QL FORUM

The QL Forum was an unexpected surprise when it opened in November 2010 having being set up by two relatively unknown newcomers to the QL community, Peter Scott and Rob Heaton.

In an interview in the Oct/Nov 2011 Quanta Magazine Peter Scott said he had always been a Sinclair fan and although he had a QL in his collection he had never used it until a year previously. He had been impressed by the friendliness and help he had had from the QL community.

Rob Heaton had not previously heard of the QL but was familiar with the 68000 based Amiga. Peter persuaded him to buy a QL.

Peter thought it a shame the QL did not have a forum of its own, but most of the technical work to set up the forum was done by Rob. When asked what market research there had been prior to setting up the forum, Peter replied:

&ldquoWe never thought about research, deciding just to build it and hope people will turn up&rdquo

At the end of the first three months it had just 44 members with 367 posts on 84 different topics. By the end of the first year there were 100 members with 1,457 posts on 246 topics. In June 2015 it registered its 300th member and there had been a total of 10,984 posts on 1,308 different topics. It has probably replaced the QL-users email group as the preferred medium world wide QL-ers use to communicate with one another.

The forum has four main sections:

GENERAL: This consists of general QL discussions plus specialist sections on hardware, software, QL emulators and QL compatibles.

QUANTA: As well as a public area, it has a closed area for Quanta members only.

MARKET PLACE: Both items for sale and wanted.

FORUM: In addition to the the forum rules and procedures it has an off topic section

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