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FLEET STREET
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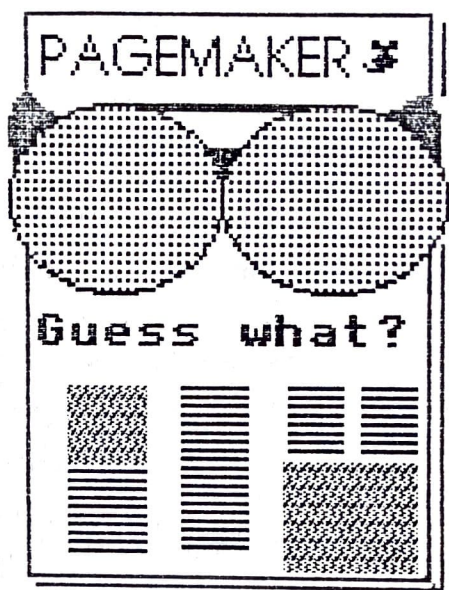ready"

PAGEMAKER

Guess what?

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DIARY

The next few meetings will be held on:

        7 May
        21 May   Annual General Meeting
        4 June
        18 June

All meetings are still held in the Shakespeare Hotel on Gibraltar Street.

Note that the meeting on 21 May is the Annual General Meeting, when a new Committee will be elected, and anyone who wishes to take a hand in running the club should make sure that his or her name is given to Mike Cattell as soon as possible. All committee members must be at least 18 years old, but there are no other restrictions. There is only a small amount of work involved, and you will have the opportunity to put forward your views on how YOU think that the Club should be run, so let's be hearing from you!

Please note also that there is a three week gap before the next meeting on 7 May. If you have any enquiries about club matters, meeting times, venues, etc, please ring the Secretary, Mike Cattell, on Dronfield 417413 after 6:30pm.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

We are always happy to receive articles for the Newsletter. If you have an idea for an article, please talk to Dave Brown or Pete Frith.

ACORN

On 3 April Acorn announced a loss of £2.9 million for the six months up to December 1985 on sales of about £20 million, compared with a £22.2 million loss on sales of £77 million for the twelve months up to June 1985, so even if the company isn't out of the wood yet, it is looking a little healthier. The trade magazine Computer Weekly reports that the company is recruiting staff again and is expecting to have a total of about 280. The payroll at the start of 1985 was some 470, but numbers have dropped dramatically since then.

QUIZ

(B)e an
(A)ctive person and
(S)olve the simple
(I)nstructions, not using
(C)omputers

Without using your computer, solve the following problems:

A. STRING PROBLEMS

If:
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A$="QWERTY"
B$="FRED"
C$="12345"
D$="WINSTON COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION"
E$="TEL. 885051"
F$="JOHN CLEESE"
G$="170447"
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Then what is:
1. LEN(A$)
2. VAL(C$)
3. VAL(E$)
4. LEFT$(D$,7)
5. RIGHT$(F$,6)
6. MID$(G$,3,2)
7. LEFT$(A$,(VAL(B$))
8. RIGHT$(C$,1)
9. VAL(RIGHT$(E$,6))
10. MID$(F$,1,4)

B. EXPRESSIONS

IF:
A=2, B=5 and C=10

Then calculate:
1. A * B
2. A + B
3. A * C - B
4. (C - B) * (C + B)
5. A + C - B
6. A * B / C
7. (B * C) / (B - A)
8. A * B - B * A

The answers will be given in the next issue.

Frank Webster

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Pagemaker or Fleet Street Editor ?

-Pagemaker-

Pagemaker is by AMX and is supplied with 16K and 8K Eproms and two
discs. Its cost is £49.95, and you will also need the AMX Super
Art ROM. I have heard rumours that AMX have remedied this for
users with joysticks or keyboard, because with the old version,
users without ROM/RAM extension boards could not use Pagemaker.
You will now not need an extension board, unless you are going to
use Pagemaker with the mouse. Having said that, Pagemaker is a
very user friendly version of a page making program. Its
selection windows are not as friendly as Fleet Street's, yet the
icons are rather more impressive. Pagemaker works in mode Ø in its
editing and printing modes. It gives options to use 15
pre-defined fonts, or if you have the time, it has a facility for
users to define their own fonts. The text is easy to type in, and
can be enlarged or scaled down quite easily. Windows can also be
defined to place text in. Both page makers allow the inputting of
Wordwise and View files. The screen can easily be wrapped around
to cover a whole A4 sheet of paper, and to print it out, the
program will print from a rough copy to double strike A4 copy.
Before printing the printer has to be specified and the program
will even draw you a picture of your printer on the screen.
That's if you had forgotten what it looked like. The drawing mode
is rather like AMX's first mode 4 drawing package brought out with
the release of the mouse, but not as user friendly.

-Fleet Street Editor-

This page maker is Mirrorsoft and is supplied on 2 discs. One,
containing a rather impressive graphics library, and the other
containing the Fleet Street Editor. It is ten pounds cheaper than
Pagemaker, but you can see the difference. The windows that are
set up at the start give a clear and helpful look at what can be
accessed by the user. The main difference between Pagemaker and
Fleet Street Editor, is that Fleet Street Editor has a library of,
so it claims, 2ØØK of pictures. Some of no use to you at all. It
takes a lot of effort to extract a picture or part of one and
place it into the editing modes. The studio mode will allow you
to draw or edit pictures that can be placed with the text. The
Copydesk is a wordprocessor, with two double height fonts and two

single height fonts. It really is a struggle to input double height lettering, for the user has to define an area first. The program, like Pagemaker, can cope with a large range of printers and screen dumps to A4 paper. The advantage with Fleet Street Editor is that no ROMs are needed to run the program. But for an extra ten pounds, I think, Pagemaker is certainly the best of the two. Now, what about a colour Pagemaker in mode 1!

<div align="right">Anon</div>

COVER

This month's cover was drawn by Ian .Brown using AMX Art. Don't forget, if you want to draw a cover for the Newsletter, please contact Dave Brown or Pete Frith.

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