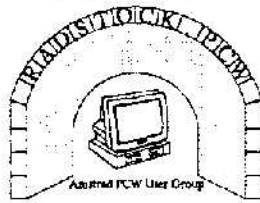


NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

Welcome once again, you may notice that this is issue six and so the Newsletter is celebrating its first six months of existence, so it would be nice if a few more people could manage to contribute a little towards it (thanks to the two that have helped so far), as well as producing this newsletter I have also written 13 articles for "The Disc Drive" - the magazine of the South Essex PCW club (if anybody is interested in subscribing to this please see me sometime). This month I will again be producing most of the Newsletter by myself, so I will apologise now for rambling on a little in places, and for talking in circles, so that I can be sure that I have enough to fill all of the pages.

You may remember that a couple of months ago we discussed the possibility of offering advertising space to companies, this was thought to be a good idea but it was thought that there was not a big enough readership to warrant this type of thing. I am now going to raise the subject of postal membership, it has been suggested that this would be worthwhile exploring, please let me know what you think.

The calendar that I have promised will be available next month, if you want to have one of these please let me know before the next meeting. If anybody knows where I can get them photocopied cheaply I would also welcome ideas.

I would now like to thank all of the new members for coming to the last meeting, if we can manage that sort of number at each meeting I would be very pleased, I would also like to remind you to bring along anyone else you know that owns a PCW (or at least let me have their address and I will contact them) to a meeting, the more the merrier. I would also like to take this opportunity to offer a plea to everybody to let me know if you are unable to attend a meeting, as otherwise we end up hanging around at the start not knowing whether to begin or not, just a simple phone call will do ((01761) 436276) before 7.00pm on the night.

I have a little piece of good news this month - I have managed to find a company willing to repair PCW's in the area, the only bad news is that they are rather expensive so they may only be useful as a last resort if nothing else will work.

Those of you who have been members for a while may recall it being suggested that we each produce lists of every piece of hardware and software we own (I know that you put down a certain amount of information on your membership forms, but this will not stay in date for long), so if you could manage to have lists of this type ready for next

month I would be very grateful (if you could also provide a list of the companies producing the software, with addresses if possible, it would also be very useful) as this would allow all of the club to know who has got what, so we can work out what may be required at a future meeting.

I will also repeat the information that was in the welcome last month, that I can supply many office consumables (eg paper, ribbons, cartridges, 3.5" discs) and many other safety and identification products, along with various electronics products. I am also able to supply speciality paper from Paper Direct, and sometimes 3" discs! If there is anything you require just let me know, if I am not able to get it at the moment I will endeavour to find it for you. If anybody knows of any companies or products that may be of use to members of the club, please let me know.

I think I had probably stop now, one day you are going to find that the whole of the newsletter is taken up with just the Welcome, there will not be any room for anything else at all.

Diary Dates

A full list of the dates and (probable) topics for the meetings for the rest of this year and all of next year is printed below. Meetings are held in the Radstock Methodist church (maps and directions available on request), starting at 7:30pm, everyone welcome. I am still looking for ideas for future meetings, or comments on the list below, so please let me know what you want.

1996

8th November

LocoMail

13th December

General

1997

10th January

Return to CP/M

14th February	General Programming
14th March	Cleaning PCW - 1
11th April	Cleaning PCW - 2
9th May	LocoScript for Beginners
13th June	General
11th July	LocoScript Templates
8th August	Advanced LocoScript
12th September	Disc Housekeeping
10th October	Undecided
14th November	Undecided
12th December	General

I aim to hold a general meeting every six months, I will not (usually) have anything prepared at these meetings and so they will be open to questions/queries or various items

