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AMSTRAD BUNDLE DEAL *

The Offer of the Season!!

Isn't it time you became part of the exciting world of PC computing?

NEVER AGAIN will you have a better opportunity of upgrading to an Amstrad PC than with this amazing one-off deal.

We are offering a PC 1512, a DMP 3160 printer, the Migent Ability software package ("The Integrated PC Power Tool"), four great games AND a 12 month on-site maintenance contract for your machine together for as little as £573.85! 4 great offers you can't refuse!

PC1512 SDMM, DMP3160 + Software + Dictaphone RRP £926.40. User Club Price £573.85 SAVE OVER £352!

PC1512 DDMM, DMP3160 + Software + Dictaphone RRP £1,052.90. User Club Price £688.85 SAVE OVER £364! PC1512 SDCM, DMP3160 + Software + Dictaphone RRP £1,059.80. User Club Price £688.85 SAVE OVER £370!

PC1512 DDCM, DMP3160 + Software + Dictaphone RRP £1,186.30. User Club Price £803.85 SAVE OVER £382!

All orders must be placed before 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 27th April, 1989

OFFER...OFFER...OFFER

This is surely the offer of the season from the User Club with our super LP-1 Light Pen. We are offering the pen for a fraction of the recommended retail price — a bargain at only £9.95! Use the pen to perform numerous shape plotting, drawing, colour changing and filling operations. A strategy game is also provided to play in conjunction with your light pen! It must be used with a colour monitor and is compatible with the CPC464 and the CPC6128 through a data corder. This is a limited offer — so place your order now while stocks last!

CODE: LP-1RRP £19.95OFFER PRICE £9.95SAVE £10.00!(Please quote "Light Pen" offer on all orders)

SUPER SPRING SAVER!

Spring has sprung at the User Club this month with our fantastic offer on the PCW 9512. We're offering this top of the range model for an amazing £516.35!

There are no hidden catches or extras to pay, except that all orders must be placed by 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 27th April. What could be simpler? All our prices include VAT, carriage **AND** a 12 month on site maintenance contract from Dictaphone, which alone is worth over £56I Our Spring Offer in **total** is worth over £113I

PCW 9512 Usual Price £573.85 User Club Spring Offer £516.351 ANOTHER GREAT DEAL FROM THE USER CLUBI

Quality Control from the User Club

Many members have been ringing us at the User Club enquiring about the AMS20L disc box. The situation is that at present we're waiting for the new version to be shipped in which is of a superior quality, and the good news is that they should be available mid-late April. Be sure to order yours now so you don't miss the boat with our first delivery!

