

I.O.U.

The voice of the Independent Oric Users' Group.

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EDITORIAL

I've just noticed that I put the wrong year at the top of issue 1 and that nobody told me. Obviously too much time at the computer isn't good for you!

Response to issue 1 was fair and, surprisingly enough, I am still getting an occasional new reply to my letter in PCN. I am now certain that there are enough interested users to make the I.O.U.G. a viable proposition provided that you participate actively.

I have tried to get some more publicity but letters sent to Popular Computing Weekly and Home Computing Weekly some weeks ago seem to have been ignored. The latter surprised me since this magazine provides good support for the Oric. I have since written to Your Computer and Personal Computing Today. I was almost certainly too late to make the current issue of Your Computer so check out next month's issues of both mags. Perhaps some of you could write to the weeklies mentioned above just to let them know that I am not a con-man. If you do then tell them my phone number - (061) 431 4160. If any of you have ideas as to how to get publicity on the cheap I would appreciate some help.

Since issue 1 Oric, as you doubtless all know, has been purchased by the French company SPID. However this does not seem likely to have any short-term beneficial effect for British users so let's stick together. Your contributions are urgently needed be they software reviews, book reviews, programming hints/tips, programs that you've written or any information at all that you think will be of interest to other users. Contributions typed/printed on A5 paper make my life a much easier one (ie direct photocopying) but this not essential. Don't worry if you're not a literary genius, send me the facts and if you request then I'll rewrite the article for you.

I hope for your continued support. Until next time,

G. Ramsay

NEWSFLASH

Cheap Software

I've recently purchased several items of software at ultra low prices - 99p and £ 1.99. I got these from two independent record shops in Manchester's Arndale Centre. Check out similar shops in your area to see if there are any bargains available and if you see shops with knockdown software for other micros see if you can persuade them to get some Oric tapes.

Cheap Books

Seen in a discount bookshop in Manchester city centre :

- The Oric Programmer - by S.M.Gee & Mike James £ 1.25
- The Oric Book of Games - by the above + K.Ewbank £ 1.25
- ~~The Oric 1 Companion - by Bob Maunder £ 1.00~~
- The Oric 1 and How to Get the Most From It - Ian Sinclair £ 1.25

Last time I checked stocks were high and so I'm willing to get these books for you. Send me a cheque/P.O. crossed and made payable to me for the price of the book that you want plus a stamp for 69p plus an envelope at least 16cm X 24cm or sufficient brown wrapping paper for a book of this size. Do not address the envelope or put the stamp on it just in case I cannot obtain the book in which case all money will be promptly refunded less the cost of return postage ie 13p.

New Service

Due to popular demand issue 3 will contain a page that I should have thought of myself. Namely a page for users to advertise software, hardware, books etc. or to get in contact with other users. Since the swapping of software is probably illegal I cannot advertise this but (almost) anything else goes.

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