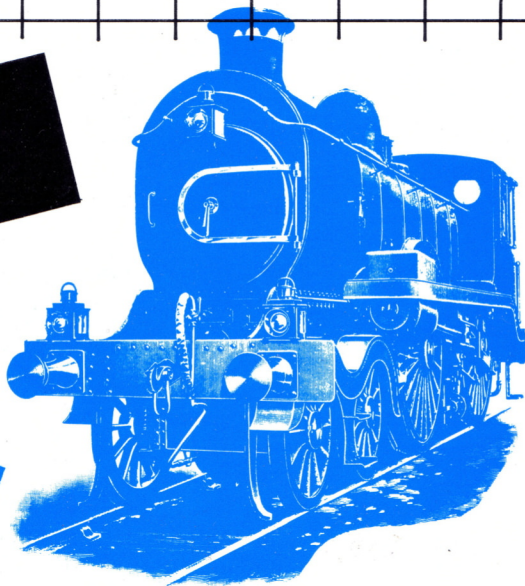
Once you've entered your pertinent details (eg: Car Allowance, MIRAS, Loans, Bereavement, School Fees, Alimony etc) the program will calculate your Income Tax liability for a given tax year. (Remember Tax years run from 6 April to 5 April). It also has a 'what if' facility, so you can see the effect that an increase or change in allowances will have. Its for Professionals as well - accountants will find it invaluable - its easy to adjust; and allows for Capital Gains, Book Value, Plant, Vehicles, Fixed Assets, and Depreciation. There's much more as well, so ring us for a leaflet, or place an order with our Telesales Department.

CODE: GEMI 0004 **members £21.95** non-members £24.95

**STOP  
PRESS!**

**SPECIAL  
OFFER!**

**HOLD THAT  
TRAIN!**



# **LOCO**MAIL **LOCO**SPELL

BUY EITHER PRODUCT DURING JUNE  
FOR ONLY

**£24.95**

AND SAVE

**£10.00**

ON USUAL CLUB PRICE  
(£16.00 LESS THAN REC. PRICE)

**OR**

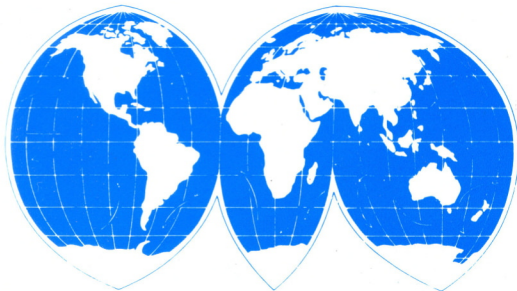
**BOTH**

FOR AN INCREDIBLE

**£39.95**

THE PAIR

**(HALF the Rec. Price)**



# COMMUNICATIONS

## WHAT ITS ALL ABOUT

Over the past few years computer communication has become more and more popular. It allows you to send information, and lists from terminal to terminal - distance is no object. In addition, using the correct software, you can also have access to facilities like E-mail, (there are 3 systems: Easylink, Telecom Gold, and One-to-One) a Telex service, a translation service, PRESTEL; and the freedom to access other users and copy software which they've left in 'public domain' and will transmit to you.

## WHAT YOU NEED

There are no connections, no soldering, and no tricky wiring, but you need to make an investment in hardware and peripherals.

Essentially you'll want:

- The computer, plus printer · A modem · A telephone line; plus a phone if you use a manual modem · An interface for modem to computer · Requisite communications software

## HOW IT WORKS

You link the modem to the computer via the interface, then you connect the phone to the modem. It really couldn't be easier, but remember if you have an autodial modem, there is no particular need for a phone. The modem plugs straight into your telephone socket. However, if you have a manual modem, (normal service continues of course) then you plug both the computer and phone into the modem which then plugs into the BT socket.

## BAUD RATE

All you then have to do is load the software, and connect to whatever you need. Most software is menu driven, and will ask you what you want. Autodial modems will do virtually anything for you; but for manual ones you dial on the phone keys. Most autodials also have a programmable 'unattend' function.