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CODE: PROT0002 Disc Box (Holds 20)	Non Members £11.95	Members £9.95
GREA	T NEW PROD	DUCTS
	EDUCATION	
NEW FROM AKADIMIAS — STUDY AIDS FOR GCSE AND DEGREE STUDENTS (8256/8512) The primary function of the Tutor programs are to test the student's grasp of knowledge already acquired from other sources, either from the set texts in the case of English Literature, from recommended reading,	 The Age of Revolution Industry & Society The Ferment of Ideas The New Nations France 1848-1900 Central & Eastern Europe The Eastern Question Europe and The World 	5. England 1866-1885 6. Home Affairs 1886-1914 7. The Irish Question 8. Empire and Foreign Policy CODE: AMHY04 NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.54 THE FRENCH REVOLUTION topics:
from school text books, or from teachers' notes, and to reinforce the student's confidence that some of the	CODE: AMHY10 NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.59	1. The Ancien Regime 2. The Eve of Revolution
reinforce the student's confidence that some of the essential facts have been mastered. The programs are NOT intended to be a substitute for reading and discussion, nor are they to be thought of as self contained teaching units, though each package includes a Booklet of advice and further reading which could be used as a basis for distance learning.	SHAKESPEARE — ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA topics: 1. The Plot 2. Background to the Play 3. Language and Metre	 Revolution 1789-1791 Fall of Monarchy Convention and Terror Robespierre Thermidorean Reaction The Directory
RENAISSANCE EUROPE topics: 1. Economic and Social Life	 Characterisation Imagery and Themes Dramatic Effect 	CODE: AMHY12 NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.59
 Church and Religion World of Learning France and Spain France and Spain Italy Central Europe Eastern Europe The Expansion of Europe CODE: AMHY06 NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.59 OSCAR WILDE — THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING	CODE: AMEGOI NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.59 SHAKESPEARE — THE TEMPEST topics: 1. Factual Questions 2. 2. The Tempest Act I 3. 3. The Tempest Act II 4. 4. The Tempest Act III 5. 5. The Tempest Act IV 6.	EUROPE IN THE AGE OF TOTAL WAR topics: The Collapse of Peace The First World War Revolution in Europe The Peace Settlement The Rise of Totalitarianism The Approach of War 1935-39 The Second World War The Recovery of Europe The Contraction of Europe
EARNEST topics: a) Oscar Wilde — Life & Works	CODE: AMEG02 NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.59	Towards European Unity
b) Stage History c) Reference & Illusion	WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE — MACBETH topics: 1. Text and Performance	CODE: AMHY11 NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.59
 a) Words & Meanings a) Plot & Structure b) Character & Dialogue c) Satire & Society b) Inversion & Paradox c) Tradition & Deflation c) Appearance & Reality 	 The Plot MacBeth and Lady MacBeth The Supernatural Themes and Images Language CODE: AMEGI5 NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.59 	SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY OF BRITAIN 1700-1985 topics: Growth and Change Power and Machines Transport The Rise of Totalitarianism The Approach of War 1935-39
CODE: AMEGII NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.59	NINETEENTH CENTURY ENGLAND topics: 1. England 1815-1830	The Second World War The Recovery of Europe The Contraction of Europe
EUROPE IN TRANSITION 1800-1900 topics: 1. Napoleonic Europe	2. Whigs and Reform 1830-1841 3. England 1840-1848	Towards European Unity
2. The Conservative Reaction	4. The Age of Palmerston	CODE: AMHY15 NON-MEMBERS £20.70 MEMBERS £17.55

WEC LE MANS

The World's most famous sports car race comes to your home computer screen with this exciting simulation of the 24 hour Le Mans race. World endurance Championship sports cars battle through day and night sequences where both strategy and driving skills are required to take the winner's laurels. This stimulating challenge inspired by Konami's sit-in driving simulator re-produces all the elements at the famous race with every twist and turn of the track.

TAPE CODE: WEC001	NON-MEMBERS £9.95	MEMBERS £8.45
DISC CODE: WECO001	NON-MEMBERS £14.95	MEMBERS £12.70

ROBOCOP

Take on the role of avenging angel as you mete out rough justice to the perpetrators of evil and lawlessness. Some of the most exciting scenes ever to fill a computer screen confront you. The future is here and now when you take up this challenge - PART MAN - PART MACHINE - ALL COPI

TAPE CODE: ROBOC001	NON-MEMBERS £9.95	MEMBERS £8.45
DISC CODE: ROBOC0001	NON-MEMBERS £14.95	MEMBERS £11.95

L.E.D. STORM (L.E.D. stands for Laser Enhanced Destruction) The road race game of the year, L.E.D. STORM puts you in control of a high powered futuristic vehicle through 9 fast and furious stages each of which contain various hazards designed to stop you dead in your tracks. Beware of ramps, boxing cars, manic frogs, broken bridges, sheer drops

and many more hazards as you cook up an L.E.D. storm. Playing is believing in the game of a lifetime!

