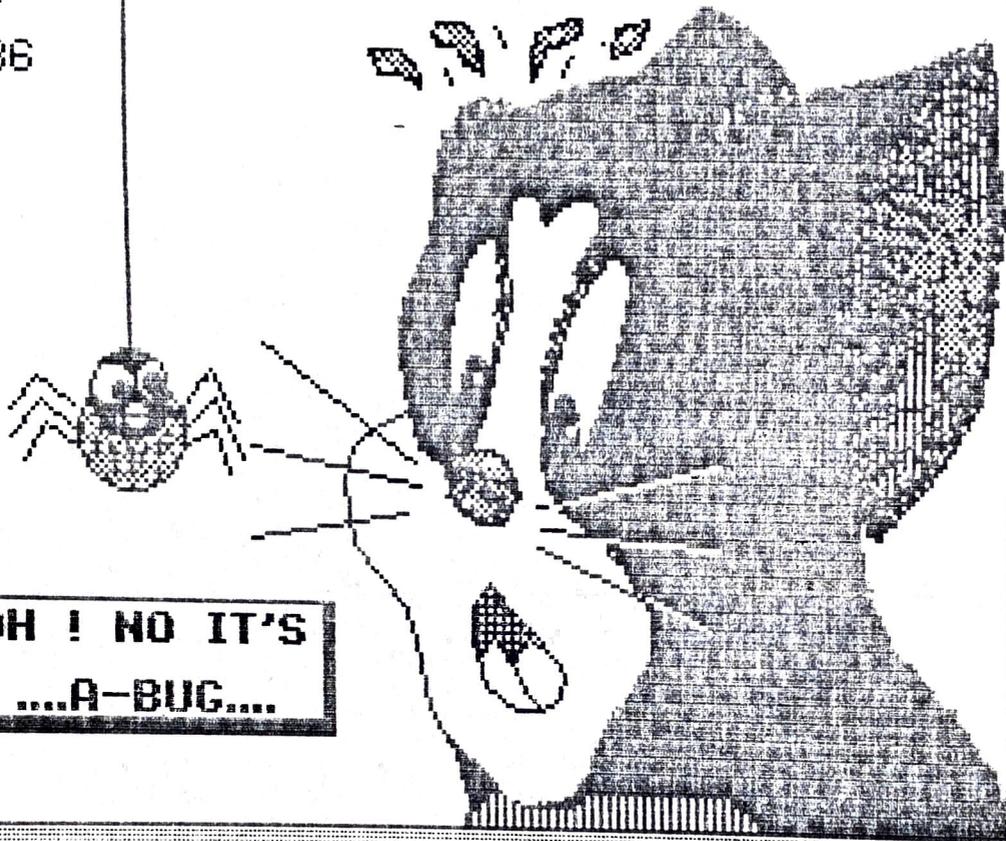


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DIARY

The next few meetings will be held on:

6 August
20 August
3 September - Software Sale
17 September

All meetings are held in the Shakespeare Hotel on Gibraltar Street, near Sheffield city centre.

Please note that there is a 3 WEEK gap before the next meeting on 6 August.

We are having a sale on 3 September of ex-Library software that is no longer needed. There will be programs and books for sale at bargain prices.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As advertised in the Newsletter, the AGM was held on 18 June. A surprisingly large number of members (considering the counter attraction of England vs Paraguay) turned up. For those of you who didn't (or did, but have forgotten what happened) here is a brief resume of the decisions taken.

There being no nominations for Committee posts, the 1986/7 Committee will be the same as the 1986/6 Committee, namely:

Chairman	Frank Webster
Secretary:	Mike Cattell
Treasurer:	Mike Beetham
Librarian:	Mike Robinson
Editors:	Dave Brown
	Pete Frith

Mike Beetham presented the Treasurer's Report, and a copy of the audited accounts are included in this Newsletter. The Club is in a good financial position, although we (deliberately) ran at a small loss last year. As you will see, the Club has a fairly substantial amount of money in the bank, and the Committee decided last year to use some of this for such things as Library acquisitions, the Christmas Party, etc. We will probably do the same this year.