NOTE: AMSTRAD BAUD RATE is 7352.94 which means that AMSTRADS can talk to other AMSTRADS, but rarely to other computers, where the Baud rate is generally 7200. This doesn't matter when using facilities like Electronic mail, because you effectively mail to Telecom's central computer, which then relays your message to the recipient, giving an automatic change of BAUD RATE.

## MAG NUMBERS

In your software pack you should get an invitation to join Telecom Gold/Easylink/One-to-One. Subscription varies, and we can't quote a price here; although at the time of writing, subscription to at least one of these three systems tends to be FREE with the software. This might not go on much longer, because it's worth roughly £50 a year. When you subscribe, they'll give you a MAG number and a systems number. The Club's for example is MAG90320, and this is what you quote when you want someone to contact you.

At the moment there is no directory of MAG numbers - for obvious reasons it would give a lot away about the owner. You'll have to build up your own list of MAG contacts, but it's surprising how quickly it builds up.

## WHAT MODEMS ARE AVAILABLE

Well, essentially there are dozens around. Some are from reputable brands, and other not so. The best ones tend to use a Mitsubishi, Sony or Philips chassis, so the engineering pedigree is pretty sound. The Club stocks three modems - all of them are V21/23 - this is the protocol figure that virtually all modems and software use, and it ensures that you'll lock into the correct Baud rate every time.

- 1) Amstrad V21/23 members £84.95 non-members £99.95**  
Complete with connecting plug and leads; plus a voucher giving you FREE subscription for the first quarter for PRESTEL and Micronet. Manual operations. For CPC Series.
- 2) Linnet.** Made by Pace on a Mitsubishi chassis.  
This is Autodial, complete with connecting plug and leads; recognises all standard B.T. tones (eg, engaged, unobtainable) Battery backed memory, and storage for upto 32 numbers.  
**members £135.85 non-members £159.85.** For PCW Series and CPC.
- 3) PC Card Modem.** The current state-of-the art modem, magnificent in every respect:- it slots into the computer itself, but its for PC1512 only.  
**members £149.99 non-members £175.95.** with software, and FREE membership to Microlink.

## WHAT SOFTWARE IS AVAILABLE

The Club stocks two of the reputable names that you'll want to use.

Basically there is a

- **RS232 + COMMSTAR PACKAGE** which is all built-in. Its for CPC owners, and is complete. Much cheaper than buying them separately.

**members £50.96 non-members £59.95.**

Plus the

- 5) SAGE CHIT CHAT SERIES for PCW**

Comprising

**E-Mail at £59.99 members (Telecom Gold) £69.99 non-members**

**Viewdata at £59.99 (PRESTEL) £69.99 non-members.**

## WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

- 1 Make sure the modem you buy is Telecom (BABT) approved. There is a label with a green circle on it, stuck on the underside.
- 2 If you have old-style JACK sockets in your home, B.T. will convert them for a modest sum. New phones will have new style clip-sockets.
- 3 Ensure you get the correct interface for your machine. RS232 is for CPC owners; and CPCS8256 is for the PCW series. They're totally different, and you can't swap them!  
You don't need one for the PC Card Modem... it plugs straight in.

## WHAT-FITS-WHAT

AMSTRAD	RS232 + Comms	AMSTRAD V21/23	LINNET	SAGE Chit-Chat	CPS8256	PC Card
CPC464	✓	✓	✓			
CPC664	✓	✓	✓			
CPC6128	✓	✓	✓			
PCW8256		✓	✓	✓	✓	
PCW8572		✓	✓	✓	✓	
PC1512		✓	✓	✓		✓

# COMPETITION

## LAST MONTHS WINNERS

Last month's Magic Square brought in a whole host of entries. We thought that a lot of them were wrong (horror!) but upon closer inspection, there are two answers!! DISASTER for all those involved in the judging. The competitions manager has had to endure constant ribbing/loss of drinking privileges/relegation to division II of the Space Invader league, and severe embarrassment. Basically, the answers were as follows:

