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The seeds of The RISC OS ‘99 Show were sown immediately after ‘Black Thursday’ in September last year when it quickly became clear that the ‘postponed’ Acorn World was unlikely to happen – ever.

The idea was to provide a replacement for Acorn World, to create a new show to meet the changing needs of the RISC OS market. Gone is the cold warehouse-style exhibition hall of Wembley and Olympia, to be replaced by a much more friendly environment that is easy for travellers to reach by road and rail.

A great deal of hard work has gone into producing a professional event by myself and a small team of volunteers. I would particularly like to thank Rob Brown, Dave Ruck, Ralph Sillett, Tom Hughes, Toby Smith, Simon Burrows, Chris Price, Peter Jennings and everyone who is helping over the show weekend for the hard work that they have put in.

Invaluable support has been provided by all exhibitors, not least the show sponsors who have provided the financial and promotional support vital to the success of this event. We look forward to meeting you at the show and hope that you feel our hard work has been worthwhile.

Finally, if you have enjoyed visiting this show and are within travelling distance of the West Midlands, don’t forget that we are also running a single day event at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham (close to the NEC) on Saturday 20th November 1999. Please tell your friends!

The future of the RISC OS computer market starts here.

Mark Smith
RISC OS ‘99 Show Organiser,
The ARM Club

The year has been a difficult one for the RISC OS market and if you were that way inclined it would look like the death knell has finally sounded for the most user-friendly operating system in the world.

But the non-appearance of the Phoebe RISC PC 2 and the disappearance of Acorn have instead resulted in the rebirth of a market long-suppressed by Acorn’s unwillingness to take chances and invest in the future.

What has happened is that the operating system has been licensed and RISC OS 4 released – along with a roadmap for future developments that will finally break free of the hardware stranglehold that has always made Acorn machines so expensive to buy. Simply plugged into existing hardware (the Risc PC, A7000 and A7000+), RISC OS 4 gives increased speed and great new features, but coupled with the new machines being released we can once again jump into the mainstream of power computing.

At least three companies are releasing new hardware: firstly, two affordable machines based on the ARM7500 chip (now being allowed to run at full speed) and bringing new industry standards with them – the USB system for plugging in peripheral devices and PCI to allow PC-cards to be slotted straight in. These two options alone open the RISC OS world to vast amounts of previously unusable hardware.

Then there is the Risc PC replacement motherboard that promises to take the system to new heights of power by removing the bottlenecks and providing virtually unparalleled video and audio power.

Along with this new hardware is the software: Companies such as R-Comp, Icon Technology, Cerllica, SpaceTech and many others provide the software that we have used and still use – but they are not resting on their laurels.

More software is being released every month, as well as upgrades to existing products. There are the user groups: The ARM Club, of course, is still going strong as is the Association of Acorn User Groups, run by Neil Spellings, with its ever-increasing number of associated clubs, combining and providing benefits to all the RISC OS clubs across the world.

It’s true that the last year has taken its toll, there have been victims of the uncertainty, whether individuals who have turned to the other side or businesses who did not adapt fast enough.

There are those who dubbed the attempts to raise Phoebe from the ashes of Acorn as the Phoenix. But it’s not any small group of individuals who are rising up, it’s the RISC OS market as a whole – that’s you and me – who are the real Phoenix, for coming out of those dark days and making RISC OS live on.

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In the best traditions of the RISC OS world you have the opportunity to vote six categories - how you interpret them is up to you and you don't have put an entry if you have no answer.

Hand in your answers to the Acorn User stand at the show before midday on Sunday Oct 31st. You can use the award form in your goodie bag.

- Best Dealer
- Best Non-game software release in 1999
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