Mike Beetham sought permission to transfer the Club's account to a bank that was more convenient for him, and to put most of the surplus into a deposit account, where it would earn us some interest. Both of these proposals were agreed.

We next debated a suggestion that the Club should widen its membership to include other computer manufacturers, such as Amstrad and Atari. The general feeling of the members present was that this was not a good idea, particularly as all our software, literature and "expertise" was for the Acorn computers. As long as the size of membership remains high enough to keep the Club running at a reasonable subscription rate, we will continue as an Acorn-only club, although we always welcome members or friends of members who may wish to bring along other machines to show us.

The meeting then turned to the question of which magazine cassette listings we should buy. We have had subscriptions to the cassettes from Beebug, Acorn User and The Micro User, but all these have now lapsed. We are still obtaining these listings because of the good offices of one of our members, but these subscriptions too will lapse before long. The Committee felt that we cannot continue to subscribe to all three in our present financial condition, or all our surplus will be consumed fairly rapidly, and sought the members' opinions.

It was agreed that we will only subscribe to Beebug and Acorn User cassettes for the next year, although The Micro User will continue to be available until the subscription runs out. A number of members borrow the magazine discs during Club meetings, take a copy onto their own discs, and then return the original to the Library. Since the disc is not borrowed for the normal two week period, no lending fee is owed to the Library. Although we do not mind this practice of copying the disc during the Club night (and, since they contain published listings, there can be little legal objection), it was felt that members who do this should pay a 25p short-term loan fee, which will of course go towards the cost of buying more listings.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed, and everyone went back to watching the football.

Dave Brown

LIBRARY

This is to tell new members, and remind older ones, that the Library contains a lot of books and programs, both games and utilities, plus magazine discs and cassettes. Why not have a talk to Mike Robinson (you'll recognise him as he will be staggering in with a large heavy suitcase) and look through the stock. The very reasonable loan rates are as follows:

All books and commercial software	-	£1.00
Magazine cassettes and discs	-	50p
Loan for the evening	-	25p

The loan period is normally from one Club meeting to the next.

DISC TRANSFERS OF MAGAZINE LISTINGS

These will in future be done in 80 track single density only. We have up to now been supplying these in 40 track format, but we believe that the large majority of members now use 80 track discs.

SOLIDISK'S FOURMEG BOARD - UPDATE

I have not yet heard anything further from Solidisk. The board has proved reliable in use at 2MHz, shadow ram works well with, for example View 3.0 (used to prepare this Newsletter), but I still can't use it as a silicon disc in the absence of Solidisk's DFS. I see from their current advertisement that Solidisk are only offering a £50 trade-in on your old ram-board ("most makes"), but they are also offering £40 on your old rom-board! They will also quote you a special trade in for your old Model B and add ons (internal and external) against a Master.

Dave Brown

COVER

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

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL 1986

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	£	p	EXPENDITURE	£	p
Membership Fees	290	50	Hire of Rooms	128	76
Library	47	85	Stationery etc.	25	64
Excess of Expenditure Over Income C/Down	37	45	Library	153	00
	<u>375</u>	<u>80</u>	Discs	25	00
			Miscellaneous	43	40
				<u>375</u>	<u>80</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL 1986

ASSETS	£	p	CREDITORS	£	p
Cash at Bank	306	42	Surplus from 1984/85	376	02
Cash in Hand	32	15	<u>LESS</u> Deficit B/Down	37	45
	<u>338</u>	<u>57</u>		<u>338</u>	<u>57</u>

I CERTIFY THAT THESE ACCOUNTS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE VOUCHERS PRESENTED TO ME, AND ARE, TO THE BEST
OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, CORRECT.


A.J. BROWNE M.A.A.T.