VERSION 1

A	L	I	V	E
L	I	N	E	N
I	N	E	R	T
V	E	R	S	E
E	N	T	E	R

VERSION 2

E	L	I	T	E
L	I	N	E	N
I	N	E	R	T
T	E	R	S	E
E	N	T	E	R

As a result, we've had to pick two winners; and they are -

Mrs D.C. Sommerton of Surrey and Mr M.L. McDonald of Kent

Thank you everyone for entering - better luck next time - keep the entries coming in. Winners prizes are already in the post.

Earlier in this newsletter, we proudly announced the addition of ARNOR products to the range - and this month's prize is already on the editors desk - its a copy of PROTEXT and PROSPELL

In addition, the first **COMPUTER GENERATED ANSWER** out of our cut down beer barrel will also qualify for a copy of MODEL UNIVERSE

Inevitably, its a WORDSQUARE (last one, we promise - and its only got one answer).

## ▶ THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION ◀

A couple of issues ago we ran a competition based on a WORDSQUARE. The original wordsquare program came from DAVID KEYSE and David is certainly onto a winner because dozens upon dozens of entries poured in every day. One or two even came in from abroad including an entry from MR MANOS PIPOS, who lives at 85106 PARADISI, RHODES, GREECE - thank you for entering - what a fabulous address! When it arrived, the girls in the office suspected a bomb/ex-boyfriend/offer of a holiday, and while they hesitated, someone stole the stamp. By the way, Manos, how did you get the Newsletter?

After the reaction to the last one; we just had to run another - and here it is. Its not as easy as our previous one, and we've been pretty devious, with words occasionally turning corners, or twisting off at odd angles - see if you can find them all. There's a total of 20; put a ring round them, and get your entry in to: **Victoria House, P.O. Box 10, 1-6 Low Row, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, SR1 3PY, ... before APRIL 24th**

**NOTE:** PLEASE DON'T SEND ENTRIES TO AMSTRAD AT BRENTWOOD: we'll eventually receive them; but the competition may have finished in the interim.

### MICRO COMPUTERS

1. ASSEMBLER
2. BINARY
3. CHIP
4. DATABASE
5. EPROM
6. FORTRAN
7. GRAPHICS
8. HEXADECIMAL
9. IBM

10. JOYSTICK
11. KEYWORD
12. LISTING
13. MICROPROCESSOR
14. NETWORK
15. OCTAL
16. PERIPHERAL
17. QWERTY
18. RESOLUTION
19. SPRITE
20. TRACE

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# FOR SALE AND WANTED

ALL TAPES 50p EACH

Hacker  
Mordon's Quest (Adventure Clues)  
International Rugby (Artic)  
Thrust  
Roland on the Run  
Locomotion  
Chiller  
Vampire  
Speldome (Adventure)  
Escape from Khosima (Adventure Clues)  
Paws (Artic)  
Ghosts & Goblins  
Message from Andromina (Adventure)  
Red Arrows  
Costa Capers  
CONTACT: Mr P. Ellerby. 42, Brookside Crescent, Newcastle NE5 3LY

Tau Ceti ..... £6.50  
Tank Commander ..... £6.50  
Sorcery + ..... £6.50  
Bridge + ..... £6.50 - exchange if possible; write to R.E. Lanton for details on these, and several others; at Broadview, 3 The Crescent, Worlebury, Weston Super Mare, Avon. BS22 9SR.

