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Welcome to the first issue of volume 7 of RISC User. It is now twelve months since we revised and enlarged the format of the magazine, and the response that we have received has been almost universally in favour of the new look. However, no doubt there are many of you reading this who were unfamiliar with the RISC User of old.

This issue is timed to coincide with Acorn World 93, which from the distance of mid September (when this editorial was written), looks certain to be the most interesting and significant specialist Acorn show ever held. As a consequence our news coverage has been greatly extended to bring you the up-to-date details of new products which will be unveiled for the first time at Acorn World, and other news on the latest developments in the Acorn marketplace.

We will have our own separate stand at Acorn World, stand 75, devoted to RISC User (and associated products). This gives us a real opportunity to meet and talk with readers, to hear your views and ideas. It also gives us the opportunity to introduce ourselves and RISC User to many more Archimedes users. If this is the very first issue of RISC User you have seen or read, then I hope that you find its editorial mixture and style very much to your liking.

RISC User is aimed at all discerning users of Acorn's 32-bit range of computer systems. We do our best to help you get the maximum pleasure and benefit out of using your Acorn system, whether you are a newer user or an experienced old hand. Our emphasis is on quality throughout. All our articles are carefully researched for accuracy, all programs whether published in the magazine itself or on the associated magazine disc are carefully checked,

reviews are written in an authoritative and objective style by users with appropriate experience, and we put considerable emphasis on the style and clarity of English used throughout the magazine.

While RISC User has a reputation for catering for more technically oriented users, we have sought to broaden our appeal over the past ten issues. This has been achieved partly by ensuring that all articles are written in a clear and readable style, partly by including specific items geared towards the needs of newer users. We have also addressed the educational market in particular, by including a regular educational feature in every issue, and by extending our reviews to include specifically educational software. Put all together, our aim is to provide a quality mixture of editorial pages which will help all users to gain more from using their Archimedes system.

At the same time, we are always very ready to listen to the views and comments of readers, and we carry out regular surveys of readers in order to obtain more specific and detailed feedback. Indeed, reader input to the magazine and magazine disc forms an important and significant part of each issue. We very much welcome articles on all topics and at all levels, programs and applications for publication, plus hints & tips, letters, technical queries etc. For anything major, we do request that you obtain a copy of our Guidelines for Contributors and that you do follow these. If in doubt please contact the editorial office and discuss what you propose to send in. All items, large and small, are welcome, and all material published, including hints & tips, is paid for.

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