

# AMDATA

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THE OFFICIAL AMSTRAD USER CLUB NEWSLETTER

## AMSTRAD COMPUTER SHOW

We would like to give our members further reminder that we will be at the Northern Amstrad Computer Show from October 23rd until the 25th.

We're sure you're already aware that the Northern Show will be at G-Mex in Manchester which many consider to be the most outstanding exhibition centre in Britain. The centre took three years and £20 million to develop from the shell of the historic Central Station in the heart of Manchester.

With over 100,000 square feet of exhibition space, this magnificent arched structure will provide the perfect setting for the most exciting computer event to be held outside London.

The User Club will be on Stand B2 which totals a huge 40 square metres in size.

Make sure you're there to reap the benefits of our discounted products and bargain offers. Come and introduce yourself to the people who help run your own club. We look forward to meeting you all.



**SPECIAL OFFER**

**- SAVE OVER £16.00**

Here is an offer you really cannot afford to miss!

Microspread, is a CP/M based spreadsheet program containing many complex arithmetic features and facilities, using an unusually powerful and easy to use direct full screen entry and editing system. This program features password protection so that sensitive and important files are tamper proof. This great product is on special offer only to our User Club members

**The normal Members Price: £41.65**

**Special Offer Price: £25.45**

With a saving of over **£16.00**, hurry and order your copy now while stocks last.

ORDER CODE: SOFT 1012.

**G**reat **N**ew **P**roducts

## WORLD CLASS LEADERBOARD

Now you'll have the opportunity to play the same courses that have challenged golfs greatest legends.

World Class Leaderboard features three famous 18-hole golf courses and each hole authentically reproduces the distance, traps, tees, rough, and water hazards of:-

St. Andrews, Doral Country Club and Cypress Greek.

A must for all Golf fanatics.

CODES: CPC TAPE: LEAD 004 **members £8.49** non-members £9.99

CPC DISK: LEAD 0004 **members £12.75** non-members £14.99

# Great New Products

## GAME OVER

Far away on a different Galaxy, at a different time, control was exercised by an all-powerful woman named Gremia. Her cunning strong partner served her well at least until her greed grew and Arkos rebelled against her. You play the part of Arkos desperately trying to destroy her empire. The product has superb graphics, the first time you play you'll be hooked.

CPC TAPE ONLY CODE: GAME 001 **members: £7.60** non-members £8.95

## SOLOMONS KEY

You take the part of an explorer searching for Solomons Treasure. Returning to an age of mystery and intrigue, to a place where the fabled treasure of King Solomon shone brightly with its glorious wealth. Where amongst the network of mysterious rooms lies the next key that will bring you nearer to these fabulous riches. Where amongst the stone pillars and hidden dangers lie mythical creatures that can perpetuate your life, long enough to reach your ultimate goal.

CODES CPC TAPE: SOLOMO 001 **members £8.49** non-members £9.99

CPC DISK: SOLOMO 0001 **members £12.75** non-members £14.99

## SUMMER GOLD

A superb compilation of six very popular CPC games brought to you by US Gold. All six games are very challenging and of high quality. Most of you will at some time have seen these titles advertised.

The package includes:-

10th Frame, Dambusters, Impossible Mission, Bruce Lee, Rebel Planet, and Beach Head II.

CODE CPC TAPE ONLY: SUMMER 001 **members £8.49** non-members £9.99

## DEATH WISH 3

For too long the gangs have ran wild on the streets of New York, unchallenged in their merciless attacks and violations of innocent citizens. Muggings and robberies have become a daily feature of city life. So when the chief of police turns a blind eye you decide to take on where the law left off. Strap on your enormous Magnum and turn yourself into a one man fighting force, armed with a pump action shotgun, machine gun, and a rocket launcher. Now turn the tables on the punks and creeps who certainly know how to dish out the violence but may not be so good at being on the receiving end.

CODE CPC TAPE ONLY: WISH 001 **members £8.49** non-members £9.99

## TOMAHAWK

This excellent game is a real-time flight simulator based upon the US Army Apache, Advanced Attack Helicopter. The meanest, deadliest combat helicopter ever to rule the skies. Your specialist job is to hunt and destroy anything that gets in its way. The Apache helicopter was built especially to fight and survive, night and day, in the thick of a battlefield. Climb into the cockpit and the skies are yours and remember you have 'got' to succeed.