The Wild Bunch ..... 50p  
Classic Racing ..... £1  
Graham Gooch's Test Cricket .. £1  
Match Day ..... £1  
180 ..... £1  
Nick Faldo Plays the Open ..... £2  
Johnny Reb II ..... £2  
Barry McGuigan World Championship Boxing ..... £3  
Agent Orange ..... £5  
Ring Brad Reed after 4p.m. on Cambridge 880-929 or write 15 Church St., Great Wilbraham, Cambs

1 ZX Spectrum + 2, 128K with joystick and games, 3 months old. Hardly used only £99.95. Tel: (06845) 68519 and ask for Ian

Mr. Freeze ..... £3  
Caves of Doom ..... £3  
Short Fuse ..... £3  
Vagan Attack ..... £3  
Spanner Man ..... £3  
Harrier Attack ..... £3  
Pyjamarama ..... £3  
Blogger ..... £3  
Hunter Killer ..... £3  
Gems of Stradus ..... £3  
Roland in the Caves ..... £3  
Chiller ..... £3

One Man and his Droid ..... £3  
Hunchback ..... £3  
Please phone 0273-420687 or write to Master Alan Percival, 54 Graham Crescent, Mile Oak, Portslade, Sussex BN4 2YB.

PACE NIGHTINGALE MODEM, complete with RS423 Interface/ROM expansion card/COMMSTAR Software on ROM for CPC6128 in VGC - £90 ONO. Also DK' TRONICS SPEECH SYNTHESISER on ROM for CPC6128 in VGC - £20 ONO. Contact SSGT P. Hillard, POL Section SSD RAOC, Malaya Lines, BFPG 1.

Cavalier TELEADD for PCW .... £10  
Contact Peter Johnson, 11 Manor Drive, Leicester LE4 1BL. Phone (0533) 357268

Green Monitor for 6128, unused (compatible with 464 and 664) . £50  
Please Telephone Mike Owers on 0621 56011 (daytime) or 0621 892885 evenings.

CALLING ALL 464 OWNERS

Beach Head 1 ..... £2  
Finders Keeper ..... £1  
A View to a Kill ..... £2  
Soul of a Robot ..... £1  
Locomotion ..... £1  
Wild Bunch ..... £1  
Call James on Southport 0704 - 40786 or write to 68 Turning Lane, Scarisbrick, Nr Southport, PR8 5HY

1. Brother M1009 Dot Matrix Printer complete with Tractor Feed, Connecting Cable and spare ribbon. Boxed as new £125.00
2. MP2 Modulator for CPC6128 £15.00
3. Disk version of MINI OFFICE 2 £10.00
4. BeeBugSoft "LOCKSMITH" on ROM £7.50

Anybody interested in the above items telephone 0793 372748 after 6.00 p.m. any evening, or write to T. Leggett at 35 Cottington Close, Freshbrook, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 8PX.

## WANTED

CPC 6128 Keyboard only or with Green Monitor. Call Mr D.S. Cross Office: 051-625-627 Home: 051-625-9284 or write to 13 Groveside, West Kirby, Wirral L48 0QS

## SPECIAL 12 PACK OFFER

Remember the 12 pack given FREE with the CPC 464? Well we've obtained a limited number of these for you, and if you missed out, or would like them for your 6128 (you'll need a tape player, of course) then order a pack now - Ring us on 091-5673395.

Originally these games would have retailed for over £100 - some of them are in our clearance at £1.99 each; but we can offer these packs **at just £9.99 a set** in case you've forgotten the pack comprises-

- X-Anagrams
- Oh-Mummy
- Fruit Machine
- Hammer Attack
- Bridge-It
- The Galactic Plague
- Easi-Amsword
- Roland in the Caves
- Sultan's Maze
- Roland on the Ropes
- Animal Vegetable Mineral
- Timeman One



If you've got any technical hints, tips, or advice don't keep it to yourself. Ring us on **091-5673395**, and we'll be more than pleased to publish them.

# AMSCHAT

## ► NEWS AND VIEWS ◀



### COLOURED RIBBONS

Our Standard Ribbons (SOFT 06041) and Carbon Ribbons (SOFT 06441) are amongst the cheapest you'll find anywhere - we buy in large quantities, so we can keep the prices down. They're just **£4.25 to members** £4.95 non-members - we've heard tales of Carbon Ribbons selling for £7.49 in some areas.

