

Perspective – July 2013

The Newsletter of the IBM Hursley Retirees' Club



EX CATHEDRA

First may I thank those Members who delighted Harry Helyar by sending SELF-SEAL envelopes whenever an SAE is requested. Some way to go before our lips are (not) sealed on this topic. Well, not stuck!

Though the continuation of Winter into and beyond our Spring did not auger well for the earlier trips, on the whole we didn't fare too badly and especially those who were able to get to Savill Garden and the River cruise enjoyed a really delightful day. Let's hope the slight improvement in the last few days is/was continued for the rest of our programme of events, especially my favourite, Weymouth.

John Treasurer Jones and I are working with Fiona Clements, the UK CLUB'S Oversight Manager for all the Retiree Clubs and Employee/Location Clubs and we are making progress towards a satisfactory outcome in the Audit process that ensures the Hursley Retirees Club is run on a sound basis.

Though the IBM Grant to all UK Clubs has been reduced, by careful venue selection, event planning and prudent purchasing, we will continue to offer Members what we believe is a range of interesting days out.

Of course, we always want to hear your thoughts about how we can improve and constructive criticisms are welcome. The biggest challenge is finding venues which can cater for perhaps three or more coaches full of our culture hungry Members. So let's hear from you, please.

Might you even join the Committee to help organise an event that we can support?

Best wishes.

Martin Hughes
Chairman

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FAQ's for trips

Notification

For those trips that you are requested to supply a stamped addressed envelope, you will receive notification of whether you have been successful in your application for that trip. For all others, unless you have been informed otherwise by telephone, just turn up to Hursley, follow the signs to Retiree Parking, park, join a coach, and enjoy the day

Cancellation

None of us is getting younger, and the gremlins come and attack us from time to time. If you have booked on a trip and find that you can't go, please phone Harry Helyar. If Harry does not answer the phone, just leave a clear message. What many do not realise is that Harry has a deputy plan in place for when he away from home, so messages do get listened to, and Harry is made aware.

By cancelling, you may help us to save money by reducing the number of coaches we have booked, or allow someone else who is on a waiting list to go in your place. Of course, if you cancel then your cheque is torn up, another benefit.

Even on the day you can help us by cancelling, just call the club's mobile telephone.

Emergency

Should an emergency arise while on a trip you should call the club's mobile telephone **07505-094887** which will be carried, unless you have been otherwise advised, by the trip organiser.

Leaving on time

Please do make sure you arrive at Hursley before the planned departure time, and also be **back at the coach at the stated times**. The coaches need to depart within minutes of the stated time. If you have a last minute problem, call the club's mobile. They will leave without you if you are not there.

Photographic Competition

Don't forget that we will be running, by popular request at the AGM, a photographic competition for club members in 2013. Winner gets a free trip.

Rules are very simple. Any club member may submit up to 3 photographs in JPEG format to news@hurrec.org.uk. Each photograph must have been taken on an IBM Hursley Retiree Club trip during 2013. Last date for entries is 31 January 2014. Winners will be announced at the AGM.

2013 Trips So Far

Bath – with optional guided walk

23 April



It was sunny as I made my way to Hursley to join our coaches for a day out in beautiful Bath, and the weather stayed that way all day; probably one of the best days in April.

With nearly 150 IBM retirees and partners on board, the three coaches left Hursley for the 2 hour journey, and as it was such lovely weather we took the scenic route past Stonehenge and across Salisbury Plain before dropping back onto the A36 for the remaining part of the journey into Bath.



