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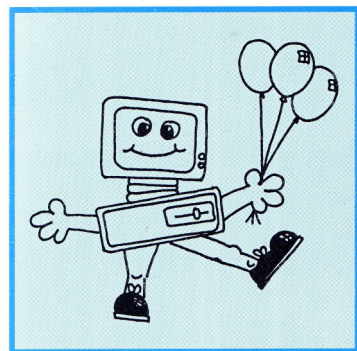
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**THE OFFICIAL AMSTRAD USER CLUB NEWSLETTER - MAY 1989**

## WE HAVE LIFT-OFF! THE SELLATHON '89 STARTS NOW!

Welcome to the Official Amstrad User Club Sellathon '89. From 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 24th April we're giving away absolutely FREE, thousands of pounds worth of prizes to every



member who places an order with a value of over £15!

The incredible value of our free prizes just waiting to be claimed presently stands at:

**OVER £60,000!**

— worth of computer products which are here now, ready to send to our customers this month!

### BALLOON BINGO!

The User Club offices are absolutely bursting with balloons — all of which have a lucky number inside which corresponds to your prize. When you ring in with your order, our Sales team will pop a balloon with YOUR lucky number inside and tell you what you've won! What could be simpler? See the hundreds of prizes and the lucky numbers in the list enclosed with this newsletter.

### POPPING MAD!

If you happen to pass near our premises here in Sunderland, why not come in and burst your own balloon and take your prize home with you?!

### EVERYONE'S A WINNER!

Our prize list extends to all orders sent in by post as well, so everybody can join in! For just the average cost of a game, you may win a prize with a value of up to £250 or more! How can you lose?

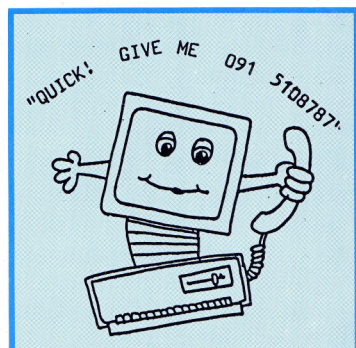
### EVERYTHING MUST GO!

Our suppliers have generously donated thousands of pounds worth of quality items to you — our members. The User Club itself is giving away over 3,000 gifts!

Look inside for the full rundown of what has to be the **PROMOTION OF 1989!**

**THE CLUB THAT STRIVES  
TO SERVE ITS MEMBERS!**

**THE OFFICIAL AMSTRAD USER CLUB  
- IT PAYS TO BELONG!**



**SELLATHON HOTLINE TEL: 091 510 8787**

We apologise for the mis-print in last month's Amdata, the order value should have read £15



Have you ever wondered what we really all look like at the User Club? Have you tried to picture the face behind the voice? Well, here's a piccy of some of the sales team at the club just waiting to take your call in our Great Sellathon '89. Our rogues gallery from left to right are:

Back row: Sara Yeomans (Marketing), Keith Patterson (General Manager — honest!).

Middle Row: David Lowes (Technical Sales), George Coutts (Technical Sales), Denise Hind (Telesales), Peter Wilkinson (Telesales), Zena Grady (Telesales), Chris Haddock (Technical Sales).

Front Row: Maureen "Spike" Gray (Telesales) and Marc Abele (Technical Sales).



## CLUB HITS THE HALF CENTURY

Many members who drop in to see us at the club here in Sunderland are astounded when they see the scale of our operation! We think they must half imagine us as being two or three people operating the club from a front living room, when in actual fact, our staff now exceeds 50 in number! Our expansion and continued recruitment program will ensure that our personnel will reach the 60 mark by June. The huge success of the Amstrad computer range together with the need for a comprehensive support club has meant rapid growth of the Official Amstrad User Club and Amsoft Mail Order. This expansion means that we are able to offer the best service possible to all our thousands of members, with our on-line technical support team, 24-hour ordering service, discounted software, and extensive product range with the Amsoft Mail Order operation. Why not drop in if you're passing and see us for yourselves!

## ALL IN THE BEST POSSIBLE TASTE

WH Smiths, Boots and John Menzies have all withdrawn stocks of "Rock Star Ate My Hamster" from their shelves in a mass protest against the distasteful game. The outrageous title is a new release from Codemasters, and is based on a theme of pop star management. The multiples insist that the packages will not be restocked until the instruction booklet — in the form of a mock newspaper called "The Stun" — is removed. The game is apparently aimed at the younger player, but the booklet includes lewd references to sex, violence, pages of toilet humour and gross personal habits! Codemasters in defence of the slating their products received said "We feel it's a little unfair because humour is a matter of personal taste. This is the first truly humorous computer game and so we're breaking new ground."

