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Dear members,

Herewith the newsletter for February, 1985.

NEXT MEETING !!CHANGE OF DATE!! NEXT MEETING

As members who were at the last meeting are aware, circumstances beyond our control have forced us to change the date of our NEXT MEETING, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS, to the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month. Therefore, the club's next meeting will be held on 13 MARCH. Members are thus summoned to the "Loaves and Fishes", which is located behind St Paul's Cathedral in Molesworth St., in central Wellington. The meeting begins at 7.30 pm.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will dominate this meeting. The President's report is attached, and copies of the financial report will be available before the AGM commences. We are required to elect a new committee, the size of which is laid down in the rules as being a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least six other members. The outgoing Committee recommends that there be another two committee members, totalling eight. Nominations known to the Secretary are as follows:

President Michael MUNRO
Vice President None
Secretary Des ROWE
Treasurer Karl BETTELHEIM
Committee members Rogan Maxwell
Chris Caudwell
Neil Upton
Eddie Nickless
Dennis Dawson
John Blaikie
Felix Bettelheim

Other nominations, which should be placed in the Secretary's hands, will be accepted up to the time of voting. My own view is that the committee could be strengthened by some female representation. Another matter which could be decided is the annual membership fee. These are now due, so members should bring their cheque-books.

Continuing our long tradition, another club tape will be available for members. Quite what is on it, I don't know at present, but it will be another goodie! A second club disk will also be available: this contains a number of the programmes on two of our recent tapes; those at our next meeting will see the disk demonstrated. Out of towners can write to me at 95 Cecil Rd, Wellington, enclosing \$10.00 for a copy. (See below for a further statement about the club disks.)

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Apart from the AGM, the next meeting will include the usual demonstrations of new commercial software while Ron Pyne will demonstrate his enhancement that makes it possible to use any "ordinary" tape deck with an Atari computer. Those who want their present 410 tape decks given the "High reliability Modification" should hand them to me at the meeting: you will be without them for about three weeks to a month.

LAST MEETING

Ross Palmer's fascinating talk on Action language made it plain that this is a most powerful and flexible language in which to programme. It was a pity that so many members left early, but perhaps,

they had been driven senseless by those (heavenly) bells! Members should remember that meetings can continue until 10.30 pm.

NEW ATARI PRODUCTS

Atari has announced the introduction of a new family of computers. Compatible with the XL series, the new family includes a "portable" as well as a machine with 128k. There is, in addition, a 16 bit machine that is said to be the equal of the Apple Macintosh, while a 32 bit machine is on the way. Prices for Atari products are down, at least in the USA.

THE CLUB "PRINTER UTILITIES" DISK

This disk, which is being put together by Michael Munro, is nearly ready. We have it available at the April meeting. Some of the programmes have been contributed by our members, others have been taken from magazines such as Antic while others have come from our sister User Groups in the US.

CLUB DISKS

Our aim in producing these disks is to make available to at least some of our members programmes which, for various reasons, we have not been able to download from disk to tape (much the bulk of our imported programmes come to us on disk). A second aim is to put on disks those programmes that have recently been put out on tape. Prices have been set at \$10.00 per disk. Feedback from purchasers will be welcome.

THE CLUB SOFTWARE LIBRARY

The full list of all the programmes in our software library will be available to all members at our next meeting. Copies will be posted to the "out of town" members shortly thereafter. The delay in making this list available is regretted, but members will appreciate the volume of work involved when they see the list.

Graeme Scott (ph 736158) is interested in buying an 800 (XL optional) with 48k.

Upgrades of 400s to 48k: members concerned should not despair, Felix Bettelheim is endeavouring to set up a deal that will allow upgrades to be done locally and at reasonable cost. We hope to be able to say something more positive at the March 13 meeting..

Yours sincerely,
Des Rowe (Secretary)