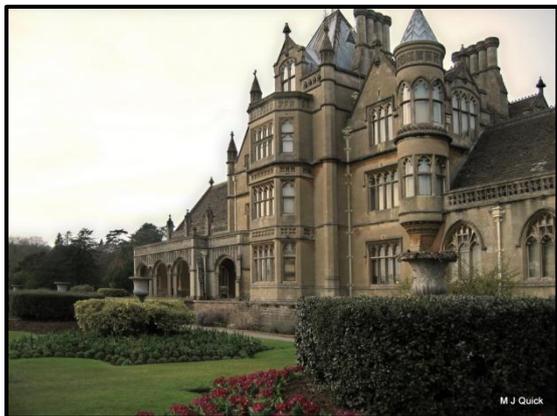
Time for a walk into the centre from the coach park, and take in a couple of sites before lunch. I managed to catch-up with a colleague I used to work with who has moved near Stroud for an enjoyable pint, just like old times in the clubhouse!

Just before 2:00pm the 60 who had decided to take part in the guided walk assembled near the Abbey. Split into three groups, each with their own guide, we headed off for a very enjoyable and fascinating tour of the major sites in Bath. While a little hilly, the pace was fairly leisurely, and it was only uphill for the first half of the tour; my recording device

showed that we covered under 1.5 miles at an average speed of less than ¾ mph! Mind you, we stopped frequently to listen to the guide.

Just time for some refreshments before we joined the coaches for our trip back to Hursley. Let's hope we have the same sort of weather for all our trips this year

Tyntesfield National Trust Property



The weather is really upside down. I really thought that we were in for a good weather day on the day we went to Tyntesfield. After all it was the day after Bank holiday Monday, and we all have 60+ years of experience what that means: rain over Bank Holiday, sunny the day after when everyone goes back to work. Not in 2013, we woke up to rain, travelled to the outskirts of Bristol in rain, had rain walking around the grounds and to Tyntesfield House, rain all the way home (glad I wasn't driving), and it stopped as we got into the IBM Car Park!

But we stalwarts weren't to be deterred from enjoying a good day

out. Lighted hearted we boarded our coaches, and the majority had the treat of travelling on brand new coaches with their '13 plates.

Tyntesfield House is a fascinating place. Purchased by the National Trust as recently as 2002, considerable work has been undertaken to restore the house and grounds to their former glory. The original family lived in the house until 2001 when the property was sold after the death of Richard Gibbs. The Trust managed to raise the £8.2m in just 100 days, had some very large donations, a grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund, and the deal was done. Along with the



house, the original owners left all the contents, some 55,000 items, including a fabulous library. With the majority of the house now open to the public, it takes a good 90 minutes to peruse the rooms and their exhibits, and a lifetime if one was to do due justice to all that was on display.

Regrettably the bad weather meant that a stroll around the gardens was not a reasonable option, and the cold spring had stopped most of the spring plants from displaying their glory.

A great day out and a place that will be on my list to visit again – but not in the rain!



Antiques Roadshow



I can't see the grandfather clock! I looked all around the IBM South Carpark and couldn't see it anywhere. Fortunately for the coach driver, no one decided to bring one with us for valuation at the Antiques Road show.

My wife and I went out of sheer curiosity, and didn't take anything to be valued. Thinking about it, apart from the wife asking what I would be worth, there isn't anything else we could have taken.



It took just around an hour to get to the Marine Museum in Southsea where the Roadshow was being held. Arriving around coffee time, in glorious sunshine, we were greeted by a young lady and a young gentleman promoting coffee; free cups all round. Can't be bad.

As soon as we entered the large grass area we could see a good reason for not bring anything to be valued, the queues were long, very long. However, as spectators we were allowed to wander around to all the tables where the experts, all 31 of them, were

giving there explanation and valuation on the objects that had been brought. One spectacular item was a model of the Mary Rose, very topical, made from around 20,000 matchsticks. It certainly grabbed the attention, and we spent 15 minutes watching as Hilary Kay interviewed the model maker on camera.

Another benefit of the trip was to be able to visit the Marine Museum which was open, and free. A really fascinating exhibition on the exploits of the marines over the last couple of centuries.

Back out to have a last look around and do a bit more of the curiosity bit. One person brought up two stuffed dogs. "Ooh!" said the presenter, "This is a very rare set, produced by the celebrated Johns Brothers taxidermists who operated in London at the turn of last century. Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?" "...Sticks?" He replied.