TAPE CODE: LED001	NON-MEMBERS £9.99	MEMBERS £8.49
DISC CODE: LED0001	NON-MEMBERS £14.99	MEMBERS £12.74

A QUESTION OF SPORT

"A Question of Sport" is the sensational home computer version of the most popular TV Sports Quiz of 1988. With David Coleman asking the guestions and Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont heading the teams you can pit your wits against your family, your friends or your computer. There are six exciting rounds, including Pictureboard, Mystery Personality and a Quickfire round. This game will enthrall young and old alike: the only limit is your knowledge!

TAPE CODE: AQUEST001	NON-MEMBERS £14.99	MEMBERS £12.74
DISC CODE: AQUEST0001	NON-MEMBERS £19.99	MEMBERS £16.99

JINKS

The planet Atavi has puzzled mankind for centuries . . . beautiful, mysterious and seemingly underdeveloped. How can something so amazing remain such an enigma? Now you shall find out as you guide your scout probe across the planet's surface in a unique exploratory research mission. But don't expect the planet or its inhabitants (whatever

they may be) to take your interference kindly! TAPE CODE: JINKS001 DISC CODE: JINKS0001

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NON-MEMBERS £9.99
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THE GREAT BARGAIN BASEMENT! FANTASTIC TAPE BASED GAMES FOR UNDER £3!

INFILTRATOR

"It's a game you can really get your teeth into AMTIX 9/10 overall'

"Nice game this — lots of great graphics, realistic sound effects, solid game play and plenty of neat little touches that make it stand out from the 77AP rest.'

"The game itself is animated and full of fast action". CRASH

TAPE CODE: INFILT001 NON-MEMBERS £2.99 MEMBERS £2.54

BLACKBEARD

As Captain Blackbeard, your mission is to retrieve the treasure map stolen from you by the despicable Red Beard, an underhanded swob who has not only stolen your prized possession but has scuttled your ship and taken your crew as your own. All you know is that the map lies inside one of the many chests secreted throughout the ship, but beware, members of your own mutinous crew lie in wait and will do their utmost to send you to Davy Jones' Locker and take the treasure map for themselves.

TAPE CODE: BLACK001 NON-MEMBERS £2.99 MEMBERS £2.54 SOUL OF A ROBOT

Many years ago, the citizens of the planet Nonterraqueous tried to destroy the evil dictator of their planet with a robotic seeker. This attempt to kill the manic computer failed. Now the situation has become much worse. The computer has grown too unstable with age and threatens to self-destruct, along with the planet. The people are desperate and in their desperation have created a robot with the mind of a man. But the soul of this robot is in torment and only through death can it find peace. However, its programming only allows it to die when it has reached the computer's lair - a feat you must accomplish.

TAPE CODE: SOUL001 NON-MEMBERS £1.99 MEMBERS £1.70

SARACEN

During the Holy Crusades the brave and adventurous young soldiers of the Christian world travelled to the "Holy Land" to fight the infidel Saracens. Your goal as the Crusader is to seek out and destroy the evil chief of Saracens in the many mind-boggling mazes of increasing complexity and difficulty. A game of fast action and strategy designed to keep you riveted to your computer for hours on end.

TAPE CODE: SARACEN001 NON-MEMBERS £2.99

MEMBERS £2.54



GEOFF CAPES STRONG MAN

★ Endorsed by Geoff Capes, Olympic shot putter, World and European Strongman and World Highland Games Champion \star Onscreen training on weights or iron bars * Continuous individual muscle fitness display ★ Skill levels and Hall of Fame ★ Six exciting and demanding challenges to be overcome: Truck Pull or Tug-of-War, Car Rolling, Barrel Loading, Fairground Bell, Log Chopping and Westling.

TAPE CODE: STRONG001 **NON-MEMBERS £2.99** MEMBERS £2.54



RYGAR

As Rygar you fight your way through the many levels, blasting all of the aliens and nasties that you encounter. When going through the different levels you should pick up as many different icons as you can which will change your power and status.

