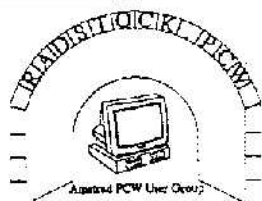


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Welcome!

Welcome once again to the Newsletter - I'm afraid that I will be doing all of the writing again this month, so please bear with me if I ramble on a bit in places, it's just to make sure that I have enough to fill the pages.

It has been another busy month for me, but that is better than not having anything at all to do! This month I have increased the productivity on my PCW by removing a drawer - a strange statement I know but it is true. Under the desk on which my computer sits used to be a drawer, which meant that I could not sit comfortably to type, this has now been removed and I have purchased a wrist rest - I have already found this to be beneficial to my typing, it also appears to have eliminated most of my typing errors but I can see no reason for this.

This month I would like to welcome our new members, and thank those people who have been in touch for other reasons, just because I am running a club people seem to think that I can sort out any problem that they may be having - including a broken disc drive and a blown CPU! Most of these can be referred to companies that advertise in PCW Plus, but it would be nice to know of a few repairers in the local area that we could support - does anybody know of a person willing to repair PCW's in this area? I am also increasing the things that I have done to PCW's - thanks to Ian Taylor's 8512 I now know how to take apart the print head and clean all of the 9 pins individually (though I wouldn't recommend this if you do not have a serious problem with it), so I will repeat my statement that if you want any hardware or software installed on your PCW, but don't feel like doing it yourself to let me know as it may make a valuable item at a meeting - another member may have been thinking about a similar upgrade and so would value an insight into the process.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind people that I can supply various consumables such as ribbons, paper, ink cartridges, 3.5" discs, copyholders etc (unfortunately no 5" discs) fairly cheaply - if you do not have a list of the basics available please let me know, I can also supply speciality papers or decorative papers. I would also like to renew my plea for help writing pieces for this newsletter, I am sure that some of you could write something if you tried! It isn't really that hard.

This would also be a good opportunity to say that there may have been a few typing errors in all of the BASIC listings printed so far - I have just realised that there may be instances where a # has been replaced by a £ - so if the earlier programs do not work this

may be worth checking - would anybody be interested in producing a BASIC (or LOGO etc) tutorial series for this Newsletter, this may be useful to people.

I am now beginning to run out of ideas for future meetings - we are still not really big enough for the larger companies to visit (but we are getting there!) and so I will need to keep finding things to do. I would also welcome anybody willing to take over for an evening. I will support whatever you wish to do. If people could take posters to put in shops/libraries in their area I would also be very grateful (I have found that stationers are the best places!), these are available in either A4 or A5 size to suit anywhere.

The calendar that I have been promising should now be ready (if I have time to finish it between now and the next meeting - that gives me about 12 hours that I can actually spend on it), you should have seen a copy of it by now, they will mainly be available to advance orders, but there may be some for those that don't buy them in advance. After trying out several different layouts only one is really successful - a version much the same as the one I produced for myself for this year - that is based on a simple month to view calendar on A4 paper, but if anybody else is willing to try to produce one I would be very grateful.

I have probably gone on for far too long by now, I'll now get on with the rest of the newsletter.

Club News

I don't have much to say here again this month. I would like to welcome any new members (I am aware of a couple at the time of writing - I still hope that you may be able to persuade others to come along - I have just purchased a further 20 name badges so I hope I'll have enough people to use them!). I am very pleased with the way the club has been growing so far, every month we appear to grow by one or two members, and several others contact me for advice on repairs, upgrades etc but do not wish to join.

By the time you read this you should have seen the club calendar, this will be available at a small charge to those wishing to have one (it will have meetings marked on it ready - there will be no excuse for not knowing when there is a meeting).

A subject that has been brought up recently is that of inviting companies to visit us, but this would require some payment to them. At the moment we do not have enough money coming in to afford this but there are two ways that this could be alleviated, an annual subscription fee in addition to the monthly subscription, or simply a larger monthly subscription - let me know what you think.

I would also like to pass on thanks to Gwen Hoskins from the South Essex PCW Club, her item "The PCW and the Morris Minor" was printed in this Newsletter several months ago and has now been included in the "Disc Drive" of the South Essex club - which has over 100 readers!