Savill Gardens and River Thames Cruise



Providing the weather was good, I was really looking forward to this trip. It seemed to have all the characteristics needed to make for a great day out. I was not disappointed, the weather was wonderful. Together with 150 others, we headed off in the direction of Windsor arriving at Savill Gardens about 11:00am.

Lunch was in 2 sittings to ease the load on the caterers, and we were in the early set at mid-day. Following the obligatory creature comfort stop and a quick look at the map, we headed off in the direction of the rose garden. With the miserable weather this spring, it is fair to say that the roses were not out in the total splendour expected for the time of

year. That said, Savill gardens is a beautiful place, full of interest, and very well laid out to guide you through the walks featuring different aspects of the various garden layouts. After a quick lunch, another hour or so to walk to the more distant reaches of the gardens to work off the excellent food we were supplied. Personally, given that the caterers had to provide for the 150 of us, I thought they did pretty good. There was a good choice of hot foods and salads, service was with a smile, we had our own reserved area, and the queues were not that long. Overall, I reckon that they should be congratulated.



2:15pm and the coaches left Savill Gardens for the long journey to the boat yard, all of 5 minutes away. 150 aboard and it was anchors away or slip the stays or whatever the appropriate phrase is, and we were on our way to Windsor. A reasonable journey, but not that spectacular. One did get to see how the 'other half' live, with their private moorings, and a very different view of Windsor Castle. The

boat had a bar, which was a very nice addition given the gorgeous warm weather; only problem for me was having to make do with lager as the bitter was 'off'. Mind you, I enjoyed the scones and cream, even if I did have to juggle around to keep the plastic box that the cream tea was served in from disappearing.

One very interesting design of the cruise boat was its roof lowering mechanism. Coming up to a low bridge, the captain operated the mechanism to lower the roof, quite eerie to have the roof that was a couple of feet above ones head slowly start to descend.

A really good day out.



Seaside Outing to Bournemouth (aka Weymouth)

All started well for the hundred or so retirees as the coaches left Hursley for our 'traditional day out at the seaside' trip. The weather was great and I even thought I may have heard a rendition of '10 green bottles...'

With the number of coach trips that the club organises it had to happen, and happen it did this day when a very nasty accident took place between some vehicles a couple of hundred yards in front of the lead coach. Fortunately, neither of our coaches was involved in any way, but for the poor souls involved it was a very serious incident involving all the emergency services including the air ambulance. For over an hour the coaches were trapped in the



traffic jam that resulted. Eventually, the police were able to start unravelling the cars, lorries, and coaches. For larger vehicles such as our coaches, it involved reversing some quarter of a mile until we could turn off.

With so much time lost, it was decided that to proceed to Weymouth via the back roads was not really an option which would leave any time whatsoever for us to enjoy the sea and sand. A quick executive decision was made, and the coaches diverted onto the Bournemouth road where we arrived just before lunch.

With gorgeous weather it was time for some Harry Ramsden's fish and chips on the beach, a stroll in the Winter Gardens under the shade of the trees, and a quick cream tea before boarding the bus for, thankfully, an uneventful trip home.

Although not the day we planned, Bournemouth did offer something for everyone.

Remaining 2013 Trips

Clarence House and Buckingham Palace

8th & 20th August

Following much demand, we have arranged for a trip to the Royal Houses. Due to restrictions on numbers that can enter, the trip will run on 2 days, each with one coach carrying a maximum of 54 people.

We will leave Hursley at 8:00am, and travel directly to Clarence House. The coach party will be divided into 3 groups as the maximum number of people that are allowed on the guided tour of Clarence House is 18; timed entry tickets will be distributed on the coach, the tours will start at 15 minute intervals commencing at 11:45am and will last one hour.

After the tour, the group has time for lunch and the short half-mile walk to Buckingham Palace, where everyone will enter at 2:30pm and will have just over 2 hours to enjoy the self-guided audio tour.

