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Adrian's Ramblings

Well, yet again I am being pestered for articles by Gwen. I would like to start by apologising to Gwen for causing her so much trouble (yes, she threatened to resign as Editor this time), but I have been having a lot of difficulty finding the time to put articles together. So if the things I have produced (not that I have done any at the time of writing this) are not up to the normal standard, it's my fault not Gwen's. Of course, if more people write articles then I won't need to come up with them...



Anyway, on with the ramblings. Over the last couple of months I have been playing around with Linux (having used UNIX in the past it is not that difficult), and can say that I have been very impressed so far. I will try to destroy some of the myths surrounding Linux at the January meeting, as I think it is time that it made an appearance at a meeting. This does assume one thing though, that Jungle manage to supply the full copy that I have ordered (am currently using a version from a cover disk – fully working but lacking all the “extras”). I ordered it from Jungle on 17th September, if you have been to jungle.com recently you will know they have been experiencing problems, well I haven't had the order yet (now 24th October) and delivery date has been set at 31st October – this automatically adjusts itself every day, and seems to always manage to be a week ahead of the current date. I can say that by far the hardest part of getting a working Linux box (note to non-nerds, a “box” is the official term for a computer running an operating system, so you get “NT boxes”, “Unix boxes” and “Linux boxes” – though I have never heard of a “95 box” or a “98 box” – guess I am missing something too) is getting yourself a free partition in which to install it onto. More of that in January!

Flower festival – those not at the last meeting will think I have flipped (those that were there may be of the same idea). The Church has asked us if we would consider taking part in a flower festival to be held on 1st December

(OK – I'll take some of the blame, I'm on the committee organising the event). The idea is that different groups that use the building will each have a window in the Church to decorate, the decorations must follow the theme of a Christmas carol, or line from a carol (to be chosen by the group). The idea was taken favourably at the last meeting, but it looks like something else that will be left to me to arrange, so unlikely to be done with my current schedule. However, it is probably not too late for you to come to me with ideas, or offers of help, so contact me ASAP. We may still be able to do something, even if not a full window.

How's that looking length wise? Should be about right I think, so I'll stop now.

See you next time

Adrian

SoftwareNews:

Yes, Microsoft have done it again, Windows XP (home and professional versions) is now shipping. I hope to be able to have a look at Windows XP soon - in the meantime just pick up any PC magazine, they are all running articles on it.

Also - again Microsoft. I have discovered that there is a badly documented new feature in Office XP, it is now possible to produce folded booklets from within Word. My trials with this so far have been interesting (not a very intuitive process - I end up with the wrong pages on the backs), but it's a start. And only about 10 years after their rivals first featured it. (Good on you Bill;-)

Hardware News.

Look out for silly offers on hardware in the run-up to Christmas, and I do mean silly! If you know what you are looking for there's some great bargains out there.

Adrian



Diary Dates:

9th November - Desktop Publishing (H/O)
14th December - General/Christmas Party
11th January - Linux: Destroying the Myth
8th February - We have the Power! (Powerpoint H/O)
8th March - An alternative view: Star Office (H/O)
12th April - Spring Cleaning
10th May - Hardware upgrades
14th June - General
12th July - TBA
9th August - TBA
13th September - Annual General Meeting
11th October - TBA
8th November - TBA
13th December - General/Christmas Party



More suggestions for meetings are needed - the list (as always) isn't set in stone and alterations can easily be made.

Competition: Uses for Old Computer Parts

At the AGM I suddenly decided to hold a competition to see who could come up with the best ideas for uses for old computer parts - these must be original ideas (so CDs as bird scares and monitors as fish tanks are out), the wackier the better!

There will be a small prize available for the entry that I judge to be the best, so entries to me (on paper) before the January meeting please. I will announce the winner then.