## ★ DON'T MOVE SOUTH! ★

*The National Economic Development Council has set up a scheme "to bridge the skills gap" between computer professionals in the North and career opportunities in the South. Separate groups of computer specialists and trainees will be located in Leeds, Birmingham and Doncaster all linked by computer to a central office in London. Data will then be sent on to contracting companies around the country. The scheme will be mutually beneficial: training and jobs will be brought to unemployment blackspots, whilst companies finding difficulty recruiting skilled computer operators will be given a helping hand. The NECD hopes to raise £500,000 for the Frontline scheme.*

## F·T·I·N·D·E·X·P·L·U·M·M·E·T·S!

Some people awaited the Budget eagerly, others barely noticed Nigel Lawson's big day, but for journalists working at the Financial Times, the recent Budget was a day most would rather forget! Just as news came streaming in for the most important issue in the FT's year, their magnificent computer system decided to blackout, with the appalled journalists having to merely stare at blank screens for almost two hours. The solution? To draft in a team of specialists from Sacramento, California, a mere 6,000 miles away. The troubleshooters tapped into the FT network and were horrified to find 300 articles jamming up the Tandem system (need we say more?!) — all of which should have been saved onto discs (but of course, we hear you scream!). The end of it was that the team leader, one Eric Gottfredson, saved the day and managed to restore all the data within minutes — "like carrying out radical brain surgery" said the man himself! The worrying part is that the cause of the FT crash has still not been discovered.

## Watch Out! There's a Pirate About!

The largest campaign yet to quell the tide of software piracy which threatens to submerge the industry has been launched by software houses, the Federation Against Software Theft (FAST), and a number of leading computer magazines. The objective of the campaign is to increase awareness, especially amongst youngsters, that copying software is illegal and that culprits can be prosecuted. Ocean has already pledged to feature warning flashes on its games stating that copying is illegal, and other publishers are expected to do likewise. Magazines from publishers such as Future, EMAP, Newsfield, Gollner and Database will be offering colour advertising promoting the message. For all the cynics out there who believe that piracy will never be stamped out, Mr. Bob Hay who is the co-ordinator of FAST stated, regarding the campaign that "We wouldn't do it if we thought it wouldn't work". The campaign may well increase awareness, but whether it will actually contribute to people ending the practice of copying software remains to be seen.

# ★ WELCOME TO OUR ★ SELLATHON '89



The following companies have kindly contributed to our Sellathon '89. In the best possible tradition, it goes without saying that without their help, none of this would have been possible!

## US GOLD

Thanks to Tracy our golden girl! US Gold — suppliers to the User Club of a whole host of excellent games. Their latest release stocked by the User Club is Chicago 30's.

CODE: CHICAG001 (TAPE)

**Non Members: £9.99 Members: £8.49**

CODE: CHICAG0001 (DISC)

**Non Members: £14.99 Members: £12.74**

Also, Last Duel

CODE: DUEL001 (TAPE)

**Non Members: £9.99 Members: £8.49**

CODE: DUEL0001 (DISC)

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and Arcade Muscle

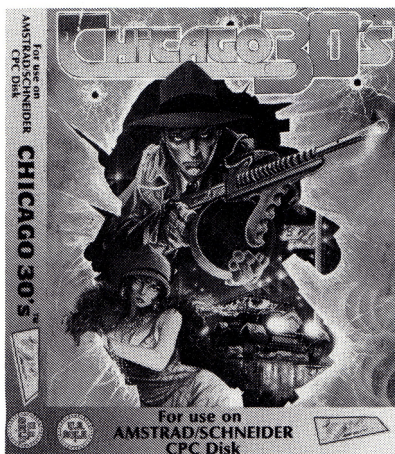
CODE: MUSCLE0001 (DISC)

**Non Members: £17.99 Members: £15.29**

CODE: MUSCLE001 (TAPE)

**Non Members: £12.99 Members: £11.04**

All these are featured in the Great New Products section of this month's Amdata.



## MIRRORSOFT

Thanks to Charles, Paul and Sean at Mirrorsoft — bet the mirror doesn't look like this now (from our archives!). Mirrorsoft — our suppliers of the ever famous Fleet Street Editor.

CODE: FLEE0001 (DISC)

**Non Members: £39.95 Members £33.95**

and the ever famous Spitfire 40

CODE: SPFIRE0001 (DISC)

**Non Members: £14.95 Members: £12.70**



Sean  
Brennan

## TYNESOFT

Thanks Trev, Kev and Col, Ha'way the lads! Our Geordie friends supply us with the latest releases including Superman — The Man of Steel.

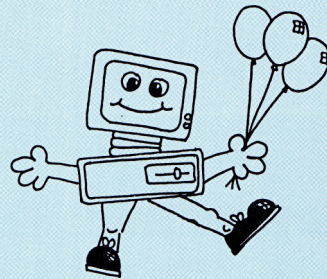
CODE: SMAN0001 (DISC)

**Non Members: £14.95 Members £12.70**

CODE: SMAN001 (TAPE)

**Non Members £9.99 Members £8.45**

and the newly released Personal Nightmare and Mayday Squad.