We will join our coach at 5:15pm for the return trip to Hursley, arriving back shortly after 7:00pm.



This trip is fully subscribed with a large waiting list. It is intended to re-run this trip in 2014; those on the waiting list for the 2013 trip will get first refusal.

Dorset Steam Fair

28th August



For something of a departure from our normal trips, we will be offering an afternoon/evening visit to the fabulous Dorset Steam Fair. This will allow those who come to enjoy the many displays in the afternoon, and the other activities that take place in the evening.

We will leave Hursley at 1:30pm, giving time to perhaps have an early lunch before getting on the coach. With the normal drive time and allowing for some queuing, the usual problem getting into this fair, we should be in the showground between 3:00pm-3:30pm.

We plan to leave the showground at 9:30pm, arriving back at Hursley around 11:00pm.

This trip is fully subscribed, with a short waiting list.

London Walks

10th & 17th September

Ever popular, we will again be offering the chance to take a guided walk in London with the very capable Blue-guides. This year, we have decided to explore the area around Notting Hill. Many will remember the bad ole days of the Notting Hill race riots, but that was a long long time ago way back in 1958. Now, much more famous for its annual carnival.

The world has moved on, and Notting Hill is now the in-place in London. The Telegraph in 2004 used the phrase the Notting Hill Set to refer to up and coming young conservatives such as David Cameron and George Osborne who were based there. Last year, Nick Ross is reported to have sold his 1908 town house for the princely sum of £35 million!

As always, so that we can maximise the use of guides, this trip will be run on 2 different days, 2 coach loads each day. Please make sure you indicate which day you would like to come. If you can be flexible, do choose the 'either day' option as this allows us much greater flexibility in accommodating all who wish to come on the trip.



Portsmouth Dockyard

15 October

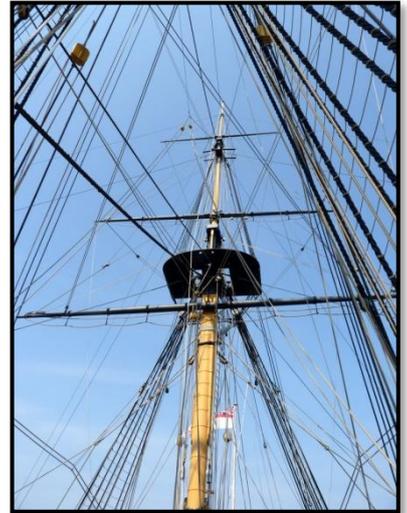
A leisurely 9:30am start for the short trip to Portsmouth Dockyards.

From a recent visit, the naval dockyards are in their usual well kept condition, albeit HMS Victory is looking a little bare with no top masts which have been removed as part of its refit.

I have had the privilege of a preview visit of the new Mary Rose museum which opened to the public at the end of May. The display cabinets will house many thousands of the well-preserved artefacts in excellent display cabinets. The



spraying of the ship's timbers with a wax based solution has ceased after 29 years of continuous spraying, and the drying process has commenced which will not be complete until 2017. Until then, the Mary Rose will



be behind glass, but still visible to the visitors. Our guide explained where the audio-visual displays would be placed, how one would be surrounded with the smells and sounds associated with the ship, and how one could walk on the glass walkway to see the 'decks below'.

Overall, if the preview was anything to go by, it will be a fabulous experience and one not to be missed.

Entrance fees to all the exhibits in at the dockyards, including the Mary Rose exhibition, are included in the ticket price.

Birmingham Christmas Market

26th November



Having run for over 10 years, the Birmingham Christmas Market, known as the Frankfurt Christmas Market, is a firm favourite of locals and visitors; Birmingham has been twinned with Frankfurt for over 40 years. As well as the Christmas market offering the traditional stalls, visitors can take delight in some of the other items on offer: crepes, German lager, German mulled wine, gingerbreads, marzipan sweets...