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GWEN'S CORNER

It doesn't seem possible that yet another year is drawing to a close but already Christmas is hovering in the wings. This year I intend to leave Christmas for my computer to sort out. Well – maybe not the eating and drinking part of it! But just think of how much donkey-work it can do for you.

The most obvious, of course, is the shopping. Some people enjoy this part of Christmas, but I have a strong aversion to struggling round crowded shops looking for that elusive present, only to find I then have a half hour wait in the queue just to pay for it. How much more convenient to sit in a warm room, a cup of coffee at your side, skimming through the shops on your computer. And no struggling back to the carpark with loads of parcels. It's all delivered to your door.

Then there's the Christmas cards. I never mind writing the cards, but it's all those envelopes to be addressed that gets me. Now I have put all the addresses into the computer and every year just print them onto self-adhesive labels. Then it is a simple matter of transferring each label to the selected card. No rummaging around for last year's card list either as it's always to hand. For the special people in your life you can even make the cards – either by scanning in a photo or painting – or by using the wide variety of clip-art now available.

And how about printing out the menu for the big day (or for the whole week if you're having visitors). If you are as disorganised as me it helps to print out a detailed rota of the tasks involved too. Unfortunately they haven't yet developed a computer to peel potatoes and roast the turkey. Maybe I can persuade my husband to take us out for Christmas dinner this year!

Finally my computer and I would like to wish you all a merry (and hasslefree) Christmas, and to thank you for your contributions to the newsletter throughout the year. Please keep them coming. They all help to enhance our publications.

Gwen



Had your “flu” jab yet?



With winter coming on, people are starting to think about preparing themselves for the colder weather, when we are naturally more susceptible to illness. There has been a national campaign to encourage people to have a “flu” jab. But now it’s time to think about the others in your household.

OK – that’s a strange way to start an article (even for me)! As you’ve probably guessed, this is my long promised article on updating your virus scanning software.

I’ll start off using the familiar “question and answer” format...

Why do I need virus scanning?

If you ever access the internet, use e-mail or share files with other people, then you need to ensure that your computer is protected – at the time of writing there are about 58,000 known viruses for Windows, with a wide variety of effects. Some may not affect you at all; others could disable your computer (I came across one like this earlier this week – 250 system files had become infected, so the computer had to be wiped, losing 2 years data!). If your computer is not protected it is not just your files at risk, but also those of anyone else that your computer comes into contact with – so if you are an internet user this is a serious threat.

Why do I need to update?

You’ve bought the software, and made sure it is running, so why do you have to keep updating it? You don’t have to be continually updating Word to keep it printing! Well, every month’s new viruses appear – the number varies, but as a rough guide there’s approximately 8 new viruses recognised each week, of which normally 1 will be a serious threat. If you don’t keep your virus scanner up to date then you will be susceptible to these new viruses.

How do I find out about new virus threats?

Recently there has been a lot in the media about viruses, with

Loveletter, Sircam, Code Red and Nimda all being very well publicised – but there are many that aren't publicised at all in the mainstream media. The best way to find out about new threats is to regularly visit the website of an anti-virus vendor, I can recommend the following sites:

<http://www.sophos.co.uk> - Sophos anti virus home page (used by many big businesses)

<http://www.mcafee.com> - Home page of McAfee Virus Scan

<http://www.symantec.co.uk> - Home page of Norton AntiVirus

I don't consider e-mail warnings from friends/strangers to be a good source of information, as it is often out of date or just simply wrong! It is also not uncommon for e-mails warning about viruses to be hoaxes, or worse still, infected themselves.

How often should I update?

Depends on how often an update is available. McAfee and Norton both have updates once a month (sometimes with a release in between if there is a big threat). Sophos has an upgrade once a month, and an update for every virus that is recognised in between! Most home users will have either McAfee or Norton products on their computers. **DO NOT ALLOW MORE THAN 2 MONTHS TO PASS WITHOUT UPDATING.**

How much does it cost to update?