## ATLANTIS SOFTWARE LTD

Thanks Mike — the man from Atlantis and Mermaid Claire (there's no limpets on you!). Atlantis — our suppliers of the ever popular SAS Assault Course.

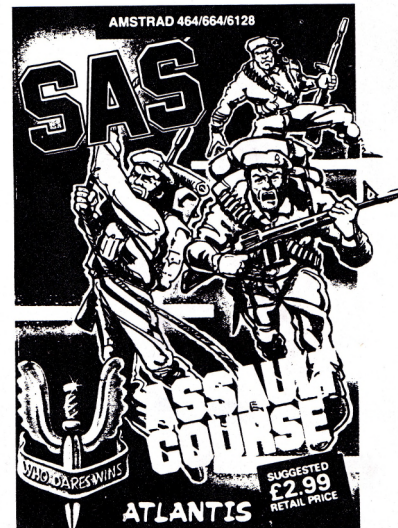
CODE: SAS001 (TAPE)

**Non Members £2.99 Members £2.55**

And also the newly released Space Trader

CODE: TRADER001 (TAPE)

**Non Members £2.99 Members £2.55**



### CODEMASTERS

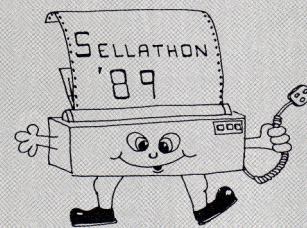
Thanks Ann for your continued support. Hope you're in the pink! Codemasters — suppliers of our latest edition of 4 Soccer Simulator.

CODE: SOCSIM001 (TAPE) **Non Members: £9.99** **Members: £8.49**  
 CODE: SOCSIM0001 (DISC) **Non Members: £14.99** **Members: £12.75**



### PRAYBOURNE

Thanks Ian for keeping our members covered! Yes, you've guessed it, Praybourne are suppliers of our full range of dust covers. Ring 091 510 8787 for details of the cover to fit your model.



### LANCELOT

Thanks John! Lancelot are suppliers of our round tables — oops, top quality computer desks, workstations, Home Office 22 range and Data Trolley. Ring 091 510 8787 for full details of this comprehensive home furniture suite.

### GREMLIN GRAPHICS

No gremlins here! Thanks Debbie Reynolds — oops, Randall! Gremlin — our suppliers of the newly released Gary Linekers Hot Shot.

CODE: HOT001 (TAPE) **Non Members £9.99** **Members: £8.49**  
 CODE: HOT0001 (DISC) **Non Members £14.99** **Members: £12.74**

and Dark Fusion

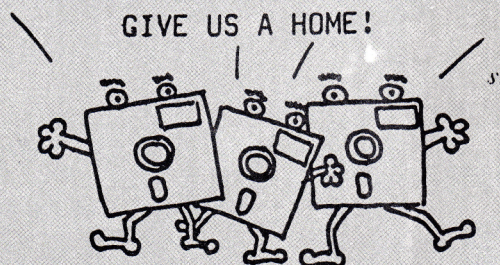
CODE: DARK001 (TAPE) **Non Members £9.99** **Members: £8.49**  
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### BOURNE EDUCATIONAL

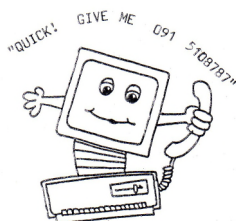
Bourne to be Wild! Thanks Val, — and yes, I'm still wearing them! Bourne Educational — suppliers of educational software age 3 years to O-Level.

CODE: SOFT103 (TAPE)	WORLDWISE	<b>Non Members: £9.95</b>	<b>Members £8.45</b>
CODE: SOFT1103 (DISC)		<b>Non Members: £14.95</b>	<b>Members £12.70</b>
CODE: SOFT106 (TAPE)	HAPPY WRITING	<b>Non Members: £9.95</b>	<b>Members £8.45</b>
CODE: SOFT1106 (DISC)		<b>Non Members: £14.95</b>	<b>Members £12.70</b>



### GEM

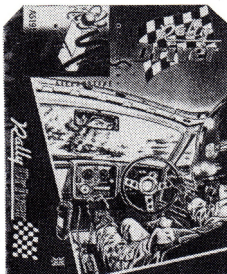
Thanks Paul and Gladys for your support to the Sellathon! What a gem of a distributor! (P.S. Stewart — Glenda says wash your mouth out, something about One Big Bang??!).