If you are looking for that something different as a Christmas present you could try the Birmingham Craft Fair, with goods by local artisans, which runs alongside the Christmas Market.

And for the major shops, all under cover, you could head for the Bull Ring shopping centre which is a few minutes walk along from the Christmas Market.

Overall, a great way to start your Christmas shopping, or just to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Volunteering/Charities/Activities

HABLAB



Hursley Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes start again on Monday 16th September. Our term runs for ten weeks. Currently we have two classes, the first from 7 'til 8, we could do with another two couples to join this group. This group has some dance experience, however, our teacher starts completely new routines so that all are included. The second group 8 'til 9 is pretty well full - some dance experience but a group of six couples so as you may imagine the floor at Hursley is crowded.

We would like to start a new Beginners class. I have had some interest but we need a commitment from a minimum of four couples to make this viable.

Costs, on average, have been less than a fiver per person over the term which we believe is excellent value as our tuition is from a highly qualified teacher.

Please contact me by email ingrid.bond@talktalk.net or 'phone for more comfort talk 01962 883861

Friendly classes, good exercise (mind and body) and oh what joy to be able to stand up and dance!

Ingrid Bond



Winchester & District Local RSPB Group



I've been a member of the local RSPB group for over thirty years and now I'm its leader.

We host regular indoor meetings with illustrated talks on topics of wildlife interest from invited speakers. These are held at Shawford Parish Hall, Pearsons Lane, Shawford, Winchester, SO21 2AA on the first Wednesday of every month, except January and August.

We also organise outdoor walks and trips to nature reserves, so a great opportunity for those who enjoy getting out into the countryside to see nature first hand.



Importantly, you don't have to be a bird expert to be part of our group! If you'd like to learn more about birds then that's great but equally it's a great place to meet like minded people that are passionate about the natural world. And make new friends of course!

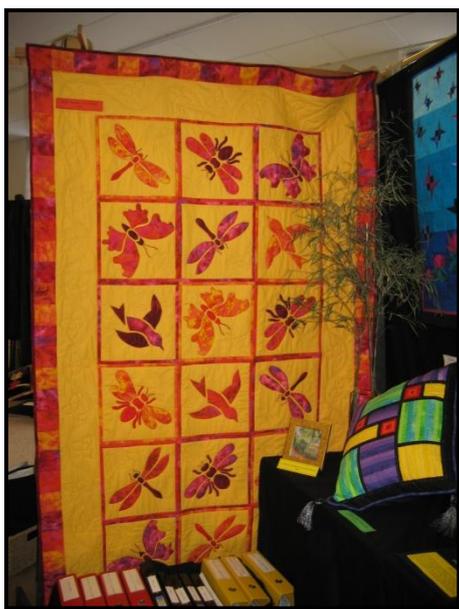
For more detailed information about all the groups' activities, times and cost please visit the Winchester & District local group webpage, <http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/winchester> .

Alternatively, please feel free to email me at psymes033@gmail.com or call on 01962 851821.

Pam Symes
Winchester & District Local RSPB Group Leader

Textile Fayre (in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer)

For all those interested in anything sewing, lace making or quilting, this is an event not to be missed. In the very large village hall in Landford at the northern edge of the New Forest, the Salisbury and New Forest North fund-raising group for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, a national charity, will be holding a large textile fayre on Saturday, 26 October, from 10:00am– 4:00pm. With over 30 traders selling items to cater for all interests associated with needlework, and many demonstrators, this is an event not to be missed. Refreshments will be available.



Why not combine a visit to the fayre with a day out in the forest; there could even be some autumn colours to enjoy.

TEXTILE FAYRE
10:00 – 4:00
26 October 2013
Landford Village Hall
Lyndhurst Road
Landford SP5 2AE

The Compton & Shawford Festival Choir

The Festival Choir starts its new season on 9 September in Shawford Village Hall at 7:45pm. For Google Maps and SatNav users, the hall is located at SO21 2AA.