That's a very difficult questions, particularly as there are 2 different things you need to do, UPDATE (to be done monthly) and UPGRADE (as necessary, depending on your usage and new software releases by the manufacturers).

An upgrade is a completely new version of the software, and so will require you to purchase a new-boxed disc set etc. This generally costs about £20-£30 for most of the PC anti-virus software. Upgrading is a personal choice, but can be forced when the vendors stop producing updates for your version of the software.

An update is what you should be doing monthly. Normally you will receive a certain number of "free" updates when you purchase your software – these will be sent to you on disc at the appropriate times. After this you are on your own! McAfee allow

you to download new “virus definitions” free of charge from their website, Norton users have to pay an annual fee to activate the updates that they can download (currently about £3.50 annually).



So, finally, how do I update my software?

Again, no screenshots for this (and no definite click by click instructions – too many differences to be able to do that), but the following should give you guidelines to at least give you an idea of what to look out for.

Most of the software does have an update button within it; however, I have found that these are not always very successful!

Follow the steps below:

1. Go to My Computer, double click on the C: drive icon, then RIGHT click and select New Folder. Name the folder “My Downloads” or something similar!
2. Find out what antivirus software you have installed. This is slightly harder and is machine specific (as always, there’s no simple answer to anything with PCs). Probably a good idea to look in the start menu and see what you have got with “antivirus” in its title. The two most common are McAfee Virus Scan and Norton AntiVirus (but could be something else – many of these other products have since been taken over by these two).
3. Start up your web browser, and go online.
4. If you are using McAfee software, go to <http://www.mcafee.com>
If you are using Norton software, go to <http://www.symantec.co.uk>
If using something else, try to find it’s home page, if no success let me know and I’ll point you in the right direction.
5. Once you get to the site, try to find something titled

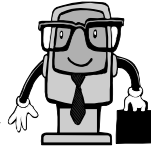
“update” or “new definitions” or something similar (sorry to be so vague). This can be surprisingly well hidden.

6. Now select the appropriate options for your software (i.e. the downloads that correspond to the software that you are using). Sometimes have several options that seem the same (for instance McAfee offer both a DAT update and SuperDAT, the SuperDAT contains an update of the virus “engine” and is therefore the option I prefer, but takes longer to download).
7. Follow the screens to start downloading the update. Save it into the folder created in step 1. (Downloading can take a very long time, as these are generally quite large files – up to 5 Mb, prepare for up to 1 hour download time).
8. When the download completes, close your browser and go offline.
9. Use My Computer to go to the folder created in step 1, which should now contain the update file. Double click this file to run it. **YOU MUST DO THIS** – just saving the file onto your computer is not enough, you have to run it to ensure that everything has been updated properly. Follow any instructions given by the software to update it completely. Often necessary to restart the computer at some point.
10. Now, when everything is updated, do a **FULL SCAN** of all the files on your computer, to ensure that no viruses have already found a way in! If you’re not sure how to do this, open up your software (find it’s entry in the Start menu to do this) and then use it’s built in Help.

If anyone has any further questions about updating, or would like a demonstration on your own system, please contact me at adrian@thecomclub.org.uk.

Hope that helps,
Adrian.

THE COMPUTER EXPERT



This is the tale of a young man who had just obtained a rather poor degree from a less than good University. However he was undaunted and gave the impression that there was little of importance appertaining to the PC that he was not very familiar with. With this attitude he somehow managed to obtain an interview with one of the top Computer Companies in the World. Here is a brief synopses of the interview.

Our friend attended in an open neck shirt and scruffy jeans. This was standard wear for our friend. He even wore these same Jeans for his Graduation at University!

Chairman of Panel Good Morning Sir. It is Company policy that these interviews are brief and if you have any questions then please feel free to ask

Our Friend OK Mate.

There followed a short dialogue of which there is little to discuss Such minor details as to what was expected of employees and promotion prospects were explained.

Our friend then asked the following questions.