### ALTERNATIVE SOFTWARE

Thanks Simon and Roger for your generosity to our Sellathon '89! Alternative supply us with a range of games software including:

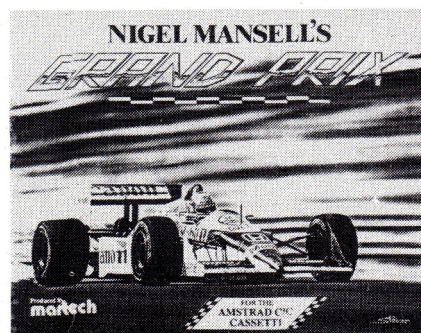
CODE: RALLY001 (TAPE)	RALLY DRIVER	<b>Non Members: £1.99</b>	<b>Members £1.70</b>
CODE: ROCKY001 (TAPE)	ROCKY HORROR SHOW	<b>Non Members: £1.99</b>	<b>Members £1.70</b>
CODE: FSIM001	FLIGHT SIMULATOR	<b>Non Members: £1.99</b>	<b>Members £1.70</b>
CODE: MUNSTER001	THE MUNSTERS	<b>Non Members: £9.99</b>	<b>Members: £8.49</b>



### SOFTWARE COMMUNICATIONS MARTECH

We were almost "Foyled" by Tracy's absence, but on her return she kindly donated some of Martech's top selling games to our Sellathon. Martech — publishers of the top selling Nigel Mansell Grand Prix.

CODE: NIGEL001 (TAPE) **Non Members: £9.99** **Members: £8.49**  
 CODE: NIGEL0001 (DISC) **Non Members: £14.99** **Members: £12.74**



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## BEAU JOLLY



Cheers Nigel Mansell — oops, Mason from Beaujolais — hic, hic, Beau Jolly for your kind contribution to our Sellathon '89.

Beau Jolly — suppliers to the User Club of a range of games including:

CODE: SUPREM0001 (DISC)	SUPREME CHALLENGE	Non Members £16.95	Members: £14.40
CODE: SUPREM001 (TAPE)		Non Members £12.95	Members: £9.50
and 10 Computer Hits V.5			
CODE: HITS001 (TAPE)		Non Members: £12.95	Members: £11.00
CODE: HITS0001 (DISC)		Non Members: £17.95	Members: £15.25

## ROMBO PRODUCTIONS

Thanks Rambo, oops Rombo! Thanks Joy and Phil — there's not another one out there "Sharp" enough to compete! Suppliers of Rombo Rom Boxes.

CODE: ROMB0003		Non Members: £34.95	Members: £30.60
and the Video Digitizer, available on tape, disc or Rom.			
		Non Members: £89.95	Members: £80.95

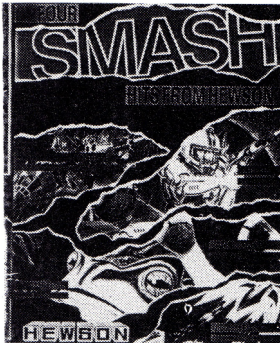
## HEWSON CONSULTANTS

Thanks Sandra! Whose Vanda? Suppliers to the Amstrad User Club of amazing games including 4 Smash Hits:

CODE: SMASH400 (TAPE)		Non Members: £9.95	Members: £6.50
CODE: SMASH4000 (DISC)		Non Members £14.99	Members: £10.77

and Zynaps

CODE: ZYNAPS001 (TAPE)		Non Members: £8.95	Members: £7.00
CODE: ZYNAPS0001 (DISC)		Non Members: £14.95	Members: £11.80



## OCEAN



Ocean — no small fish in the sea! Thanks for your support Hilary, Tracy and Debbie (minimum order quantity) Matthews, and good luck with the baby (Debbie that is!). Ocean bring you the smash hit Robocop.

CODE: ROBOC001 (TAPE)		Non Members: £9.95	Members: £8.45
CODE: ROBOC0001 (DISC)		Non Members: £14.95	Members: £12.70

and Rambo III

CODE: RAMBO300 (TAPE)		Non Members: £9.95	Members: £8.45
CODE: RAMBO3000 (DISC)		Non Members: £14.95	Members: £12.70

When's the release of Naked Gun?!

## DOMARK

Thanks Domark! Suppliers of the ever famous Star Wars.

CODE: WARS001 (TAPE)		Non Members: £9.99	Members: £6.95
CODE: WARS0001 (DISC)		Non Members: £14.95	Members: £9.95

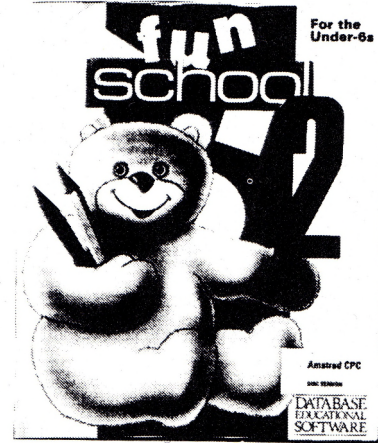
And a host of quiz games.

## DATABASE SOFTWARE

(P.S. Do you want Steve back, gift wrapped in a jiffy bag?). Database are leading software publishers whose latest Fun School programs are some of the best in the educational field.