TAPE CODE: RYGARB001 NON-MEMBERS £2.99 MEMBERS £2.54

XCEL

As eons of time went past, the 30 Sentinel Planets Mankind created to protect them grew in knowledge until the tides turned and they took control instead. Now the society lies dormant and serves the very machines they created. The Sentinels are protected by various defence systems, and you, realising the enormity of their power, steal an alien spaceship out of the Oceania Museum of Technology, having only a few brief hours to convert the vessel's computers over to English. Then you set out to track down and destroy all thirty Sentinels.

TAPE CODE: XCEL001 NON-MEMBERS £1.99 MEMBERS £1.70

STORM II: THE FEAR

The second thrilling arcade adventure in the STORM series! That legendary all powerful artefact, THE FEAR, has been stolen. It MUST be found and returned to its rightful home before it falls into the wrong hands!



AGENT X II

The second encounter between super sleuth Agent X and his old adversary the Mad Professor. There's no peace. Even though you foiled the mad Prof's attempts to kidnap the President, you failed to defeat him totally, and he is back with a vengeance. No more small fry for him, this time it's total world domination, and beyond! Only you can foil the Mad Professor! A thrilling fight against his minions followed by a climatic confrontation for the future fate of freedom. Long awaited segual to the classic Agent X.

TAPE CODE: AGENTX001 NON-MEMBERS £1.99 MEMBERS £1.70

FLASH GORDON

Twenty four hours to save the world! Take Flash through this multi-load mega-game to find and destroy the evil Ming. Three different challenges to be overcome, each more testing than the last.

TAPE CODE: FLASH001 NON-MEMBERS £2.99 MEMBERS £2.54



ZUB

Take agent Zub through the perils of ten nasty worlds to retrieve the eyeball of Zub for his king, Zub. If Zub fails Zub one will lose the war to Zub ten and his commander, Zub will probably Zub him. Confused? You won't be once you've played this amazing all action game. It's got more alien types than you'll probably ever see.

Why not be the proud owner of the one and only REAL darts game around? 180 has eight different opponents waiting to take you on, a two player option for when your friends want to join in and a practice game to help you win when they do! Features include: eight opponents, two player option, live joystick control, full matchplay scoring, a sense of humour, and superb playability.



ALIEN 8 (Tape)

Long ago, in a distant galaxy on a dying planet, the last of the guardians prepare their starship for its final journey. All of the libraries, records and knowledge have been stored aboard the vessel, along with the very best of their cryo-genically preserved race. The ULTIMATE evolution ALIEN8 cybot whirrs into an artificial rush of intelligence. All hatchways are sealed, as the starship prepares for its long

Account of the search as the starship brepares for its long uninterrupted journey into the inky void of space... Aeons pass and the long journey is near completion as the central computer alerts you to the nearing of the pre-destined solar system. The dust of aeons lies heavy on the ageing data banks of the central computing core, tired from centuries of repetitive computing and recomputing, at last activating the final sequential landing operations . . . TAPE CODE: ALIEN8001 NON-MEMBERS £1.99 MEMBERS £1.70

TERMINUS: PRISON PLANET

In 5027 the System rules the Universe. Only a teenage gang called the Wanglers stand against it. Their anti-education raids are the only hope for the Empires youth. Help them rescue their leader from imprisonment and school in 512 screens of mind blowing graphics. (Multi-character control, joystick or keyboard).

TAPE CODE: TERMIN001 NON-MEMBERS £2.99 MEMBERS £2.54 HOW TO BE A HERO

So you think you're a hero? Well, you'll certainly know for sure by the end of this game! Three different predicaments face you and in each one you can either take the easy way out, or face up to the challenge! The choice is yours, and the predicaments' are entitled:

The Egyptian Tomb The Space Station

After the Holocaust

TAPE CODE: HERO001 NON-MEMBERS £2.99 MEMBERS £2.54

ANGLE BALL

Take a new look at life with Angleball, the traditional game of Pool, but played on an amazing, unique hexagonal table. Play solo or against the computer or your friends, three levels of computer skill to maintain the challenge as you progress. Complete control over the spin, strength and position of your shots and plenty of increasingly difficult frame layouts to challenge the beginner and expert alike. TAPE CODE: ANGLE001 NON-MEMBERS £2.99 MEMBERS £2.54

KOBYASHI NARU

Kobyashi Naru: the final trial for those who would be one Kobyashi Naru: the final trial for those who would be one with the immortals. You stand in a closed chamber on the world of Ygor, a candidate to the Order. Sent here by the Overlord of All, you must complete the Naru in all its phases. Success will bring you the knowledge and power of those who have transcended the need for life itself. Ahead of you there are three doors and behind you only a closed portal, off the phase. It will not onen acia until you have completed off the planet. It will not open again until you have completed the three tasks of Kobyashi Naru and obtained the required objects from each

TAPE CODE: KOBYAS001 NON-MEMBERS £1.99 MEMBERS £1.70 SABRE WOLF

. Wide eyed, I stare, as the dense surroundings reveal their hidden secrets. ... Strange food orchids suddenly bloom, their staining

toxins, strong on the air, then, in an instant, are gone. Hunters, vampire bats and huge beasts spring forth from the wery ground, swimming, slithering, diving and crawling.... must hide...Stay safe...With weapon strong and cunning nature, I will survive..."

TAPE CODE: SABRE001 NON-MEMBERS £1.99 MEMBERS £1.70 COLOSSEUM

You have risen through the ranks to become one of the most respected officers in the Roman army, but such success breeds jealousy in others. The chief of the Prartorian Guard has accused you of treason, what can you do? Only one option: climb into your chariot, grab hold of the reins, put your life in the hands of the gods and battle for victory in the most dangerous game the Roman Empire has to offer within the COLOSSEUM

TAPE CODE: COLOSS001 NON-MEMBERS £2.99 MEMBERS £2.54

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LAST MONTH'S WINNER Last month's toughie was won by BOB ADAMS from WELWYN GARDEN CITY whose entry was the first to be pulled from the depths of the cutdown beer barrel! He'll receive a fantastic £25 credit voucher for his efforts!

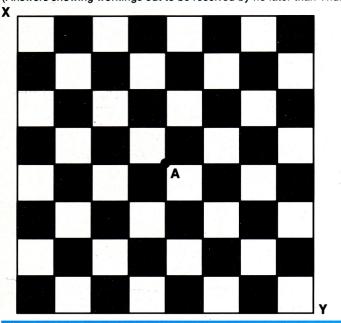
THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

Quite a tricky little number was sent in by NICHOLAS HITCHINGS from CAMBERLEY in SURREY, who'll receive a £10 credit voucher for this chessboard puzzler:

How many ways can Y be reached from X in 16 moves? (one move = one edge of a 1. square on the board).

2. How many ways can Y be reached (in 16 moves) from X by going through A?.

(Answers showing workings out to be received by no later than Thursday, 13th April, 1989).



KNOCKOUT SPRING KNOCKDOWNS!

Remember, Knockdown Prices are for members only!

Disc based games for une	der £3.25!		
Ace	CODE: ACE0001	RRP £4.99	Knockdown Price £3.25
Activator	CODE: ACTIVA0001	RRP £4.99	Knockdown Price £3.25
Quack a Jack	CODE: SOFT1181	RRP £3.95	Knockdown Price £3.00
The Scout Steps Out	CODE: SOFT1988	RRP £3.95	Knockdown Price £3.00
Tape based games for un	der £4.00!		
Activator	CODE: ACTIVA001	RRP £2.99	Knockdown Price £2.00
Galactic Plague	CODE: SOFT196	RRP £8.95	Knockdown Price £4.00
Street Machine	CODE: STREET001	RRP £1.99	Knockdown Price £1.50
Joe Blade	CODE: JOE001	RRP £1.99	Knockdown Price £1.50
Dambusters	CODE: DAM001	RRP £1.99	Knockdown Price £1.50
Cyrus Chess	CODE: SOFT6026	RRP £9.95	Knockdown Price £4.00
Business THE VIDEO DIGITISER!			
CODE: TVDTAPE	RRP £89.95	Knockdown	Price £77.95 Save £12.00!
CODE: TVDDISC	RRP £89.95	Knockdown	Price £77.95 Save £12.00!
CODE: TVDROM	RRP £89.95	Knockdown	Price £77.95 Save £12.00!

