Museum of Computing 'High Score' Computer Games Exhibition

-Press Photocall on Tues 13th Jan 2004 @ 12 noon or by arrangement

-Talk on the History of Computer Gaming @ 5.30pm 13th Jan – Open invitation

-Venue:University of Bath in Swindon, Oakfield Campus

2nd Jan 2004, Swindon – What do Pong, Space Invaders, PacMan, Super Mario Bros and Sonic the Hedgehog have in common? Well apart from being signs of a mis-spent youth in the 1970's, these highly collectable computer games and 65 other flavours of electronic wizardry will be on show at Swindon's Museum of Computing from Tuesday 13th January 2004. Enthusiasts will see TV games, consoles, tabletop games, hand-helds, Nintendo games and watches and some educational games. Rare exhibits of special interest to collectors include:

1. Odyssey by Magnavox - original first model with all accessories - first TV game from 1972 and oldest exhibit

2. Ball by Nintendo - first Nintendo Game & Watch, which is extremely rare

3. Baseball by Mattel Electronics, which was one of the first electronic handheld games

4. MB Electronics Big Trak & Trailer

5. Pac Man will be running on handheld and early laptop versions.

Over 90% of the exhibits are in good working order and there will be a series of Gaming days open to the public for anyone wishing to indulge in a little nostalgia and recapture a lost childhood! About 70 different Nintendo games were produced in handheld or wristwatch formats and over one quarter of these will be on display. See http://www.digitalhistory.org.uk

There will be an introductory talk on the History of Computer Games for enthusiasts at 5.30pm on Tuesday 13th January 2004. This is followed at 6.30pm by an exhibition preview and drinks reception. Anyone interested in attending may register in advance by emailing Simon Webb, Museum Curator at info@museum-of-computing.org.uk

Alternatively contact Jeremy Holt, Museum founder jeremyh@clarkholt.com

or call 01793 617444 for your FREE invitation.

Please note; the Museum of Computing is actively seeking sponsors and ideas for this and future exhibitions. Help from volunteers is welcome because this is a not-for-profit organisation.

Launch Party details:

Date :   Exhibition Launch Party Tuesday 13th Jan 2004

- Open to All but please register for an invitation

Time: 5.15pm for talk on the History of Computer Games @ 5.30pm

  6.30-8.30pm - Drinks reception & Exhibition Preview

Venue: University of Bath in Swindon, Oakfield Campus

Map: For directions to the University of Bath campus, see http://www.bath.ac.uk/swindon/getting-here/

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Museum of Computing Profile

The vision is that the museum will be devoted solely to the history of the development of computers. It is housed in the Library of the University of Bath in Swindon, and this initiative is being supported by the Science Museum in Wroughton, the British Computer Society and Swindon Borough Council. The Museum has a growing collection of exhibits and accepts donations of suitable machines. Its function will be to act as a showcase for outside exhibitors. The first exhibition was presented by Bletchley Park Trust. The Museum is keen to show former products of commercial computer companies, and welcomes such offers.

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