CODE: SCHOOL100 (TAPE)	FUN SCHOOL 2 — Under 6's	Non Members: £9.95	Members: £8.45
CODE: SCHOOL1000 (DISC)		Non Members: £12.95	Members: £11.00

(P.P.S. The offer still stands!)



## HEADLINE COMMUNICATIONS

Our suppliers of top quality home study packs. Thanks Jim, Galoise and Val for your contribution! Headline supply us with the full range of self teach packs — and available on the CPC is the Complete Introduction to CP/M.

CODE: CPC01THS (DISC)		Non Members: £34.45	Members: £29.25
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## SCHOOL SOFTWARE

From our friends at School Software in Limerick in Southern Ireland, John, Pauline and Angela "Listen — I may be asking questions" (have you seen the Guinness adverts?). Our suppliers of the very popular educational software range including Maths, Physics, Biology, Spelling and Chemistry.

DISC	Non Members: £16.95	Members: £14.40
TAPE	Non Members: £10.95	Members: £9.30

### Biology 1

Age 12—16 AMSTRAD



## SCHOOL SOFTWARE



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## AKADEMIAS



Hello Boyo! Many thanks to John, Sheila, Aileen and June. Akademias are our suppliers of 'A' Level Revision Packages including Economics, Sociology, Science, History and Literature.

DISC BASED **Non Members: £28.75** **Members: £24.43**

Check this lot out on the order form!

# Akadimias

## EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE

STUDY AIDS FOR GCE AND DEGREE STUDENTS

### OTHELLO

Questions set by:  
Alice Jolley M.A.

Background  
Structure  
The Women in the Play  
The Men in the Play  
Themes  
Language  
Imagery  
Othello in Production  
Othello and the Critics  
Final Test

(C) Othello, A. Jolley, (1987)

EG12

RIGOROUS MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS\*SET BY SPECIALISTS  
TIME BASED TESTS\*DIFFERENTIAL SCORING  
4 SKILL LEVELS\*REVIEW, TEST & RANDOM TEST MODES  
PACKAGE INCLUDES PROGRAM, STUDY NOTES & READING LISTS  
SERIOUS SOFTWARE FROM THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
OF NORTH WALES

AKADIMIAS TUTOR: T.G. GWYNNE & J.S. ILLSLEY, 1984

AKADIMIAS SOFTWARE  
University College of North Wales  
BANGOR, Gwynedd LL57 2DG

## TOPOLOGIKA

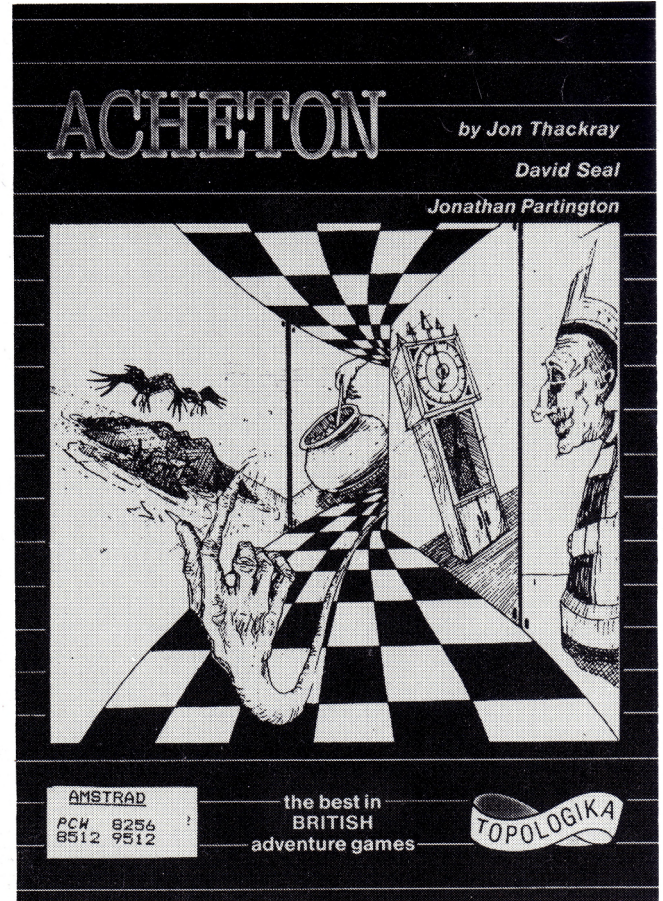


Thanks Brian and Maddy, hope the yacht in the south of France is still seaworthy. Topologika — suppliers to the User Club of top adventure games. For example: Acheton.

