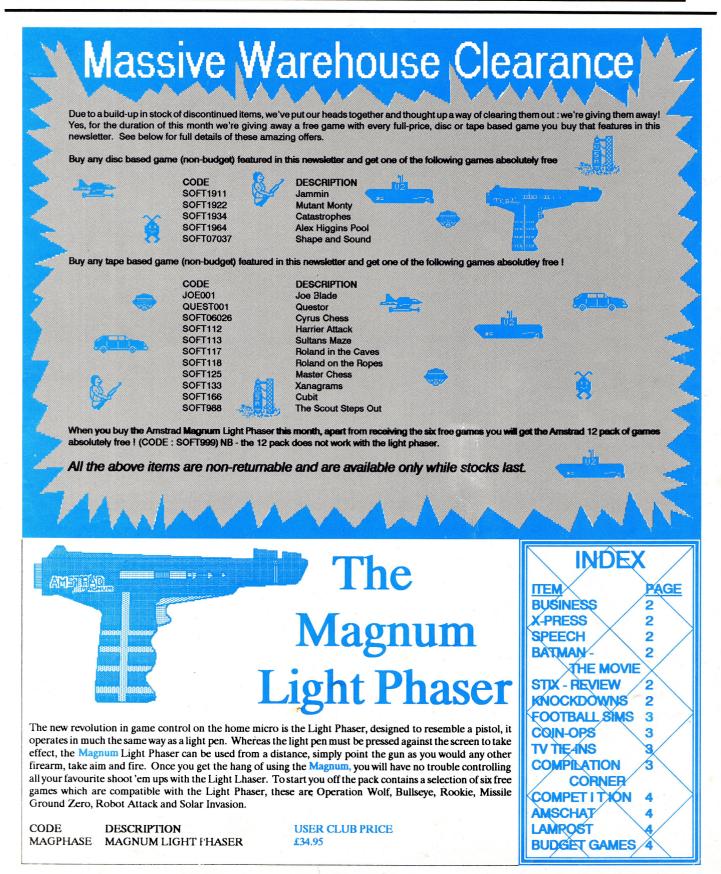


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# **SD Microsystems**

Business Introducing two new products from SD Microsystems, and reviving one not-so-new product. The first of the new packages is the Stock Account System, this is an integrated package for the CPC6128 and expanded CPC464 (with memory expansion). The program consists of four modules which perform three essential operations for use in the small business office. These are a Sales Ledger, an Invoicer, a Stock Controller and a Statement Printer. The aforementioned modules are all enhanced versions of those used in the Small Trader program which may be purchased along with the Stock Account System. Those of you who are already familiar with the Small Trader will have no trouble in changing over to the Stock Account System and, after a short period of practice with the preset sample data, you will soon be up and running as you were with the Small Trader. If, however, you have never used the Small Trader program, with a little more practice on the sample data files you will find the Stock Account System just as easy to use as the more seasoned user. The second new product from SD Microsystems is the Home Executive. This is a useful little package for badly organised businessmen or indeed housewives who have trouble keeping track of their daily duties. The program combines an Accounts Ledger, Card Filer, Mini Calculator and a Shopping Selector and operates on any CPC machine and at a fraction of the cost of similar products for PC users. The low price does not mean that this is a low quality program, not by any means. The Home Executive offers a full range of DeskTop facilities including a Label Designer, Diary and Calendar functions and added to that there is a full Password Protection system to keep any unwanted eyes from scanning your data. All the packages mentioned above are directed at the small business person or indeed the home or cottage industry, each has its specific uses and each one could help to improve the smooth running of your company/home. (ALL PRODUCTS SUPPLIED ON DISC ONLY)

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Speech is a handy new tool for the CPC range, as the name suggests it is a speech synthesizer and , apart from being used as a separate program, it is also possible to incorporate speech into your own programs. The package consists of six main programs, the first being the Speech program itself, there is also a demo program, a simple spell checker, a Sayfile program which allows you to "SAY" a document file, a dictionary edit program and a computer based instruction manual in a program called "NOTES". With this utility it is possible for your programs to give audible prompts or, for the more advanced programmer, give your games added impact with

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Calling all users of Stop Press, Medway and King have now released a new utility program called X-Press as an aid to DeskTop Publishing. The program is a printing and storage facility in that it allows Stop Press pages to be previewed before printing, will print pages up to 75% faster than normal, pages can be crammed to reduce disc space used by Stop Press files, pages can also be crammed and combined to make foolscap pages or to increase vertical dot resolution by 25%. The package includes a comprehensive instruction manual which is easy to follow even to a beginner. Stop Press and X-Press, the perfect combination for fast, efficient DeskTop Publishing.