Our Friend How many weeks holiday do I get?

Chairman of Panel Four is standard rising to 6 after 10 years service

Our Friend Is there paid sick leave?

Chairman of Panel Upto four days in any one year.

Our Friend Is it OK to be late if things are busy at home or I have a hang over?

Chairman of Panel Yes BUT not too often Sir!

PAUSE

Chairman of Panel What Salary are you expecting?

Our Friend With no hesitation Not less than £70,000

Chairman of Panel I do not think that we could manage more than £60,000

PAUSE

Chairman of Panel There are of course several fringe benefits

Our Friend Such as?

Chairman of Panel There is private health care for you, your partner and of course your parents if you have any.

PAUSE

Chairman of Panel You would be expected to holiday for at least two weeks in the South of France and would have free use of the Company Yacht and the crew including the servants.

Chairman of Panel Also you would have free use of the Company Villa in the Alps should you wish to go Skiing in the Winter.

Our Friend You taking the Piss Mate?

Chairman of Panel Yes! But you started it!

Tony Seager

Are You A Carer?



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Do you look after a relative or friend who, due to disability, confusion, frailty or illness cannot manage alone? Does the disabled person live with you and require care around the clock, or do they live elsewhere and require care for just a few hours a week? You may yourself be disabled, elderly or providing mutual support with another disabled person. You may be a young person with caring responsibilities.

Whatever the situation if you are providing support and care for someone who could not manage without it then you are a carer. Many people do not realise that they are a carer and often miss out on the support, services and benefits that are available to them. If you'd like to know more about what support is out there or just want to talk about a caring situation call The Care Network Carers Line on (01761) 431389 or e-mail us on:-
carerssupport@thecarenetwork.co.uk

The Care Network provides information, advice and support to carers across BANES.

Alan Trinder

Puzzle Time



Answers to the following puzzle questions published in the last newsletter.

1. A _____ F G J L
 _____ B C D E H I K

Put the remaining letters of the alphabet above or below the line as you think

Answer

1. Above the line - M N P Q R S T U V W Y Z

Below the line - O X, ie. those that are symmetrical about a horizontal line.

2. A rich man once gave 50p to every boy in his home town and 30p to every girl (Sex discrimination!). All the girls accepted the money but 40% of the boys refused it. If there were 2000 children altogether (not necessarily equal numbers of boys and girls), how much money did the man pay out?

Answer

2. Only 60% of the boys accepted 50p, so the average per boy was 60% of 50p, ie. 30p - the same as the girls. The total is therefore $2000 \times 30p = \text{£}600$.

3. A very old puzzle involving pouring from containers. Three jugs have capacities of 8 pints, 5 pints and 3 pints respectively. The 8-pint jug is full of water and the other two are empty.

How can you arrange to have 4 pints in each of the two large jugs?

Answer

3. It takes 7 steps (unless you can do it in less!).

	Jug A - 8 pints	Jug B - 5 pints	Jug C - 3 pints	
	A	B	C	
Start	8	0	0	
Step 1	3	5	0	Fill jug B from jug A
Step 2	3	2	3	Fill jug C from jug B
Step 3	6	2	0	Pour jug C into jug A
Step 4	6	0	0	Pour jug B into jug C
Step 5	1	5	2	Fill jug B from jug A
Step 6	1	4	3	Fill jug C from jug B
Step 7	4	4	0	Pour jug C into jug A

Did you get them right? Some new puzzles to try over the page.

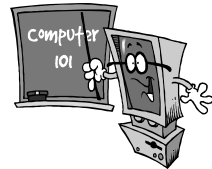
Some New Puzzles



1. Show that, if the top 26 cards of an ordinary shuffled pack of cards contain more red cards than there are black cards in the bottom 26, then there must be, somewhere in the pack, at least 3 consecutive cards of the same colour.
2. Two cyclists, a mile apart, are approaching each other, one at 8 mph and the other at 12 mph. A fly travels at 30 mph from one cyclist to the other repeatedly.
How far does the fly travel until the two cyclists meet?

