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TIME! DOUBLE FEATURE FOR EACH
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Welcome!

Welcome to issue 11 of the Newsletter, I am very sorry that there has not been one for so long, but I have been a little short of time. As you probably remember it was decided that there would be a Newsletter at least once every 3 months, unfortunately the very first issue that should have kept to this pattern is a month late, instead of being the Christmas issue it is actually the New Year issue (it is now 6:07pm on New Year's eve!).

As you all know I started at University in September and this has meant that I do not have so much time to write the Newsletter as I did before, so your contributions are needed even more than usual. There may be some contributions from other people in this issue, I haven't decided yet!

The other big news is that Liz and I have just purchased a Pentium PC (this was a necessary purchase to allow me to do University work at home), so we are not actually using the PCWs quite as much as we did before - however I am still committed to the PCWs and promise that everything to do with the club (possibly with the exception of posters) will be produced using a PCW for the foreseeable future - even though the PC works at about 50 times its speed!

This issue also sees the launch of Route Planner, and information about the latest version of LocoScript 4.

Those of you who regularly attend the club meetings will be aware that in recent months the church has been rewired and that there was a possibility of meeting cancellations. You will be pleased to hear that the work has now almost finished so there should be no problems now. If anybody has any suggestions about how to raise the £22,000 that we now have to raise to pay for this work I would be very grateful!

Diary Dates

A full list of the dates and (probable) topics for the meetings for this 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. These dates are also to be found in the Club calendar, now available at a cost of £1.00.

Date	Topic
9th January	History of LocoScript
13th February	LocoScript Problems
13th March	LocoScript Fonts/Printers/Colours/Graphics
April meeting date to be decided as the second Friday is Good Friday - probably to be held on the 3rd or 17th.	
8th May	Undecided
12th June	General
10th July	Undecided
14th August	Undecided
11th September	AGM
9th October	Undecided
13th November	Undecided
11th 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 that would not be enough to take up an evening of their own. This list is flexible and so things may change - in particular, if anybody wishes to upgrade their hardware, but is not confident to do it themselves, I would be prepared to make the upgrade the subject of a

meeting, and perform the operation myself (I have taken my own PCW apart several times, and also the PCW of a friend - as neither has blown up yet I am reasonably confident that I will not have to many problems). The December general meeting usual is very informal and involves lots of cakes and mince pies.

Please could let me know if you are unable to attend a meeting, and try to arrive on time. It can be very disruptive to have to start the meeting again for the benefit of those who are late, or to start very late because I am waiting for somebody who is unable to come. Thank you.

As you can see there is not a lot actually scheduled for this year, so any suggestions would be welcomed.

Newsletters are due at the January, April, July and October, Updates will be produced whenever necessary.

Calendar Competition

Those of you present at the December meeting will be aware of a Competition involving the 1998 club calendar, namely to correctly name the birds, entries for this must be in by the 1st of February, the person with the most correct answers (or the first out of the hat if it is a tie) will win a prize - I am unable to tell you what the prize is at the moment as I have not decided, however it will be worth winning! At the moment I have received very few entries, with the best having 8 out of the 12 birds named correctly. Hopefully you can do better than this.

Remember the birds are featured in the calendar which is available from me for £1.00, and the closing date is the 1st of February, though ideally I would like the majority of the entries in by the end of the January meeting.

Hardware News

I have heard of no new advances in the PCW world since the last newsletter, which is a shame. Hopefully there will be some soon, as this section has been more than a little boring in recent issues.

