

Hursley Museum Services - March 2015

Current Activities & Acquisitions

There have been a few smaller donations to the museum in the last couple of months, including a PC-XT with an OEM adapter card and external I/O interface. This was used at B.A.T. in Southampton to automatically check the folds in cardboard cartons, and some Customer Engineering S/360 manuals.

We have also received an American dial telephone and a UK dial phone, the U.S. handset fits our acoustic coupler perfectly. Not a computer artefact, but an important piece of Hursley history, we now have an original Hursley Tea Trolley Bell. The tea trolley is but a distant memory now!

Other News

In a previous newsletter we reported on a warehouse find in the US consisting of a large number of S/360, S/370 and peripherals. Since then the people charged with disposing of this stash have stopped communicating, so we don't know what is happening. We have found reference in a US forum that the collection is being handled by a waste recycling company that has realised they have potentially a higher value as collectors' items. Their last update was last April, where they said they'd 'soon' be contacting collectors, but that has yet to happen. We have appended the forum to make sure they know about us.

Three of our AS/400s are now working, together with an iSeries, a fourth has an intermittent disk error. Work continues on the fourth one and we now have a copy of CICS/400 for demonstration, installation planned imminently.

YouTube

Our YouTube collection is growing. There's a Hursley Park collection at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX00VSqR9UI9pvayqc5loqA>

3D Panoramas

There is now a set of 3D panoramas of all but one display room of the museum. These can be viewed on the web site at <http://hursley.slx-online.biz/views.asp>.

York Museum

We have made contact with a [computer museum near York](#) and have agreed to donate most of our non-IBM artefacts to them, together with a few IBM machines where we have a number of examples. They will be arranging to collect from Hursley at some point soon.

Engineering Anniversary

This year marks the anniversary of the arrival of Vickers Supermarine at Hursley in late 1940 and with it a 75 year period of innovation and excellence in engineering on the site which stretches from Supermarine's Spitfire and post War Jet fighters through to the System/360, the Cashpoint, CICS, and beyond..

There are plans to mark this anniversary, plans are at an early stage.

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