Derbyshire Computer Club spreads its wings

Monday 28th June 2004: The members of one of the largest computer clubs in Derbyshire have unanimously agreed that the club should broaden its scope to include "all things technology". This definition opens the way for the club to discuss a broader range of technology items than could previously done as a "computer" club, such as; technology in genealogy, digital music, Bluetooth technology, personal video recorders, as well as more traditional computer-orientated topics such as scanning, digital photography and networking.

Club Chairman, Barry Thompson, said tonight "DARC Technology Club is an opportunity for people who want to get the most out of the computers and gadgets they have. We can help to de-mystify areas of computing and the Internet, and perhaps introduce people to new technology that they haven't seen before. We are a friendly crowd and would give a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and see what we get up to".

The club meets in St. Alkmund's Church Hall, Duffield on the second Monday of every month, except August from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Entrance is free for your first meeting. Subsequent visits are only £2, or a full year's individual membership is only £15, or £20 for a family. Full directions and other useful information can be found on the club's website at http://www.darc-comp.org.uk.

For more information, please contact the Club secretary, Paul Mellor on 01332 756172 (evenings) or at darc@aaug.net.

Editors note:

DARC (Derbyshire Acorn RISC Club) was founded in April 1996 by Mike Smith, a local vicar; and Barry Thompson, of Selective Computer Services; to provide a local forum where users of Acorn Computers could share hints and see demonstrations of new software and hardware.

Following the demise of Acorn, the club changed its name to Derbyshire Area RISC Club in April 2000, encompassing the new non-Acorn RISC OS machines.

With the decline in new RISC OS software releases, the focus of the club started to change. In light of these changes, the club changed its name to 'DARC Technology Club' and embarked upon a new, broader vision.