CODES CPC TAPE: TOMA 001 **members £8.45** non-members £9.95

CPC DISK: TOMA 0002 **members £12.70** non-members £14.95

## SLAP FIGHT

Slap fight is a fast action game where you control a small spacecraft shooting up waves of invaders as they tumble down the screen. As each wave is eliminated the backdrop changes and the next lot come on in a meaner mood with more guns. One star entitles you with extra speed, two adds more power to your guns, three causes deadly emissions to be radiated from the sides of the spacecraft. More stars and you will develop lasers, smart missiles and shields. An amazing game that's earned great reviews but one that needs 'cat-like' reflexes.

CODES CPC TAPE: SLAP 001 **members £7.60** non-members £8.95

CPC DISK: SLAP 0001 **members £12.70** non-members £14.95

## ZYNAPS

In Zynaps you control a rocket whizzing down a convoluted passageway, in an 'Alien Space Station.' The Zynaps craft has pulse lasers, plasma bombs, homing missiles and seekers. This array of armaments is controlled by the fuel scoop, which picks up blobs of energy from the wrecks of alien defenders and feeds it to the weapon of your choice. The lasers and bombs become more effective the more energy you feed to them. You can guide your homing missiles by a crosshair on the screen. Seekers, wander through the screen destroying the aliens that may prove nasty. The screens become progressively more difficult as you have to collect such objects as hyperspace engines and alien planet busters. Once you have collected these items of engine etc, you must go into battle. A super game that once understood can keep you occupied for hours.

CODES CPC TAPE: ZYNAPS 001 **members £7.60** non-members £8.95

CPC DISK: ZYNAPS 0001 **members £12.70** non-members £14.95

# SURVIVOR

The object of the game is to perpetuate the race by introducing ten pods in the incubators which can be found all over the ship. The alien has an energy level which slowly decreases. The only way to restore the energy level is dropping the pods in the incubators, or else devouring the little engineers to be found on board the ship. The creatures can defend themselves by spitting paralysing acid, or hitting air vents, etc.

The ship consists of 142 areas divided into four zones, which are joined by doors and air vents. Each zone has various levels, which are entered by a lift. To enter a lift, door, or air vent, you only need to place yourself in front of it and ducking.

The power of the creatures jumps can be increased by ducking before jumping. The acid can be spat over a long distance simply by keeping the FIRE key pressed down longer.

Keep in mind that not all the creatures on board the spaceship are necessarily unfriendly, but they might become nasty if you provoke them.

**CODES CPC TAPE: SURVIV 001 members £8.49 non-members £9.99**  
**CPC DISK: SURVIV 0001 members £12.75 non-members £14.99**



# LAMPOST

Mr. I.J. Gardner from Appleton in Oxon writes,

Dear Sirs,

Please could you tell me if there is any way of upgrading my 8 bit CPC 6128 to have the same capabilities of the PC 1512 or the PC 1640.

I have heard of an IBM emulator available but have not seen any adverts for it.

Thank you very much

Yours faithfully

I.J. Gardner.

## EDITORS REPLY

Unfortunately Mr. Gardner you cannot upgrade your CPC 6128 to have the same capabilities as a PC 1512 or PC 1640, the only other option available to you is to purchase a PC 1512 or PC 1640, if you require these facilities.

You seem to be confused as to what an IBM Emulator is. It is in fact a software package that allows you with the right connections, to access information from an IBM system, this does not give your computer the same capabilities, but effectively changes your computer into a V.D.U. terminal. Hope this answers your query.

Kind regards

The Editor

Mrs. M.F. Kirke, of Aldershot writes,

Rather than badger you on Hotline, I thought I would write, using my Amstrad equipment of course.

First, I am using my new DMP 2000 printer, which I bought from you a few weeks ago. I have noticed that some characters in the NLO script (used here), notably the 'i' and the 't' are smaller than I expected. Can you confirm that they are **supposed** to be like this and that there is no fault in the printer/computer?