FOR SALE

Great games on tape at low prices! Spindizzy £3.99, Impossaball £2.99, 5 Star Games II £2.99, Jet Set Willy II £2.50 — all + 50p p&p. Many others — send SAE for full list to: Mr. D.R. Longley, 3 Woodlands Road, Tonbridge, Kent, KT9 2NE.

Pace Comm Star Rom with RS232 Interface. As new and complete £40. Contact Mr. Dodd. Tel: Hertford 586751 (evenings). Amstrad CPC6128 Disc Drive, excellent condition. Accept any reasonable offer. Also other attachments available. Contact Mr. Wylie on

Leeds: 782094 AMX Mouse with ART (tape & disc). Boxed, as new. Unwanted gift £50 ono. PWS Amstrad GT64 green monitor £70. Contact A. Riddlesworth on 01 898 2989 evenings.

Office Write by Gemini for the CPC6128 - includes Database, Word processor, Home Accounts (2 parts), Graph Plot - £19.95. Contact Adrian Seale at Greenleaves, Petersfield Road, Ropley, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 0EJ.

Unused copy of Microfile/Microword Database and Word processor under CP/M Plus — best offer accepted. Contact Jill Staples, 3 Five Houses, Common Lane, Mill Road, Stock, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 9LN.

(a) Amstrad DDI-1 Disc Drive and Interface for CPC464, complete with CP/M 2.2; the disk drive on its own can be used as a second drive for a CPC6128 — £70 ono with Interface for 464 and CP/M 2.2 — £50 without Interface and CP/M 2.2 (b) Protext CP/M Plus version 2.12 for CPC6128, complete with manual. £10.

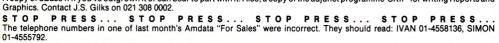
(c) Tasword 464D (disc) complete with manual - £5.00.

(d) Tasword 6128 complete with manual - £7.50.

- (e) Campbell Systems Mastercalc for CPC6128. Free with ten discs item (g) see below.
- (f) Campbell Systems Masterfile III for CPC6128. Free with ten discs item (g) see below.

(g) Qty. 30 used CF2 discs for CPC464/CPC6128: these discs are in good condition and have been used for business purposes, not r playing games — 75p each or £20 the lot. Contact Mr. R. MacCall at 4 Claremont Court, Windsor Close, Galmington, Taunton TAT 4I P

WANTED — A disc based copy of Star Watcher for the CPC6128. Contact Mr. Douglas Cuthbertson on 091 2850311. A copy of dBase II if you've outgrown it or can bear to part with it! Also, a copy of the adjunct programme 'SKIP' for writing Reports and





Mr. R. Robson of Manchester returned to ourselves his copy of Mini Office II, claiming that he could not get the Database part of the program to work

When he selected Edit Data, the first option of the Database menu, the reply on the screen was "No data records defined". Ed Replies

We have had quite a few members with this same problem. However there is a simple answer.

You can not Edit Data until you have defined the structure of how your database is going to look. This is done with the Edit Structure option on the database menu. Once the structure has been defined, you then choose the Edit Data option to enter your names and addresses

Mr. Phillips from Edinburgh writes: Please tell me how to get my video recorder to take frames from my 6128 with a TV Modulator. I would like to put titles at the beginning and the end of my home movies, just like Hollywood. Ed Replies

First get your TV and video recorder ready, then use the modulator to power the computer. Now, instead of plugging straight into the TV try plugging the output into the video aerial socket and the VCR to your TV. Adjust your video channel so the picture is sharp.