CODE: ACHETO0001 (DISC) **Non Members: £11.95** **Members: £10.15**

**and Kingdom of Hamil**

CODE: HAMIL0001 (DISC) **Non Members: £11.95** **Members: £10.15**



## KOSMOS



Thanks Mary and Keith for your generous contribution to our Sellathon '89. (You'll pick up the tab for the next round of cokes). Kosmos supply us with educational software including The French Mistress, German Master, Italian Tutor and Spanish Tutor.

TAPE **Non Members: £16.95** **Members: £13.95**

DISC **Non Members: £19.95** **Members: £16.95**



## LOGOTRON

Thanks Michael for the kind contribution of copies of Xor to this year's Sellathon '89.



Many of the prizes offered in the Sellathon have been kindly donated by our suppliers. They have been provided in good faith and we believe them to be in full working condition, although neither the Official Amstrad User Club, the suppliers or manufacturers can be held responsible for any defects which may be found in prizes. Similarly, we will of course do our utmost to provide prizes compatible with the user's machine, but due to the nature in which the products have been presented to us we are unable to provide alternatives or remuneration in cases of incompatibility, duplication of packages or any other reason. These limitations do not affect your rights with regard to any products bought and paid for during the Sellathon period.

# GREAT NEW PRODUCTS

## CHICAGO 30's

CHICAGO — city of gangsters and guns — where lone detective Eliot mounts his crusade against the lawless mob. From the dingy docks through the murky outskirts and into the sleazy city itself, then finally the illegal booze warehouse. Eliot sticks to a trail terrorised by mob hitmen — popping out of the sewers, hidden in the buildings or careering along in black Bugattis. Armed with machine gun, cache of grenades and customised chevrolet, now really is the chance to put your bullets where your mouth is . . . or your mouth may rest forever.

CODE: CHIAG0001 (DISC) **Non Members: £14.99** **Members: £12.74**

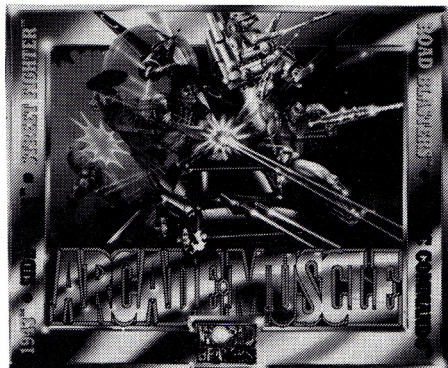
## ARCADE MUSCLE

A compilation of five blockbusters!

- **ROAD BLASTERS** — The ultimate race of the future, Road Blasters is part road race and part combat-zone survival exercise.
- **BIONIC COMMANDO** — It may have been ten years, but the oppression and devastation continues. The alien forces that laid waste to our once beautiful world have all but decimated our civilisation. After battling his way through the alien base complex, the commando must destroy the launch computer thus preventing the aliens from using their doomsday weapon.
- **STREET FIGHTER** — In this game you take the part of a street fighter who travels the world in order to test his skills against combatants of different nationalities.
- **SIDE ARMS** — The threat — the tyrannical Bozon, who aims to exterminate the earth and its people. The mission — Lieutenant Henry and Sergeant Sanders must save the Blue Globe.
- **1943** — As you blast through the flak filled skies in your mission to destroy the Japanese battleship Yamato, you will need to shoot anything that stands in your way.

CODE: MUSCLE0001 (DISC) **Non Members: £17.99** **Members: £15.29**

CODE: MUSCLE001 (TAPE) **Non Members: £12.99** **Members: £11.04**



## LAST DUEL

The golden tribe of BACULA have overrun the planet MU and taken captive the beautiful Princess Sheeta. Few warriors survive and only one retains the courage and willpower to face the awesome task ahead. Battle your way through attack waves of enemy occupied territories laden with traps, terror and gargantuan defenders — the life of which no earthly body has ever even set eyes upon. Your neutron powered car and galactic speedplane will provide speed and firepower but . . . WITH ONLY YOUR NERVE, SKILL, AND COURAGE TO OFFER ANY HOPE OF FREEDOM . . . THIS WILL BE THE FINAL BATTLE — THE ULTIMATE CONTACT — THE LAST DUEL.

CODE: DUEL001 (TAPE) **Non Members: £9.99** **Members: £8.49**

CODE: DUEL0001 (DISC) **Non Members: £14.99** **Members: £12.74**

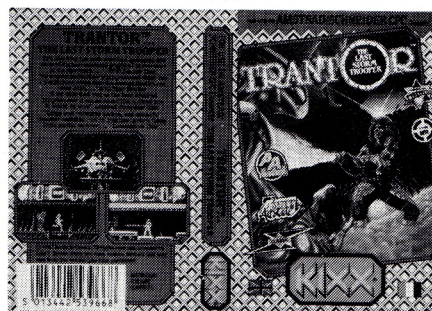


## TRANTOR

The game opens with Trantor standing by the lift. Equipped with a flame-thrower, he has 90 seconds to activate the N.I.K. security terminal. There are eight terminals in the complex — each containing a letter. Record each letter which then must be sorted into a computer related word. Once you have obtained the word you must find the security terminal and enter the word. You will then be given a beam code. Proceed to the beam area, enter the code and off you beam, successfully in your mission.