Second, my husband plans to make records of insect studies on our CPC 6128. To do so, he needs a store and sort package with at least 7 fields, some to be sorted numerically and other alphabetically. Is there suitable software for sale through AUC?

Finally, we are accumulating quite a stack of disks and need a box to store them in tidily, in their boxes. The container need not be lockable. Do you sell a suitable low-cost box?

Yours faithfully

M.F. Kirke.

## EDITORS REPLY

The answer to your question Mrs. Kirke is as follows.

1) There is no cause for concern with your printer or your computer being faulty. The reason behind certain characters being slightly smaller than the others is due to the initial designs of the DMP 2000 character set.

2) We suggest that Masterfile II will suit your husbands need for storing records, it provides you with the following functions:

- ★ Variable-length fields and records
- ★ Multiple user-defined screen formats
- ★ Sharing a data common to several records
- ★ Word-processing, numeric editing, column totals
- ★ Sort ascending/descending character/numeric multiple fields
- ★ Multiple search criteria (the fastest search in the business)

★ Data Export to other programs, e.g. to **ADVANCED ANSWORD**

- ★ File merge, i.e. joining two or more files together
- ★ Totally menu driven
- ★ Fully machine-code for speed and compactness
- ★ Can access/process the file from User's **BASIC**

The file capacity for the 128k version is 64k - 1,000 names and addresses for example. The data-sharing facility means that **MASTERFILE II** is a relational database, quite unique in a program for:

CODE: SOFT 07060 members: £28.05 non-members: £33.00

3) We can provide you with a proto disk box, this will allow you to store 20 disks in complete security. The disk box comes complete with dividers allowing you to separate your disks into categories.

CODE: PROT 0002 members £9.95 non-members £11.95

I hope this solves your problem.

Kind regards

The Editor

# CLASSIX

Classix I is a fantastic new compilation of three award winning games from The Edge.

**Bobby Bearing:** you play the part of Bobby the Bearing in this super arcade style 3D game. Deep concentration is required with your computer controls as you guide the ball-bearing along ramps and through a maze of obstacles. A very popular, highly recommended game.

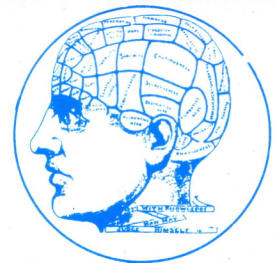
**Brian Bloodaxe:** As Brian the Viking you set out to conquer Britain in this arcade style game which was the first to feature 'Primary Imbalance'.

Brian became an overnight 'cult' figure when this game was first launched.

**Palitron:** As a B type Alpha Robot you seek to deactivate a city of the future. This game features unique 'Programmable' robots. All this variety combined with wonderful graphics make an excellent game you won't want to miss seeing never mind playing.

Plus two free demo tapes: *Shao Lin's Road* and *Shadow Skimmer* represent the highest quality of games currently available for your Amstrad CPC, and demo versions are included on this tape. *Shao Lin's Road* is the arcade hit game converted to home micros by The Edge. *Shadow Skimmer* is one of The Edges latest in a long line of hits.

**CODES TAPE: CLASSIX 001 members £8.45 non-members £9.95**  
**DISK: CLASSI 0001 members £12.70 non-members £14.95**



## On the subject of computer piracy

About four month's ago I saw a piece of software advertised in what was supposed to be a dedicated Amstrad magazine.

I was reviewed in full with a recommendation that everyone should rush about and buy it.

The next month it appeared in the remainder of mags with basically the same story.

However it was still not available in the shops.

On investigating the company that was writing this piece of software, I found that it was not available due to the product not yet being finished. How on earth can all these magazines carry reviews of products and tell people to spend money on products that clearly have not been reviewed or tested properly.

It would be interesting to see if you could recognise the piece of software that I am referring to.

All answers to the User Club address Dept Mordecai Column.

I'm sure that I could dig out a suitable prize for the first correct one out of the hat.

Mike Mordecai



## TAPE TO DISK TRANSFER ON YOUR CPC

Many customers ask how they can transfer the tape software onto disk, or how to back up copies of their disks. The Mirage Imager can cope with these tasks. It is fully compatible with any CPC range, but an extension lead is needed when used with an Amstrad 664/6128.