Derick Alliban

Optical Character Recognition



As promised, a look at the wonderful world of OCR (optical character recognition). But first a disclaimer: OCR is a very difficult field to write about as it depends a lot on the OCR package that you have, and the scanner you are using – so this may not bear any resemblance to your system at all! However, it should give you some useful pointers. For this reason I have not included any screenshots or step by step (i.e. click this, then click this) instructions – just a general idea of the sort of things you should expect. Therefore this is a very short article at the moment, but I expect to follow it up with a demonstration at a future meeting, if there seems to be enough interest.

What is OCR?

All those with scanner know that it is possible to scan an image into your computer, manipulate it as you wish combine it with other elements and then produce a final document with it (don't you? Actually I'm not sure, as about 90% of the people I have seen only use their scanners as photocopiers!). If you try the same with a piece of text it will still be scanned as an image – great

if you want a direct quote, but pretty useless if you want to edit the content in any way.

In order to use a scanner to create editable text you have to use an OCR package (many available – a basic one is sure to have been supplied with your scanner). The package will use the scanner to create a scan of the page, then use pattern recognition to try to work out what the letters are.

How accurate is it?

That depends – with a decent OCR package (about £400) and scanner it can be up to 99% accurate, but *it all depends on the quality of the source document*. No matter how good your software and scanner, you will not get a decent result if your source is smudged, very small, in an unusual font etc. Simple 12point Times New Roman or Arial text is best – take your chances with anything else!

So, how do I OCR?

1. Start up your OCR package (Caere Omnipage is popular with scanner manufacturers at the moment).
2. Find the option to scan a page (may have to select the scan source first). This is often called “acquiring” if you are using a TWAIN (believe it or not it stands for “Technology Without An Interesting Name – I guess it had to be called something) compliant scanner – which you almost certainly will be.
3. Your normal scanner control window will now open – though may not have all of the options available to you. If possible select a text scanning option (included on many scanners), if not set the resolution to 300 or 600 dpi and the colour depth to 1 bit (black and white).
4. If possible, do a “Preview” to ensure that the source is in the scanner the right way around (makes all the difference

when the computer tries to recognise it!), and then click the “Scan” button to scan an image of the page into the computers memory.

5. It is now usual to have to tell the computer to actually look at the scan and try to read what is there – on my computer I have to click a “Recognise” button to start this process, if offered a choice of dictionaries to use, select the one that seems most appropriate to what is being OCR’ed.
6. The computer will now quickly look through the page it has in memory, and compare all the marks on it to known letters – building up words which are then checked against it’s dictionary to see if they make sense (this improves accuracy as many words are corrected automatically this way).
7. You should now save the output – Rich Text Format (.RTF) is a fairly standard output format, as it can be read by almost every word processing package out there.
8. Now, get yourself a drink (may be needed), sit down, and open the file to see what it has done to your text.
9. After you have finished screaming you will probably realise that it is not as bad as it seems, and that a quick “Find and Replace” operation will take care of most recognition errors (mine cannot get the “I” correct, it always appears as a “l” [one]).
10. Now run a full spell check on the text – this will pick out some interesting things that can otherwise be missed – for an example, I recently came up with the following word being produced by my OCR package:

lnell0

Look at it quickly and you don’t see anything wrong with it – but then you realise that instead of “h” it has “ln” and in fact the “l”’s are actually ones again!

After a bit of trial and error with different settings it is possible to get very good results from your OCR package and scanner – normally things can be corrected in just a fraction of the time that it would take to re-type!

Have fun;

Adrian.

A Plan for the Improvement of English Spelling by Mark Twain

For example, in Year 1, that useless letter "c" would be dropped to be replaced either by "k" or "s", and likewise "x" would no longer be part of the alphabet. The only case in which "c" would be retained would be the "ch" formation, which will be dealt with later.

