Hursley Museum Services - November 2014 Update

Current Activities & Acquisitions

- The museum is lending a number of artefacts to the Bristol office, where new arrivals Cloudant will be based.
- We have heard that some 1940s / 1950s punch card equipment may be available from the IBM office in Lyngby, Denmark. We are exploring the possibility of shipping these to Hursley.
- Two of our AS/400s are now working, a third has an intermittent disk error. Work continues on a fourth one and we hope to obtain a copy of CICS/400 for demonstration.
- We now have the capability of transferring video tapes directly to PC from a combination of different VCR formats.
- One of the CCS meeting attendees has borrowed a couple of video reel tapes to see if he can find a facility to view and transfer the collection we have in the museum.
- Donations this month include a Proprinter I and a BBC micro.
- The 024 card punch that we recently received from the RAPC has been brought back to life. It was in some places rusty and in many places gummed up solid, but a couple of days' work has seen it punching cards again. It and its companion 056 card verifier (next to receive the treatment) came without table tops, so we are making replacements from laminated chipboard wrong colour but they will keep the keyboards off the floor! There are still a couple of features that need attention, and a lick of paint would be good if we can find some IBM spray grey. A short video can be viewed here:

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7uha86k6nI\&list=UU12UBQoQwzCNqVscG6}\\\underline{cr47w}$













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