The features of this software are as follows:-

- ★ Extremely easy to use
- ★ Transfer ANY program to disk or tape at the touch of a button
- ★ Fully automatic saving of ANY programme onto disk or tape
- ★ Freeze ANY game at any point, save it, and restore it later
- ★ Menu driven with prompts and single character commands
- ★ User friendly and fully error trapped
- ★ Consists of hardware only no additional software required
- ★ Internal 8k ROM and 8k RAM
- ★ Very powerful and efficient compressing to use MINIMUM space on your disk or tape
- ★ Through connector for adding other peripherals
- ★ FAST and SLOW speed options when saving to tape
- ★ Handles expansion roms and all paging modes
- ★ Can be used without disk interface (CPC 464)

# COMPETITION

## LAST MONTH'S WINNER

Not as many entries as the matchstick competition, however I must confess that most were correct and well presented.

The first correct entry from the cut down beer barrel was from **Mr. D.M. Berridge from East Stanley in Co. Durham** (just along the road from us).

The correct answer was 496 and its divisors were:-

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 31 + 62 + 124 + 248 = 496$$

Well done all of you who sent in the correct answer; and I've just despatched the Disk Box and blank disks to you **Mr. Berridge**

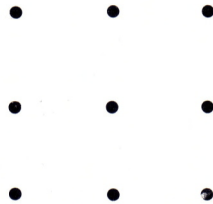
## THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

Every month you claim its too easy: but you seem to forget that they're your own competitions.

**Stephen Percy from Penarth in South Glamorgan**, feels that this little teaser may catch you all out .... well, maybe most of you!

Competition Rules: Consider the following 'Join the nine dots' puzzle. All nine dots **must** be covered by four straight lines in such a manner as **not** to remove the pencil from the paper

Clue: The Solution points to one corner



Thank you Stephen, we've already sent you a disk based game we know you're keen to play.

The first correct entry will win a choice of any of the new products featured in this newsletter on disk or alternatively any two games on tape.

Keep on sending competitions in.  
The Editor.

## FOR SALE

The following games are for sale and work on the Amstrad 464.

Elite	£3.00
Swords and Sorcery	£3.00
Robin of Sherwood	£3.00

For further details contact

**Mr Layfield, 59 Meadow Lane, Northallerton, North Yorks, DL6 1QX.**

The following products for sale are new and are in pristine condition

CPC 464 with Colour Monitor and DD1 Disk Drive	£315 ono
DKtronics Speech Synthesiser for CPC 464 (Software on tape)	£20 ono
Laser Genius on disk	£10 ono
CPC 464 full Firmware Specification	£10 ono
DD1 full Firmware Specification	£5 ono

Any further enquiries contact

**Mr. G. Manning, Tel: 01-989-8843 After 5pm.**

A selection of hardly used tape based games and other software for the Amstrad CPC 464. If you are interested in the software would you please send a SAE for a list of games and their prices to:

**Mr. R.A. Hutton, Sheraton House, Ashurst, North Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9TE. Or Telephone: 089274 - 308**

## WANTED

Wanted is a CPC 6128 Keyboard in return for a CPC 464 Keyboard and will pay th difference. We must stress that the trade is for a Keyboard only. Any further details wanted contact:

**Mr. Berry, 54 Britannia Ave., Townstal, Dartmouth, S. Devon, TQ6 9SS.**

Wanted is an Amstrad CTM 640 Colour Monitor for an Amstrad 464 Computer, or will exchange for the Amstrad GT65 Green Monitor and will pay the difference.

**Contact: Mr. Layfield, 59 Meadow Lane, Northallerton, North Yorks, DL6 1QX.**

## COMPETITIONS WANTED

Competitions are not easily to come by, especially those that include some kind of diagram as part of the puzzle. So; if any of you AMDATA readers come across some difficult puzzles that include a diagram send them in. If you are the lucky person who's puzzle is chosen then you'll receive two tape based games or one disk based game from a selected list.

## THE NEW ADDRESS

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Ring Telesales on  
**091 510 8787**  
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