However, we can't pretend to stock everything; and occasionally we get asked for odd-coloured ribbons i.e.: Red, or Brown; or even Green! Well, its not worth us stocking them all - the demand is so minimal, that if we were to buy them in, the costs would be exorbitant.

However, here's somebody that specialises entirely in odd-coloured ribbons:

**Mr Brian Andrews**  
**Windmill Cottage**  
**Lower Street**  
**Billingsford Nr Diss**  
**NORFOLK**  
**IP21 4HL**

Contact him if you ever need any ribbon thats out of the ordinary - Red, Green and Brown are roughly £5 each.

### NEW DESK

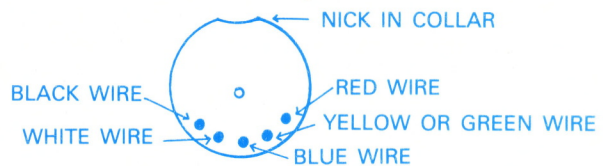
The popular AMSTRAD CD1 desk is no longer available - but we've sourced an alternative. Its from Lancelot; and is a magnificent item, on a sturdy frame with castors, and ample storage space. Outstanding orders for CD1 have been dealt with by letter - the new desk is exactly the same price - get yours now, because stocks will be limited. ORDER: CD1 **members £29.95** non-members £34.95

# APPLICATION NOTES

The Club recently had two bizarre calls in one day - both from non-members, and both on the same subject.

The callers had both suffered from the DIN-plug end of an MP1 being chewed off! The former was eaten by a baby (hope it wasn't plugged in) and the second caller managed to get it entangled in the vacuum cleaner. Hmm.

Both of them wanted to know how they could restore the lead. Well, the answer's simple: LASKYS, and one or two other High Street stores will sell you a fresh DIN-plug. Open it; and strip back the wires from the lead, (or whats left of the lead). The **back** of the plug looks like this; and you simply attach the correct wire to the requisite terminal.



The middle pin has nothing attached. Its not easy - because its fiddly. Soldering is of course the best method of joining; but seriously, don't leave leads or wires dangling around where they could cause accidents, or damage your hardware. Or better still - get a desk, and tidy the whole thing up.

**NOTE 1:** This is more or less the standard way of joining up in the electrical trade: it applies to most Hi Fi and Video installations as well - but don't take it for granted: **CHECK FIRST.**

**NOTE 2:** Despite being urged to do so by one or two less reputable mags. Its both foolhardy, and potentially damaging to dabble with the innards of a computer. You'll most certainly invalidate your guarantee; and unless you know what your doing, quite liable to invalidate yourself as well!

Furthermore bits of solder splattered all over the place is unsightly - leave it to the service technicians.

### NEW DISK DRIVE

The DDI-1 will not be available in England until approx. June 1987 and in the meantime we've got an alternative from PACE. Its a 5¼" disk drive, made to very exacting standards. Obviously 5¼" disks can carry more information than the 3" version; and of course 5¼" disks are cheaper - just £8.99 for a 10-pack. There are limited stocks of the drive available now; and the offer is only meant to last until the original DDI's come in. Ring us on 091-5673395 for a leaflet.

ORDER PACE 525 **members £162.26** non-members £182.26

### NEW GIANT DISK BOX

We almost sold out of these in the first week - but a last minute consignment saved the day. The introductory offer is just **£9.99 members** £11.99 non-members (CODE: PROT 002) - its a great box, for keeping your disks in the ideal environment.

### CARBON RIBBONS

They're selling fast - nobody can match our prices: we're having to turn dealers away, because there's not enough to go round! Get them in quickly, because although the Club has plenty this situation can't last:

SOFT 06441 **£4.25 members**  
£4.95 non-members

### AMX MOUSE

A CPC version of the AMX Mouse. Superb for accurate targeting, graphics, shifting, and much more. Ring 091-5673395 for details on price and availability.

All prices are shown including VAT at the relevant rate unless otherwise stated. All prices, and descriptions are correct at time of going to press.

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