

CS update newsletter #002

CS36 had a few problems ! :

The disk contained a corrupted file - **geoBEAP v2.0** did not copy for some reason, this is even more interesting as the original was fine when I checked it ! Anybody wanting the file can either wait for CS37 when it will be supplied again or you can send me your CS36 disk with return postage and I will recopy it for you. Also on page 17 the table in the second column did not print correctly - again ! - I have reprinted it below for you.

Drive	Controller	Bay Size
Hard Disk	PC/64HDD	3.5"***
CD-ROM	PC/64HDD	5.25"
PC Floppy	PC/64HDD	3.5"
1541-II	CBM Controller	5.25"
1581	CBM Controller	3.5"

On with other stuff !

FOR SALE : Box of 5.25" disks for anyone wanting to pay postage. Contents = 1.9KG of disks (uncounted but i'm sure there are over 100 & unchecked - most used once). Postage cost £4.30, phone (voice mail)/fax 07092 022719 with your contact details.

CS37 : The main reason for this newsletter is to let you know how the next issue is doing. Well you will be pleased to know that it is well underway. Articles are coming in and there are some great hardware reviews underway. Some items include, Wolf In Sheeps Clothing part 2 from Nickolas Coplin, IDE64 reviewed, Project SX64 part 2, Retro Replay + Silver Surfer reviewed. Most of the new layout and graphics are ready as well. There is no firm release date yet but by the time you read this there will be a free sample page to download (maybe even two !).

MICRO MART : Shaun Bebbington has been a VERY busy boy recently. Not only has he organised the forthcoming Retro

Computer show in Crewe but he is currently writing the Retro Computing column for Micro Mart. An off shoot of this foray into writing is that MM have put aside an area on their web site forum area for retro discussion topics. Once again, it is up to you to 'use it or loose it'. Go buy MM now, read it, send letters and leave messages in the chat area. Shaun has been given a limited run of article space - there will be more - IF WE SUPPORT HIM, so come on, do your bit. Visit << <http://www.micromart.co.uk/content/newforum/threads.asp?ForumID=24>>>

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Future CS Coverdisks : As from CS37 onwards Richard of TND will be compiling some of the CS cover disks (I hope that other people may want to help out too ? - ED). CS37's cover disk looks very promising and has got mainly nearly new C64 games on side 1 (not all games are by Richard, only two, including the mega hit 'Balloonacy') and there's an all new-look CS Disk Menu, which Richard is currently programming featuring great music). Side 2 is currently being compiled at the moment. Nice start to the new look CS37, but it is NOT too late for you to submit your own contributions for the cover disk. If you have any then please send them to Allan Bairstow, or Email richard_tnd@hotmail.com

Disk Shortages : The perennial problem of new disks rears it ugly head again. I recently got hold of hundreds of new disks from Bruce Thomas, which is good news, however, I estimate that this supply will run out at around issue 45 or 47. As old disks are unreliable I have to insist on new disks only - anybody got any ideas ?

CS-SuperPSU v3 : Several improvements on the already superb power supply unit from CS have now been made. The v3 unit comes ready to supply 2x computers and 7x devices. It is thought that this will be

the last version adaptations as it is hard to see where it could possibly go next ! A full range of adaptors are now available to fit almost any computer and drive combination. The CS-SuperPSU now supports : c64, c64c, c128, c128d, 1541-II (and clones), 1581, 1571d, CMD HD, CMD RL, FD2000, FD4000 and any IDE device. Please note that to support some devices a 'gender changer' will be required. The CS-SuperPSU is fully SuperCPU tolerant !

64HDD : Just announced by Nick Coplin are some more improvements to the 64HDD system. The 64HDD now has better support for D64/D71 images, file creation now supports PRG, SEQ and USR files. Secondly (*and most importantly ? - ED*) is support for GEOS ! Fuller details will be in CS37.

SPECIAL OFFER : As this flyer/newsletter is going out to everybody on the CS database, some of you will not have renewed your subs or bought an issue for many years now ! What can you do about it then ? Well one of two things (1) tell me to remove you from the CS database and I won't bother you again, or (2) you can send me £2.50 (£3.50 overseas) and I will send you a back issue to read (no disk) and you can see what you have been missing all this time. I can't say which issue you will get as many are in short supply or even sold out all together.

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Bye for now, allan