While exploring the complex you will pass lockers by pulling the joystick back. You will automatically search the lockers. Use the contents to aid your mission.

CODE: TRANTOR001 (TAPE) **Non Members: £2.99** **Members: £2.54**



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The opening sequence using the stick of the joystick will not be played. The game then progresses to the start menu. Controls are explained on the screen for steering the plane, joystick or keyboard options and read the help instructions.

**LOADING INSTRUCTIONS**  
AMSTRAD CASSETTE: Press CTRL and SMALL ENTER and then press PLAY on the cassette recorder. Hit any key during loading sequence to continue.

## H.K.M. — HUMAN KILLING MACHINE

Carve out a path of destruction as you battle to stamp your supremacy over a multitude of opponents . . . Face Igor the Fearless and his rabid dog amongst the sacred Temples of Moscow. Don't be fooled by ladies of the night, Maria and Helga, streetwise and toughened in the seedy underworld of Amsterdam. Match the cunning guile of Miguel, master bullfighter and the unvanquished fighting bull Brutus in the splendid surroundings of the Barcelona bull ring. Trade blows with the awesome titan Hans and his drunken compatriot outside a German beerhouse. Finally confront the merciless terrorists of the Middle East amongst the battle torn ruins of Beirut.

CODE: HKM001 (TAPE)

**Non Members: £9.99**

**Members: £8.49**

CODE: HKM0001 (DISC)

**Non Members: £14.99**

**Members: £12.74**

## AVON

In this light-hearted but immensely challenging look at The Bard's world through the keyboard of modern man, you find yourself, after watching too many Shakespeare plays (or perhaps reading them) wandering around a strange land. Here they use a richer language than usual, and some of the scenes remind you of certain Shakespeare plays. How you are going to return successfully to the present day is something that you will have to work out for yourself.

- ★ Why does the adventure take place on three different dates?
- ★ What is the significance of the lady Portia's caskets?
- ★ Why does Yorick sometimes say "Golesida" and sometimes something else?
- ★ Why do you suddenly find yourself wearing an ass's head?

These are just some of the tantalizing puzzles that you'll meet when you welcome AVON . . . An exhaustive knowledge of Shakespearean Canon is not necessary as, in most cases, just the problems rather than the solutions are taken from Shakespeare. If you get stuck, on-line help is there to stop the sighing . . .

CODE: AVON0001 (DISC)

**Non Members: £14.95**

**Members: £12.70**



# AVON

## DARK FUSION

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# COMPETITION

## LAST MONTH'S WINNER

Out of all the entries to last month's teaser, there was only **one** correct solution! Congratulations **GLYN HOLDEN** from **LIVERPOOL**. You've earned yourself a £25 credit voucher to spend on goodies from our price lists or special offers. The answers were 12870 and 4900 ways. Workings out were too lengthy to print, but are available on request!

## THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

**MR. T.E. BETTS** from **WEST WICKHAM** in **KENT** has sent in this cracking little puzzler, especially designed to be solved by a CPC program! He'll receive a £10 credit voucher for his efforts:-

Reorganise the figures in the diagram so that the number in the middle row is twice that of the top row and the number in the bottom row is three times that of the top row. Find all the possible answers.

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

(Answers showing workings out to be received no later than Thursday, 18th May 1989).

## VIRUSES — THE TRUTH

There has been a blaze of publicity recently about the spread of malicious computer viruses. If you believe everything you hear, there appears to be a plague of viruses sweeping the country even as we speak! Remember the last Friday 13th, way back in January? We were all warned to sign on to our systems with Saturday 14th's date to prevent a virus eroding our programs. And what happened when we forgot? Absolutely nothing to most of us! However, large corporates such as British Telecom and British Rail who rely heavily on computer systems to form the main core of their business structures, cannot ignore any impending epidemic. Together with other companies, they have formed the non-profit making group called the Computer Threat Research Association (COTRA) to investigate the virus problem and to try and protect British users. Anyone can join COTRA — from large multinationals to individual users. Mark Gibbs, chairman of COTRA said about the virus problem "There is a degree of scare mongering and misconceptions about it and a definite lack of information. We want to look closely at the issues". COTRA can be contacted on 0836 865944.

Price Waterhouse has itself published a handbook illustrating 20 of the major viruses presently at large throughout the UK. Worst estimates are that the number of viruses may infect run into the hundreds.

The picture at the User Club is that we have thousands of members including the corporates, but to date we have heard very little about contaminated systems.

