

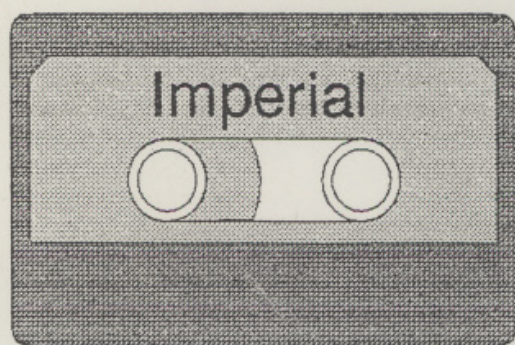
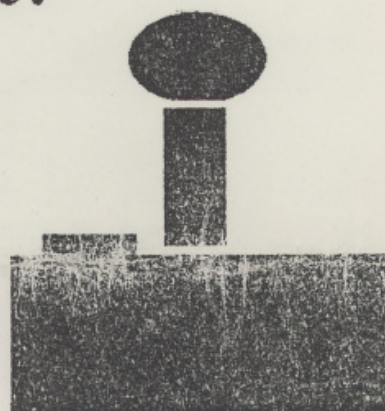
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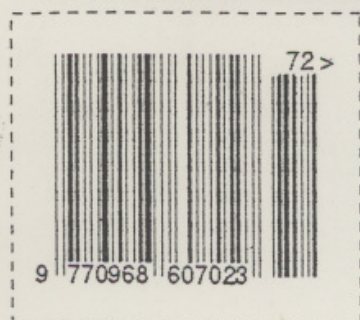
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ED'S BIT

Welcome to the first ed's bit, run (Not surprizingly) by the editor. Here I get to let rip at any and everything I wish and basicly try to brain wash every one to my way of thinking! I have had a 48+ for the past six years (I have also had ZX81's, +2's and a 16k.) With the demise of Your Sinclair I decided to run a user-group / fanzine and here we are today.

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The main feature of this mag is games if you want technical suport we will provide it but it is not the main aspect of this mag. (We're all thick here!) With virtually nothing being released we may not have much to review in the coming months, so the emphasis will be on P.D. and cheats. I love cheats I even used to look in mags for good cheats then buy the game! I like rock music If anyone likes 'dance' music, stop and find a hobby with more depth (train spotting for instance!) and drinking cider but only strong bow not that cheap crap like white star. I am running out of things to say so I will give you a quick run down of my partner, Robert Hedley,

Rundown of Robert Hedley:-

He likes Indie music and used to have an Amstrad! But he is better now and even has a girl friend but does not like to be reminded of his past.

Well thats all for now folks so see you next month.

Neil.

FREE PD !?

Every 6 issues we will be mounting a cover tape this will contain PD titles from our library and will be a broad range of things including Games, Demos, Utilities, and Educational software. We hope you will find something that will interest you. Please write in stating what type of software you would like to see. Please do not request that we should send out disc's etc... as there are such a large amount of different media formats for the Spectrum it would mean we would have to start a databace for the formats you have and we are all to lazy (I mean busy).

ON THIS MONTH'S TAPE.

This month we have:-

Zone-M.

Smart centipede clone on speed!

48 Menu.

+2 type menu for 48k's.

Incremat.

Better format for microdrive. (From 80k to 93k in my case!)

UDG Bank.

Bank of intresting UDG's. (Strangley enough)

Spectest.

Test Rom, Ram, Keyboard, Beeps, Save and load.

Letters 'N' Stuff

Letters you can't beat 'em, I wrote a letter once, It said "Dear milky please leave two semi" So if I can do it so can you! Please send all letters to...

Neil Taylor,
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Dunscroft,
Doncaster,
DN74HS,
S.Yorks.

BEYOND THE FRIDGE

Dear Neil,
I think that now Your Sinclair is dead. The Spectrum has no hope for the future. We have all played our part and now let the Spectrum die with some grace.

Yours,
Tony Cooper
Crewe

Dear Tony,
I think you should stick your head down the toilet and flush the chain ('cos it will save me the effort!) The fact that you are reading this shows you that there is still a large Speccy user base out there. Just because YS is gone (God rest her sole) you should not go and buy the latest c.c.c.console (People passing the Imperial office look worried as large vomiting noises are emitted from my office) just buy a fanzine like the one you are reading now and get in touch with a PD Library.

RINGO

Dear Neil,
How cn I get hold of Elite?
Paul Jackson
Derby

Dear Paul,
Try a car-boot or Write to Alan Cresswell
(Address elsewhere)

FOUND OUT?

Dear Neil,
If this is the first issue of Imperial how have you got lots of letters?
Are you just sat there making them up?
Do I win a prize?
S.Holly
London

Dear s
Yes and no. Yes I have made all the letters up and as I have no you do not win a prize but you could if you did write to me. But that would be a bit difficult as you are just a figment of my over active imagination!

Mr MEN

Dear Neil,
Should I sell my +2 and get a +3 or just get a D+?