The choir, which is a registered charity, will be singing John Rutter's Magnificat and Antonio Vivaldi's Beatus Virgine in a concert on Saturday, 14 December, led by their musical director John Sutton.

New singers are always welcome, in particular Altos, Tenors and Basses. Prospective singers and anyone wishing more information on the choir should contact John Knapman on 02380 254385 or Kara Hawks on 02380 81234 or Robert Wheatley at robertwheatley4@gmail.com.

Graham is on his bike again this year. (Graham Mackenzie)



Readers may remember that in July last year, Merv kindly put a piece in the newsletter about my planned ride for the Alzheimer's Society from Workington to Whitby, in memory of John Stanley.

There was also a follow up article with my experiences and how I had raised over £2,000 to that very worthy cause.

This year, I am on my bike again raising funds for a local charity, the Countess Mountbatten Hospice at West End, Southampton. Many people know that the Hospice provide care for people suffering from illnesses such as cancer and provide a high level of care and maintain the patients dignity.

In the past 12 months, I have known 4 people who have succumbed to the dreaded "Big C" and two of those were cared for by staff at Countess Mountbatten, so I decided that this would be the charity of my choice this year and I have co-opted another IBM pensioner, Roger Cooper to cycle with me.

Nothing as challenging as a three day ride, but a challenge nevertheless. This time, we will be cycling approximately 80 miles from Bath back to Winchester on the 6th August. We have purchased our train tickets to get to Bath, so the date is fixed, regardless of the weather!

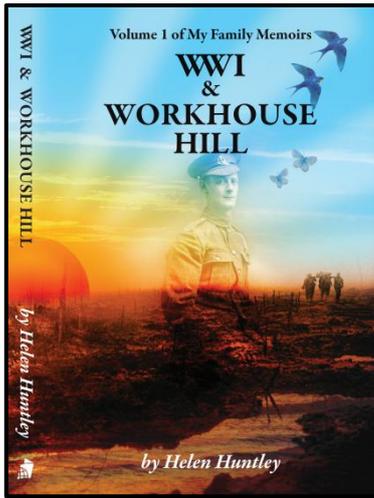
The route out of Bath takes the trackbed of the Somerset and Dorset Railway through two tunnels and then joins National Cycle Route 24 via Radstock, Frome, Warminster, Salisbury and at Michelmersh, we take the back road to Braishfield, Hursley and finish at Olivers Battery. Approximately 80 miles in all and certainly not flat and our aim is to average 10 miles and hour to finish in around 8 hours.

For those that wish to sponsor us, please go to www.justgiving.com/miles4cmh and help us to achieve our aim of raising £1,000 for this charity. We have passed the £600 mark now and would like to reach the target if at all possible.

Many thanks,

Graham and Roger

Writing as a Hobby



What do you do if your health starts to deteriorate, and you are not able to get out and about, and enjoy the benefits of the IBM Retiree Club trips or other such activities. Give up! Not if you are Pauline Hunt.

Pauline decided to fulfil a lifetime's ambition and write a book, not a small booklet but a fully fledged 455 page biographical tale which chronicles the lives, loves and losses of a close-knit Anglo/Italian family from a war-torn Britain through to 1928; the central character being a young man, Alberto. Alberto was her father.

Interested in finding out more, check out *WWI and Workhouse Hill* by Helen Huntley (Pauline's pen name) at www.amazon.co.uk.

Winchester Probus Club

This is a club for retired professional or business men. We meet in Winchester once a month, on Thursdays, for lunch and a talk by an outside speaker. In the interim there is an informal meeting on Thursday mornings, in a local pub, for coffee and a chat about the current topics of the day. We also have outings to places of interest, visits to local theatres and walks in the countryside with lunch in a pub.

For more information or if you would like to join us, please contact Alan Gordon, 01962 868616, acgordon.acg@gmail.com

Hampshire Open Studios

Once again Hampshire artists are opening their studios and homes to showcase their work for you to view and buy. The event runs from 17 and 26 August at venues throughout the county.