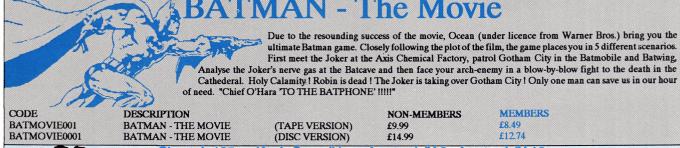
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This month we thought we would compare joysticks, their capabilities, disabilities and value for money. First off we examine the Cheetah 125+; designed with the usual trigger button, thumb button and dual base mounted fire buttons, it comes with an autofire which does not work on the CPC. The Konix Speedking has no auto-fire, but is designed for accuracy of movement rather than blasting power, moulded to fit comfortably into the left hand with the index finger resting on the side-mounted fire button, you control the stick with the right hand, very useful for flight sims. Moving on to the Amstrad sticks, the JY-3 is a basic model with suction feet and two fire buttons mounted at the top and front of the stick, an added feature is an extra socket on the base so that a second stick can be connected for two player games. The JY-10 or Pro5000 is a hand-held model with microswitch control, it has an ergonomic handle design and dual base mounted fire buttons, the stick has smooth auto

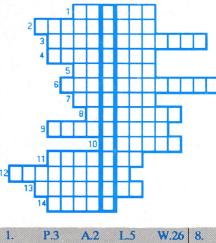
centring and it comes with a 5ft cable allowing the user to sit away from the keyboard. (or from another player if connected via the JY-3) To conclude I would judge the JY-10 to be best for normal "shoot 'em up" use and the Speedking best for use with simulators.

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Do we know how to treat you, or do we know how to treat you. What do I mean ? I'll tell you; who else but the Amstrad User Club could bring you five (yes FIVE) crucial Coin-Op Conversions all together ! Each game is packed full of multi-level arcade action, whether you like guns 'n' glory or ninjas and nunchaku or even good old cartoon fun, there's something here foryou. Firstoff we have Dynamite Dux, a cartoon caper with superbgraphics, sixsmashing levels and eighteen different baddies including Sumo Pigs and Boxing Crocs. Next up is Super WonderBoy (WonderBoy in Monsterland) with 11 levels, 10 weapons and countless nasties and the Mega-nasty Meka Dragon. If you liked WonderBoy, this is more of the same with some interesting extras. Coming in at third place is Xybots, you and a friend run through a droid infested maze blasting anything that moves, but watch out, these guys fire back ! It's ninja time with Shinobi, a beat 'em up of classic proportions. Search for kidnapped children while you kick, punch and spike anyone who tries to stop you, watch those shuriken fly ! Finally we come to a game with a difference. Dragon Spirit might sound like another ninja type beat 'em up, but it's more like a mad dragon burn 'em up. Zawell the demon serpent has kidnapped the Princess Alicia (pretty normal stuff), you must rescue her (nothing different there) so you are transformed into a dragon (hey ! what's with the wings already !). Well there you soar over the scrolling landscape. All five games are available on disc and tape and can be on a computer nearyou soon (much cheaper than 20p a go at the								
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Sport and Action Simulators Here's something for all sports freaks outhere. First off we have The Games - Summer Edition, this is a selection of track and field events in which you aim to achieve the highest standard possible. Test your stamina on the track and then show your skill in the field events ; designed with the help of the US Olympic team, the Games gives great graphics and hours of addictive athletic action. Moving on swiftly we come to the action simulator, namely "Run The Gauntlet". If you've ever watched the TV show, then you'll know what lies ahead ; gruelling assault courses, fast action bike and buggy in this all-out test of speed and skill. So BUGGY on down and HOVER great time, it's SUPERCATS ! {Did I really write that ?}								
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# Last months winner

The answer to last months competition was, of course, WordSearch (Look up and you shall see - geddit), and the winner of the much sought after £25 credit voucher is 'drum roll please' "Kathleen Lyle from Sheffield". You will receive your voucher in due course to the sound of rapturous applause, well the clap of the letterbox at least.