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

Some of our members are using the form printed in the Official Amstrad CPC magazine to renew their membership subscription. Unfortunately, the form relates to an annual subscription for the magazine, and is in fact nothing to do with membership of the User Club! We send out a renewal brochure to the members we haven't contacted personally by telephone first, to give details of subscription to the club for the next 12 months. You can also renew your membership over the telephone and choose your free gift!

## WHO CAN HELP KASSANDRA?

A special plea goes out this month for a teacher for 10 year old Cassandra Appiah. Cassandra finds her CPC 464 difficult to use, but with the help of some tuition, the wonderful world of CPC Computing will open up for her! Cassandra is based in London E11, so if you can help her, please contact her parents on 01 556 1038. We're sure there are members out there who will spread the word!

## FOR SALE

Amstrad CPC464 with monitor, 36 games, Midi, joystick, Slomo and manual. £220.00 or nearest offer. Contact: Mr. D. Layfield, 59 Meadow Lane, Northallerton, North Yorkshire. Tel: 0609 771762.

## STOP PRESS ... STOP PRESS ... STOP PRESS ...

The User Club has unfortunately been informed that Bobs Full House will only be available on tape. We apologise to members who wanted to order disc based copies, but this is beyond our control.

CODE: BOBS001 (TAPE) Non Members: £5.95 Members: £5.05



LAMPOST



### Mr. Marsden from Brentwood writes:

I have just received my CPC Bundle pack but there is one thing that puzzles me, how do I connect my MP-2 and MP-3 to the monitor, there seems to be an awful lot of wires but nowhere to put them?

### Editor replies:

You will be pleased to know that you are not the only person having this problem. The connectors are as follows:

The 5 pin din plug goes from the monitor into RGB out socket on the MP-3. The Jack plug coming out of the MP-3 goes into the back of the MP-2.

The jack coming out of the monitor remains in the keyboard. Disregard the jack plug and the 5 pin DIN on the MP-2. The only thing left to do is to connect the aerial to the MP-3 and away you go.

### Mr. Wood from Essex writes:

I own a CPC6128 with a colour monitor, and would like to know if it is possible to connect a 5.25" disc drive to my computer without harming it in any way and be able to access it without too much trouble. Also if a drive is available would it be possible to run PC programs on my machine?

### Editor replies:

You'll be glad to know that there is a 5.25" drive available for the CPC computer and retails from the User Club at £190.90 and £176.50 for members. This is a PACE 5.25" drive and is supplied with all the necessary leads for connection.

The CPC machines have a totally different processor to the PC's and so you won't be able to use PC software.

### Mr. Grey from Birmingham writes:

Dear Lampost,

I have been using my CPC464 for a few years now, mostly for graphics and gaming, with this in mind I recently purchased an LP-1 light pen. Unfortunately when I tried it I found that it would only work very intermittently (i.e. about 1 selection in 10). Is this a hardware problem, software problem or something else?

### Editor replies:

The problem that you have described above is something that does occasionally occur with the LP-1. What is happening is that the optical sensor inside the pen is not receiving enough light to activate it because the 'nib' of the pen is slightly too narrow. The solution is to carefully unscrew the pen's barrel and using a knife, or blade of a pair of scissors, carefully widen the opening in the pen very slightly. Be sure not to break the plastic. This should allow enough light into the pen, and, after reassembling the barrel, the pen will work.

## AMSChat



If you've been having problems with your disc drives lately, by getting Read Fail Errors with discs that have been working okay before, then you could rectify this by making sure that the drive is clean. Most problems occur because the drive has dust trapped inside and this dust will collect onto your discs and eventually damage them by scratching the surface. The cleaning kits are available from the User Club at £7.99 retail and £6.75 to members. Dust covers could also help by stopping the dust before it collects in the drive.

Dust covers retail at:-

CODE		MEMBER	NON MEMBER
DUSTDRIVE	Dust Cover for DDI-1/FD-1	£3.50	£2.95
DUST464M	Dust Cover for CPC464 Mono	£9.95	£8.45
DUST464C	Dust Cover for CPC464 Colour	£12.45	£10.50
DUST6128M	Dust Cover for CPC6128 Mono	£9.95	£8.45
DUST6128C	Dust Cover for CPC6128 Colour	£12.45	£10.50

Some CPC users have still been experiencing difficulties loading and running programs whilst having a Multiface two rom utilities box. The reason for this is that the Multiface two must be switched off before loading any program. The procedure is as follows; RESET the computer, using the Multiface two Reset button, press the stop button to get the menu bar at the bottom of the screen, and then press S to save, then X to return to the cursor prompt.

We get a lot of members who have bought an Amstrad DMP2160 printer, writing in, telling us that they have typed one of the programs from the back of the DMP2160 manual and that they are getting error messages when trying to run them. Well, all three programs have been typed and tested by the technical department and all three of them work with no problems.

So, please, before you send us your printouts, check through the listings very carefully and correct any errors present no matter how small, even the slightest mistake of adding a comma or missing a comma can cause an error to occur.

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