

# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the first ever issue of the Newsletter (if anybody has a better suggestion for the name, please let me know!), hopefully it will not be the last.

At the moment the idea behind the Newsletter is to let those able to get to the club meetings know a bit more about what is going on, and to let anybody wishing to become a postal member (or contacts in other clubs etc) know how this new PCW club is getting on. I eventually hope to be able to expand both the membership of the club, and the use of the Newsletter - possibly even turning it into a small magazine. Whatever happens I am going to need your help, whether you write an article for it (I can accept Locoscript 1, 2 or 3, ASCII and MicroDesign files on 3½" discs - discs would be returned) or just ideas for the contents.

I think that's enough about the Newsletter, now a bit more about myself and RADSTOCK.PCW.

My name (as most of you know) is Adrian Hooper, I am currently 16 years old and am studying for A levels in Maths, Physics and Chemistry. I have had my 9256 for three or four years now and have used it for many things, most notably the coursework I did for GCSE English, R.E. and Geography, which totalled over 30,000 words. Those of you that think the PCW is only for

wordprocessing are very wrong, during the time I have had this one I have also produced posters, concert tickets, written programs myself (using BASIC and LOGO - I hope to be able to share these with you through this Newsletter) - one of which was printed in the September 1994 issue of PCW Plus. I really started to think about forming a PCW club when my Postman asked for my help with some shareware discs that he had bought (he knew that I had a PCW because of the mail I got), I managed to sort these out for him, and then took him through the process of installing some more internal RAM (Random Access Memory, for those who hate jargon this is simply the M: drive) and started him using Locoscript 3.

During the time I have had my PCW I have added an extra 256Kb of RAM internally, and 512Kb externally with the Locomotive Power Pack, taking me up to 1024Kb, or 1Mb. I have also used LocoScript 1 and 3, LocoFile, LocoMail, LocoSpell, MicroDesign 3, Tweak 3 and almost all of the standard CP/M programs. The latest major change was to change the old 9-pin dot matrix printer for the Epson Stylus 800+ inkjet printer - if anybody is considering changing to an inkjet I strongly recommend that you do, I am sure that you will not look back!

# Software News

**THE PROTEXT RESCUE** - When Arnor Ltd ceased trading, it seemed that Protext would be lost, along with Maxam, Prospell, Utopia, and all Arnor's other fine programs. However, the range has been rescued by WACCO's purchase of all the copyrights and they have now reissued all the disc and rom versions of the principal programs from the master copies bought. ComSoft (formerly CampurSoft) are already shipping the following programs:

CP/M Protext, Utopia, Maxam, as well as Amsdos Protext, Prospell, Promerge and Promerge Plus. The rest of the programs will follow in a series of releases through 1996.

The first program reissued was CP/M Protext at a reduced price of £25 as, although the manual is very expensive to produce, WACCO do not have the same pressures as commercial publishers. Arnor's price was around £40-£45, so the price of £25 is very attractive

CP/M Protext has exceptional Word Processing, Spell Checking and Mail-merge facilities as well as other useful integral utilities. Its many features, including its speed of operation and easy handling of text in columns, make it a strong competitor with the most commonly used word processor program on the PCW, particularly in terms of value for money. It can be configured simply to operate on all CPCs and CPC+s with a minimum of 128k memory, and all PCW and PcWs except the PCW16 (so far, but this may change). It seems any printer can be used (WACCO haven't found one which won't work, although some add-on printer ports can be tricky) and using the

colour output feature of printers such as the Star LC or Citizen series is easy (apparently!).

The latest news is that Protext office is now also available. This provides the original Protext with a powerful database and some small business functions. Protext office will run on any PCW (except PCW16 - though the files it produces are compatible) and costs just £19.99 for the 3" or 3½" versions. This has to be one of the most significant products from WACCO this year.

All purchases of WACCO programs include free registration for the WACCO User Support Service (WUSS) or existing users can become a registered user and obtain the following benefits:

- 1) An upgrade to the latest version of the program, if required.
- 2) User support and help with program operation with particular set-ups.
- 3) Advance notice of new WACCO releases.

An existing user can register by sending their master copy to WACCO, Harrowden, 39, High Street, Sutton-in-the-Isle, ELY, Cambs CB6 2RA enclosing £10 per program if an upgrade is required or £5 per program if not. Cheques should be payable to B A Watson. WACCO advise that you pack the media carefully and take out postal insurance.

#### WACCO Software Price List

CP/M Protext (v2.23)	£25.00
Proprint PCW	£15.00
CP/M Protext plus Proprint PCW	£35.00
Protext Office	£19.99

All WACCO programs are marketed through ComSoft, 10, McIntosh Court,

