

Dear Mike,

First I must thank you for letting me stay at your house for the 16-Bit fair. Thanks also for buying me food and drink etc. I really enjoyed myself over that weekend, meeting the Lost Boys was an event in itself and I can't get over how nice you all were! I wish Tim the best of luck with his game. Thank your mum for all the lovely food!

With me getting more and more work for my A-Levels, I don't think I'll easily be able to match the amount of articles I wrote for Maggie 4. It's nice when an article can be multi-functional - For English I have been asked to write a short piece of autobiographical work which I have decided will be my visit to TLB HQ and the 16-Bit fair which I'll also include in Maggie. Talk about killing two birds with one stone.

I think I told you that the ULM sample demos semi-work on half meg machines, but you only get under half of the sample. It still sounds good though.

I'm going to be reviewing a lot of GEN 4 demos. Who won the GEN 4 competition, was it the Skid Row demo? When I get 1 meg working I'll be able to see all the Gen 4 demos. I'm thinking of doing an article which compares all the GEN 4 demos and gives Maggie's opinion on which is the best. The Gen 4 demos which I have got are:

Alf Megademo, Skid Row, Equinox, Nitrowave, Hemoroids, Zuul, ST Spirits, ULM, Mad Vision

Are there any other ones?

Talking of ULM, I think their new demo has been released. I'd like a copy - I've enclosed a disk. Have any other good demos been released since I last saw you? Any good new year demos, a Swedish new year demo perhaps? I think Inner Circle were doing a new year demo though I can't be sure. No sign of the TCB megademo yet? And I don't suppose we'll ever see ST CNX's Dream Demo - I think that demo was just a dream!

I remember you talking to someone who said they wanted to put a demo of Turrican 2 on to Maggie. I hope it is not the same demo as you get with Zero, this looks very rushed and crashes all the time. I loaded it up for the first time, showing it to a friend who was thinking of getting an ST or an Amiga. We tried it three times and after a few minutes of play it crashed. "I thought you said that an ST never crashed?" My entire argument against the Amiga was blown away! I don't know if its supposed to do this, but it is very annoying.

With this letter I have sent 12 blank disks. Onto these could you please copy:

*Overdrive

*Yo demo (Could you tell me any cheats for this? David knows them)

*Delirious demo 2

*Ultimate GFA demo

*ULM megademo

*Wings of death

*Cadaver (Two disks I think)

*Maggie 3 disk 1 (My version is now totally fucked!)

*Tempus text editor (Is this possible to copy? If not bung a recent CD onto this disk)

*Some good digitised pictures of any subject. Preferably spectrum 512 pictures. I've enclosed 2 disks, put your best slideshows on these - I've hardly any good graphics demos.

I was hoping to do a review of BAT for Maggie, but after having it for ten minutes I broke the sound cartridge so I've sent it back and I'm still waiting for a new copy. I believe Chris is doing a review now.

When you've finished writing the articles for ST Format, send them to me and I'll tidy them up for you. I think getting a few articles in print is very good idea, as is getting some good game demos onto Maggie.

The articles I included with this letter are:
Turrican review, Alf Megademo review, Delirious demo 1 review, Kick Off 2 review, Rick Dangerous 2 tips, Lamer's Dictionary, Ocean are gods, Griff's column (I hope this isn't too offensive!)

Could you please send me a copy of Maggie 4, I haven't got one yet! You have my disk with my previous articles on it. I can't wait to see all my hard work in 'print'.

I'm working on some more articles at the moment, and I'll probably do quite a few game reviews as I bumped into someone with a hundred compact menus as I was showing off the European demos in a local shop. You wouldn't believe who his contact is! People who work for a well known computer shop, which also has a minor software company there, sell my contact compact menus. This is pretty bad, as when he goes into the shop he has the choice of buying an original game for £25 or a version on a menu for under a fiver. I don't mind people swapping compact menus, but when it comes to shops selling them, its a different matter.

Onto a lighter note have you played Lotus Espirit Turbo Challenge? This is a great two player racing game which is terribly addictive. I first played it on my friends Amiga some months ago, and I'm glad to say its retained all the speed and playability though its lost the great music. If you haven't got it (which I doubt) I can do you a copy.

My sister recently bought Gauntlet 3 for the Lynx and it is brilliant, I've been sneaking goes on it in every spare minute. I'm now considering buying a Lynx as there is a new, more compact one soon coming out for under £100.

I wish I'd had more time to do articles over this week, my half term week, but it hasn't been so. I've been too busy working and drinking.

On Friday I was out drinking, on Saturday I was out drinking, on Sunday 2 Amiga owning pals came over and I stunned them with my impressive array of game and demos (they really liked Mindbomb - they'd never seen a menu like that before). On Monday I went to Shrewsbury, On Tuesday I met a friend in Newtown and got copies of Robocop 2, Lotus Espirit and Shadow of the beast, On Wednesday I went to Telford with friends Ice Skating and went to the cinema to see 'Kindergarten Cop', On thursday I went to Sheffield to meet my ST owning cousin, but he was ill so I had to stay with my grandparents (excitement!). I got back home yesterday and since then I've written the Griff articles and edited the rest.

I hope this package arrives this time! Please send me Maggie 4 et al as soon as possible! I can't wait for it. I hope my new articles are OK!

Best wishes to all at TLB for 1991,

Leon

P.S. Don't forget to send me Maggie 4. You've got my old disk!!