

Hursley Museum Services - February 2016

Sad News

The museum is sad to report that one of its curators, Terry Muldoon, passed away in January after a short illness. He will be sorely missed. Mark Perry, Nick Bishop and I will be carrying on with the activities in which Terry was involved.

Current Activities & Acquisitions

During December the museum received five new glass display cabinets with LED lighting, with thanks to Kate and the EBC. These have allowed us to remodel the Hursley Products / 100 years of IBM room.



The area currently occupied by the PS/2 monitors in the lower left hand picture will be changed to accommodate items from the Emerging Technology Centre as a bridge from the laboratory's past to its future. We have also received a good range of new tools for the back office.



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Electromatic Typewriter

One of our curators has managed to find an Electromatic typewriter in the U.S. Electromatic was acquired by IBM in 1933, forming the beginnings of the company's typewriter business. We believe this model was built between then and 1935, when IBM's redesigned version was released.



3179

We have also obtained a 3179 colour display terminal. This was the replacement for the 3279 Hursley-developed colour terminal, although this particular example is a Model 2 with twin-ax interface for S/36, S/38 and AS/400. The overall product was designed in Fujisawa, although the monitor development was sub-contracted to Hursley.

Other

We have also continued to receive a number of other donations, including a PS/2 Model 55, Lexmark printer, flat screen monitors, PC adapters and accessories, PC and PS/2 Technical Reference manuals and more.

Finally, where we have a good amount of information on a product, we will be replacing the information cards to include QR codes to that information. The first products are the 3101 and 3102, both from Fujisawa. I was heavily involved in the service planning for these and other terminals, including the 3179.



3101 ASCII Terminal



3102 Thermal Printer