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People Change

Rick Kellaway retired from IBM on the 5th September. We wish him all the best, and thank him for all of his hard work over the years on behalf of the museum. His place is taken by Julian Gerry, whose email address is mailto:julian_gerry@uk.ibm.com.

Current Activities & Acquisitions

We've had quite a number of donations in the last few weeks, including hardware, CE tools, documentation, posters, books and slides. Thank you to all who have contributed! We have been offered an AS/400 eSeries, which is awaiting collection from Leicester. If anyone will be in that area and could collect it for us, please get in touch. It is a little bulky at 1050 x 1050 x 630 in new money, so you'd need a reasonable boot space!

Terry has bought a couple of AS/400 iSeries servers on eBay and has loaned them to the museum. One has been brought back to life, the other requires some attention.

With the opening of the new rooms, we have now started to focus on other areas needing attention. An additional room for storage just along the corridor has allowed us to begin a much needed tidying up. Cataloguing of the paper archive has started in earnest. Work continues on setting up a small Token Ring network, testing hardware and setting up a software display.

New Display Rooms

The new display rooms opened on schedule at the end of June. Here's a couple of photographs of areas not shown in the last newsletter.
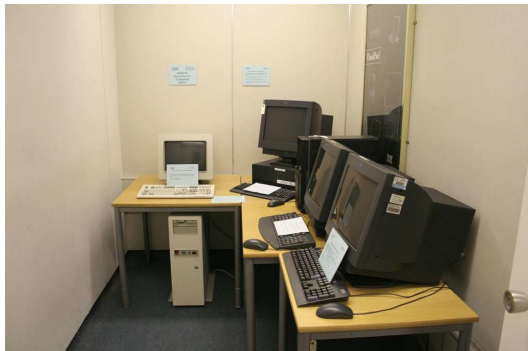

CE Room

Typewriter / Wheelwriters

Terminals / Token Ring

Portable Computing

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RISC Computing

System/23

Computer Conservation Society

The CCS is holding its first meeting of the Autumn season at Hursley on 27th September. The event was 'sold out' within a day of announcement! Terry will give a presentation on 100 years of IBM, and Dave Key will present IBM Hursley. The attendees will be given guided tours of the House and grounds, and, for them the highlight, a visit to the museum. As this newsletter will probably be published after the event, the first sentence should probably read "will have held its first meeting!"

Hursley Products

A couple of newsletters ago, we asked for your help in putting together a definitive list of products developed over the years at Hursley. We had some very good input from just a few of you, and since then have found yet more products from various bits of documentation. For quite a few products we don't have the year it was developed, for many we don't have the code name or the department that did the work. We'd be really grateful if you could have a look at the lists and let us know via Julian of any changes or additions. Thank you! The hardware list is at http://hursley.slx-online.biz/hursley-products-hw.asp and the software at http://hursley.slx-online.biz/hursley-products-sw.asp. There is a comprehensive list of IBM products on Wikipedia.

Appeals

We do have a few specifics that we are looking for. Last time we mentioned the need for an old rotary dial telephone, so far we've not managed to find one.

The CCS is looking for a golf ball type element for their 1130, which is being restored at Bletchley. The correct element for the 1130 printer has the number 969. Our collection of golf balls doesn't include one of these. We were able recently to pass on some of our Selectric expertise to the CCS as they restore the 1130's printer back to working order, and have promised to help where we can.

Whilst we don't expect anyone to have a Lloyds Cashpoint in their attic, we've still not managed to track one down. Even Lloyds don't seem to have one stashed away. If anyone has any leads that might help us find one, please let us know! This was a major RPQ developed in Hursley.