Now set the VCR to record, and then display the frames you want. Of course, you can't edit the recording, but you can press the pause key until you get to the frame you want.

To recap simply, connect from CPC to modulator, to VCR aerial input. VCR out goes to TV.

Input. VCH out goes to TV. Mr. Finley from Doncaster writes: A few months ago I purchased Protext and a DMP 4000 for use on my CPC6128. Just recently I have been requiring different fonts and text styles but didn't really want to go to the expense of purchasing a Desk Top Publishing package. Because I want it simply for text and wouldn't require half the facilities of a DTP package is there any way I can have different fonts on my PROTEXT WORD PROCESSOR?

Ed Writes

For writes You have two choices in this situation, you can either as you say go for a DTP package or you could purchase a word processor called TAS-WORD together with a program called TAS-PRINT, this will give you up to seventeen different fonts to type in. The prices would be £30.50 for TAS-WORD and TAS-PRINT or £71.99 for the AMX Stop Press Mouse and DTP package.

Mr. Mark Campbell of Doncaster writes: I have two Amstrad CPC464's of which one of them has two disc drives connected to it (DDI-1, FD-1).

I was thinking of taking the FD-1 and putting it on to the other 464. So I would, in fact, have two 464's with one disc drive each. Can you help?

Ed Replies

I am sorry to say that it is not possible to connect an FD-1, by itself, to a 464.

To do so you require another DDI-1 interface and lead, which unfortunately Amstrad do not sell separately.



Questions involving the package Mini Office II have been rolling in to the User Club lately querying the word processing part of the package. It would seem that there is a demand for a spell-checker to be used in conjunction with Mini Office II.

I have personally phoned Database to ask if there are any plans on the horizon of producing such an add-on. Unfortunately demand is not large enough for them to warrant such a change in software and long term plans do not include such an upgrade.

It seems that, for the time being, you will have to carry on being extra vigilant with your proof reading. If you do feel strongly about this matter why not contact Database and put your views to them. Good Luck.

Many of our customers are still under the misapprehension that it is Many of our customers are still under the insupprenension that it is not possible to achieve letter quality printing from a dot matrix printer believing that only the older daisy wheel or the newer more expensive laser printers will provide the quality they require. This is not the case with the new ranges of 24 PIN and even 48 PIN Dot Matrix Printers now available, for superior quality print can be obtained at an affordable price.

These printers such as the LQ3500Di and the LQ5000Di, both 24 pin printers (e.g. High resolution graphical printing and custom fonts) and the capabilities of true letter quality printing.

The older 9 PIN Dot Matrix Printers offered a rather blurry near letter quality standard of printout, at a reduced speed, by double printing the same letter. With 24 PINS the new printers do not have to double print and can therefore give a superior quality printout without reduction in print speed.

The LQ3500Di and LQ500Di are Epson and IBM compatible and so will work with most computer configurations including the CPC range and start at $\pounds 401.35$ normal retail, but to our members only $\pounds 301.30$.

Giving the PC Stereo Sound.

Did you know that your CPC could have Stereo sound? To do this connect the I/O port at the back of the computer to a hi-fi system or a pair of stereo headphones. Channel A plays from one side, channel C plays from the other side and channel B plays from both and appears to come from the centre.

To plug into the I/O socket you need a mini stereo jack plug. Headphones which are intended for use with personal Walkman cassette players often have this type of plug into most music systems. They are usually available from electronic component suppliers.

Prices are correct at time of going to press — all prices include V.A.T. and carriage. The Official Amstrad User Club and Amsoft Mail Order, Enterprise House, P.O. Box 10, Roper Street, Pallion Ind. Estate, Sunderland SR4 6SN. **TELEPHONE**: (091) 510 8787.