

# Hursley Museum Services – September 2021

## ***Current Activities***

The museum's curators are now able to gain access to the site by request for specific tasks.

We have now agreed the loan of one of our Unit Record machines to another museum, and have been on site to clean it up and prepare it for shipment later this year.

The first phase of making our collection of hardware photographs and selected manuals online is almost complete. For now each individual hardware type resides in its own folder and is accessed from an index page. Right now the folder count is 606 with over 4,000 files. Some Customer Engineering sections have also been added with more to do. The plan is to make this searchable at some point in the future, and it's not being announced yet for general public access.

## ***IBM Extreme Blue***

A project proposal from the Hursley Museum was accepted in the spring this year for inclusion in IBM's annual Extreme Blue intern programme.

The objectives for the proposed project were to create an application to assist visitors to the museum and by gathering their feedback, allow curators to improve the quality of the visitor information we create and, ongoing, continually improve the relevance of the museum for visitors of all ages; demonstrating to business clients how IBM's innovative approaches over many years have evolved into the technological landscape we see today; and promoting greater interest in, and awareness of Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) subjects.

The 12 week project has now concluded and our team of brilliant engineering and science students have created a working application which is our starting point for the next phase of loading content and further developing the application to cater for our varying visitor demographics.

We're indebted to the Science Museum and to Rachel Boon in particular for their guidance on visitor interaction processes and how these are used to inform the development of future visitor experiences.

## ***IBM-PC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Custom PC Magazine published an article on the anniversary in their October 2021 issue. Curator Peter Short provided a number of photographs and was 'interviewed' by questionnaire. Most photos and answers were included. The article is currently available at

<https://custompc.raspberrypi.org/articles/happy-40th-birthday-to-the-pc>

Web Site: <https://hursley.slx-online.biz/>

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