Year 2 might reform "w" spelling, so that "which" and "one" would take the same konsonant, while Year 3 might well abolish "y" replacing it with "i" and Year 4 might fix the "g/j" anomaly once and for all.

Generally, then, the improvement would continue year by year with Year 5 doing away with useless double konsonants, and Years 6-12 or so modifying vowels and the remaining voiced and unvoiced konsonants.

By Year 15 or so, it would finally be possible to make use of the redundant letters "c", "y" and "x" -- by now just a memory in the minds of old dodgers -- to replace "ch", "sh", and "th" respectively.

Finally, when, after some 20 years of orthographic reform, we would have a logical, coherent spelling in use throughout the English-speaking world.

Adrian



A USEFUL WEBSITE



A favourite website of mine which I find very useful is:- **www.multimap.com**

Enter the above in the address line and search, this will bring up a screen with various options. You can just enter a line of the address you want if you wish to find out the Post Code, or enter the Post Code if you know it.

A screen will be displayed which will give a map of the road and surrounding area with the particular house shown with a red ring around it. Below the map you can find the complete address. There is also a block flashing 'What is the area really like?' which if you click on it will display endless information about the area. Examples of the information available are - nearest Pub, Restaurant, Post Office, Cinema and what is showing. Leisure activities, House Prices, Member of Parliament, Local Council and their policies, and much more.

Another useful option is the best route, Click on 'Directions' then enter the starting point and destination address.

Choose shortest or quickest route.

Click on 'Get Directions'

This will display a route map, the distance and travel time. (Although it does not take account of other road users. I think it must have been travelled in the middle of the night, for the timings)

The route map road recommended is marked with section numbers, each of these will bring up a more detailed map of this section.

All of these maps can be printed and will give written directions of exactly when to turn right or left etc.

Visit this web site and find out about holiday areas you might like to visit or any place which interests you. It is possible to very quickly pass a wet, winter afternoon travelling around the country in the dry and warmth of your own home.

Margot Witcombe

Which is your favourite website? We're waiting to hear from you.

My Favourite Joke



I love this joke because it is subtle and leaves everything to the imagination, which is the art of short story telling:

A burglar breaks into a house. Creep, creep he goes through the darkness. A floorboard cracks. Burglar stops, hardly daring to breathe. A voice says, “Jesus is watching you.” Burglar is startled. Waits. A moment later he creeps on again. Crack! Goes a floorboard once more and once again a voice says, “Jesus is watching you!” Burglar shines his torch around and lights upon a parrot on his perch in the corner. “Are you...are y-you Jesus?” stutters the Burglar, feeling very foolish. “No,” says the parrot. “I’m Moses.” “Moses!” says the Burglar. “That’s a funny name for a parrot.” “Jesus is a funny name for a Rottweiler!” says the parrot.

Ian Taylor

Abbot and Costello Meet Windows 95

Costello: Hey, Abbot!

Abbot: Yes, Lou?

Costello: I just got my first computer.

Abbot: That's great Lou. What did you get?

Costello: A Pentium II-266, with 64 Megs of RAM, a 2.1 Gig hard drive, and a 24X CD-ROM.

Abbot: That's terrific, Lou.

Costello: But I don't know what any of it means!

Abbot: You will in time.

Costello: That's exactly why I am here to see you.

Abbot: Oh?



Costello: I heard that you are a real computer expert.

Abbot: Well, I don't know-

Costello: Yes-sir-ee. You know your stuff. And you're going to train me.

Abbot: Really?

Costello: Uh huh. And I am here for my first lesson.

Abbot: O.K. Lou. What do want to know?

Costello: I am having no problem turning it on, but I heard that you should be very careful how you turn it off.

Abbot: That's true.

Costello: So, here I am working on my new computer and I want to turn it off. What do I do?