Peter Boardman
Doncaster

Dear Peter,
It depends on what you are going to use it for, but personally I wouldn't. As 3" disks are crap and cost a bomb.

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GAMES GALORE !

Times are hard, not just money wise but on the speccy front too. In my local town only one computer shop still stocks spec games (And they are all reduced to clear.) so we have to look elsewhere for our little pleasures(!) So hear we have a short list of places to go and people to meet so you can still get hold of your titles.

BOOT SALES.

If you think that boot sales are little things for old grannys then think again, they are MASSIVE! and there is no better place to look for spec stuff I have tonnes of games (But never pay more than 40-50p for a game as there is no guarantee of it working) and you can get hard-wear too, I spent £1.50 on a power supply two years ago and it still works to this day!

SECOND-HAND SHOPS

You can often find box's of games in second-hand shops but hard-wear is harder to find. Remember to ask for a receipt as if it will not work you can take it back.

YOUR FRIENDS

If you friends have lowered them self to some form of console or 16-bit computer (Apart from the QL) then you can swap/buy/nick his old Speccy stuff if he still has it.

WANTED

All pre '86 Sinclair games, Please contact Neil Taylor, 265 Broadway, Duncroft, Doncaster, DN74HS, S.Yorks.

PD LIBARIRES

PD is cool and the games are usually of a high standard so here is the best.

*Fountain PD
11 Camel Road
Silvertown
London
E16 2DE*

*Prism PD
13 Rodney Close
Bilton
Rugby
CV22 7HJ*

All the above are my faves but there are many more. P.D. games can be real corkers but you can also get real turkeys but at the price of a disk i'm not going to winge.

Compo time!

How would you like to win 6 months free subscription? What do you mean no? course you would! And to do so all you have to do is answer this simple question.

Who was the first man on the moon?

Now is that piss or wot, And we even give you a clue.

Answers to....

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Robs' Column

Hello everyone

Well it's me Rob, I'm the person who does everything here at the Imperial office. Neil just lazies around whilst I design, write, and finish this Speccy fanzine type thing. (But who pays for it, tosser ? - Neil). You see I'm the one with the brains around here, I think Neils got an IQ of about 45. (Doah what's a IQ boss?-Neil)

Neil wants me to express my views on the Speccy. Personally I think that the Speccy is a great little machine, and pisses all over a Pentium P133 PC (Well at least we think it is, and if you don't we're going to send the boys round. Get it, got it, good.)

I have recently lent Neils +2A to compliment my 48K+ (Hey this dictionary is real good Neil, it's full of really big words.)

I've had a Speccy since 1989 when I got a rubber keyed 16K model, and since then it has been upgraded to 48K, and then finally onto a 48K+ model. As well as having several Speccys I've had an Amstrad CPC464+, a C64, an Acorn 3020, and an Opus 486 SX33 PC (Please forgive me. It was just a phase I was going through.)

Technical Bit

Networking on your Spectrum ***Yes it is possible!***

Well you wouldn't think it, but it is, and all you need is an Interface 1 compatible interface, two Spectrums (minimum), and a lead with a 3.5 mm jack plug at each end, and of course some networking software (which was on the microdrive demo cartridge, which you will have probably formatted by now). We will have some networking software available soon. Setting up a local area network, or net, lets you and your friends to play speccy games together. Like the really amusing guessing game, you would've got on the microdrive demo cartridge (bullshit!). It also allows you to send each other programs and data. This basically means that only one of you need type in a program. This is really good, especially if you only have one microdrive. This type of speccy network allows you to connect up to sixty-four speccy computers. Speccy networks should never be connected in a loop style format. Also each speccy should be left with one free network socket.

When you have set up your network each user should type in the following commands:-

FORMAT "n"; station number

This gives your speccy an identification number for the network. This then allows you to send messages to each other (ace or what!).

WARNING. Never turn of a speccy connected to a network, whilst it is transferring data, or communicated over the net.

(Robert if you ever copy articles from the manual again your sacked, copying is my job -Neil)

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Signed _____

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plasticky, manky, rubbishy,
uselessey tacky consoles.

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We would like to thank.....

Dave Fountain, Ms B. Downsland,
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Mr/Miss/Mrs/? Hall, Sir Clive,
Pamala Anderson and every one eles we
should mention but are to lazy!

I _____ Swear my undying
alleigance to the Spectrum range of home
computers and will never ever leave
the path of rightnousness that is the Spectrum
scene. People with PC may call us inferior
just because we dont have the latest ninja
PC but we will never falter in the ongoing
struggle for the recognition of 8-bit
computing as a viable hobby. If I am ever
tempted to buy a so-caled more "advanced"
computer I must sit in a dark cupboard for
three days with no food and water and chant
"long live the speccy, long live the speccy"
none stop. And if I ever BUY a 16/32/64 bit
computer then full know that I will be
called scum in the street and spat at
and I also know my windows may be smashed
by a flying 16k Speccy. Have a nice day.

Tape trubs

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