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**AMSCHAT** 

A lot of people are really tired of typing a long BASIC program listing only to find that it doesn't work. So this month we thought we would cheer you up with a pretty graphics display that takes very little time to key in. The program below builds patterns out of various rotating curves. When one shape is complete, simply press any key to see another.

- REM GRAPHIC BY AMSTRAD USER CLUB 10
- 20 DEFINT B.C.X
- 30 MODE 2
- 40 B=RND\*5+1:C=RND\*5+1 50
- **ORIGIN 320,200** 60
- FOR A=0 TO 1000 STEP PI/30 70 X=100\*COS(A):MOVE X,Y
- 80 DRAW 200\*COS(A/B),200\*SIN(A/C)
- IF INKEY\$<>" THEN 30 90
- NEXT A:GOTO 30 100

And by the way, this program does work without fail.

A common problem members have encountered over the last year or so, is that when they have wished to improve their computer system by purchasing a printer, they have run into a few snags. When choosing the printer, the most popular models being the Letter Quality printer, they find that the manual which is supplied with the printer is written for owners of an IBM compatible machine. This means that the commands differ to those used with the CPC machines. The main command that causes a problem is the PRINT command. In the printer manual you are told to use LPRINT "Text", but this command only works within the IBM BASIC.

The correct command to use within Locomotive BASIC is PRINT #8, "Text", which is the CPC command.



This months little brain teaser involves searching through the newsletter in order to find specific words. These words slot into the grid to the left and form a software title in the central column. Each word has a grid reference at which it can be found, the reference comprises of page number (Pn), article number (An), line number (Ln) and word number (Wn). Where 'n' is the number in each case. For example, P4-A3-L1-W12 would be page 4, article 3 (in this case AMSCHAT, articles are numbered from left to right - top to bottom), line 1 and word 12 which is BASIC. Now that you've got the idea, there are 14 words to find and the winner is the first person to write in with the correct title and the names of the two actors connected with that title. Entries to be returned before Tuesday 10th October and the winner will receive the inimitable £25 credit voucher !

## Lampost

#### Mr Thompson from Stoke-on-Trent writes :

Is it possible on the CPC6128 to tell whether or not the printer is on or off line ? I am writing some BASIC programs and need to be able to read the printer status directly from the printer port.

If it is possible, could you please tell me how to do it in BASIC.

#### Ed replies :

Well Mr Thompson, you will be glad to know that it is possible to directly read the status of the printer using a couple of BASIC instructions. The program below uses the INP command which is the direct INPUT command for the external ports.

- IF INP(&F500) <> 30 THEN PRINT 10 "PRINTER IS OFF LINE"
- IF INP(&F500)=30 THEN PRINT 20 "PRINTER IS ON LINE"

Good luck with your programming !

#### Mrs Rogers from County Durham writes :

I am using the AMX Stop Press DTP program and Tasword Word Processor on a CPC6128. I have been using them separately for quite a while, but I am still having a problem.

The problem is, I hope, straight forward to answer. I can't seem to import Tasword text into Stop Press correctly. When I do so, the justification goes haywire.

Could you help me please.

#### Ed replies :

You'll be glad to hear, Mrs Rogers, that it is a straight forward answer.

If you set the Tasword to its maximum margin settings of 1 and 128, the justification problem does not occur.

I think it is worth customising a spare copy of Tasword to these margins rather than changing them every time you use it.

A draft of text typed in the wide settings can be printed by using the condensed print option. Text already typed on different settings can, of course, be justified to the new settings by using the "hard justify" control within Tasword.

#### **Backpage Budgets**

This month we've got seven great budget games for you. Two are re-releases of old favourites, namely Crystal Castles and some classic platform action from Monty on the Run. Silent Shadow has you piloting a Silent Shadow fighter (what else) over a hostile landscape, clearing the path for your Forces Bomber to reach the enemy air-base. In Rolling Thunder you take on a secret society whose sole aim is to conquer the world, while Turbo Bike has you up against the "Elders" and their armies of robots. Crossfire drops you into downtown Chicago in an all-out war against the Mob. Hacker has you working for the CIA, guiding droids around a Russian base in order to retrieve vital documents from the safe.

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