Abbot: Well, first you press the Start button, and then-

Costello: No, I told you, I want to turn it off.

Abbot: I know, you press the Start button-

Costello: Wait a second. I want to turn it Off. I know how to start it. So tell me what to do.

Abbot: I did.

Costello: When?

Abbot: When I told you to press the Start button.

Costello: Why should I press the Start button?

Abbot: To shut off the computer.

Costello: I press Start to stop.

Abbot: Well Start doesn't actually stop the computer.

Costello: I knew it! So what do I press?

Abbot: Start.

Costello: Start what?

Abbot: Start button.

Costello: Start button to do what?

Abbot: Shut down.

Costello: You don't have to get rude!

Abbot: No, no, no! That's not what I meant.

Costello: Then say what you mean.

Abbot: To shut down the computer, press-

Costello: Don't say, "Start!"

Abbot: Then what do you want me to say?

Costello: Look, if I want to turn off the computer, I am willing to press the Stop button, the End button and Cease and Desist button, but no one in their right mind presses the Start to Stop.

Abbot: But that's what you do.

Costello: And you probably Go at Stop signs, and Stop at green lights.

Abbot: Don't be ridiculous.

Costello: I'm being ridiculous? Well. I think it's about time we started this conversation.

Abbot: What are you talking about?

Costello: I am starting this conversation right now. Good-bye.

Adrian



HANDY HINT

If, while you're word processing, you accidentally lose any highlighted text by pressing the space bar or the return button, don't panic. All is not lost. You now have three options. Click on the 'undo typing' button in Edit, or, if you haven't one of those, hold down Alt and press the backspace key, or hold down the Ctrl key and press 'z'. Lo and behold, all that lovely text that you thought you would have to retype will re-appear.

A Review of E-mail addresses



Adrian's

Club stuff: - chair@thecomclub.org.uk

Personal: - adrian@thecomclub.org.uk

thecomclub@hotmail.com

adrian_Hooper@bigfoot.com

"Dodgy": - mail@thecomclub.org.uk (suspect e-mails, viruses etc)

Web page: - webmaster@thecomclub.org.uk

Mailing list: - list@thecomclub.org.uk

The "Dodgy" account is for people to send suspect e-mails/files etc for me to check - it also seems to be the account that attracts junk mail. Anything sent to that address is treated with caution.

Gwen's

editor@thecomclub.org.uk

gwen.hoskins@ukgateway.net

For Sale or Wanted



There are no computer items offered for sale this month, so I am taking the opportunity to announce that the **Somer Scribes** Writers Circle's latest **Book** is now available, still at £1 only. For those of you that have not yet come across this book, it is an annual selection of short stories, articles and poems by local writers and can be purchased from various local newsagents and from myself. My excuse for this advertisement in your magazine is that the desktop publishing was done on my computer!

Don't forget -if you have anything you wish to sell, or happen to be looking for, please fill in the form on the opposite page and hand it to either myself or Adrian.

Gwen

Items for Sale/Wanted

If you have an item for sale/wanted, please fill in the section below (or write the same information on a separate piece of paper) and send it to me, or hand it to me at a meeting .

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

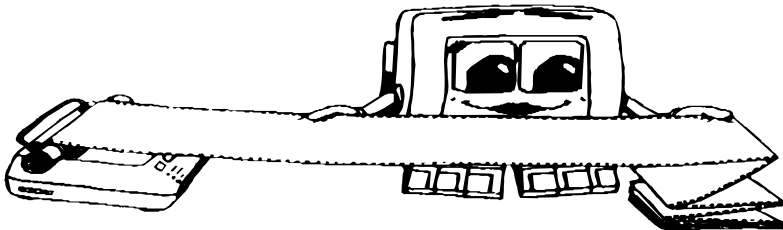
Is the item for sale, or wanted (please delete)?:

FOR SALE / WANTED

Description:

Price wanted/Willing to pay: £ _____

Date: _____



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