Take this opportunity to talk to the artists and acquire an original. All types of art will be on show including paintings in all media, jewellery, photography, textiles, pottery and more. For further details, visit the Open Studios website at <http://www.hampshireopenstudios.co.uk/>

Winchester Photographic Society

New Members Welcome!

- Meetings at the Discovery Centre, on a Tuesday at 7:30pm September through May
- Talks, lectures, competitions, exhibition, outings
- Geared to all levels - Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced
- On-hand advice for those seeking to improve
- Friendly Society
- Offer for the 2013/2014 Season – 10% off for new members



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Hursley Museum Services – Summer 2013 update

STOP PRESS

The museum group have located an AS/400 and need to get it transported to Hursley. Only problem is that it is currently located in Leicester! Anyone visiting that area that would be willing to bring the little Rochester designed/made little fella to a new home. Warning though, he is a bit of a cube at 630mm wide x 1050 deep x 1050 high.

If you can help, please send an email to Peter Short at peters@slx-online.biz .

New Display Rooms

By the time you read this, the new display areas on the lower ground of Hursley House should be open. Access is via the existing exhibition room HLG19. First you enter the "C.E. Room" with work benches, tools, test equipment and a number of machines opened up 'for repair'. The following photos are not quite up to date, publication deadlines mean there are last minute changes, additions and tidying-ups!



Customer Engineering

From here you enter the main new display, with areas for Home Computing, the development of the PC through to the big PS/2s, and a wall of ThinkPads. We also have some Point of Sale terminals and Portable Computing exhibits.



PC and PS/2, Monitors & Printers

Home Computing, ThinkPads



More ThinkPads



Point of Sale

Everything on display in these rooms has been added to the database and you can browse through them on the web site at <http://hursley.slx-online.biz/>.

More YouTube

There are lots of IBM-related videos on YouTube. One that caught our attention last month was a video of a robotic line in Greenock building keyboard 'F'. You can view it here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEN6Rry4ekk>.

There was also another 100 year video with vintage archive footage at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Mla9cUiXnY>.

Requests

As well as the usual appeal for anything Old and IBM, we are looking for a couple of specifics and would be grateful if you can help us.

First off, we would like to get our hands on an 8-bit Token Ring Adapter. We now have a couple of these with later bus configurations, kindly donated in the last week, and have been able to get a small ring up and running. What we would like to do is add a PC-XT or our new PC-AT (see below) to the ring, so that we can transfer files and create 5.1/4" diskettes from downloads. At the moment getting a download of old software onto an old PC is a very convoluted process. If anyone currently has the facility to cut 5.1/4" diskettes (high as well as low density) from downloads, and would be willing to do the occasional download for us, please let us know!

Next, we would like an old rotary dial telephone to add to one of our displays, the 210 PABX Dictating Machine. In fact, if we can get two of these, we can use the handset from one on our old acoustic coupler - we used to use these before there were 'proper' modems to connect a terminal to the phone line.

PC-AT

One marked gap in our collection until June this year has been the PC-AT. At one time you couldn't move for these heavy beasts in IBM, now they seem to be as rare as hens' teeth. We did get an offer of one from Bletchley at the beginning of the year, but this has not materialised.

Recently we spotted a PC-AT on eBay, and the three curators agreed we'd stretch to £30 and try our luck. The machine was in Essex, collect only, so we contacted the seller and got his agreement that if we won he would hang onto it until we could arrange collection. It sold for over £80. Mysteriously it went back onto eBay a couple of weeks

later, this time the system unit and monitor separately. We contacted the seller again, to discover that some nice Spanish person had outbid everyone but then neither paid nor communicated.

This time the system unit sold for somewhat over £30. The seller got in touch the very next day, were we still interested, the Spaniard again! £30 later it was ours. Now to arrange collection. Our Private Pilot (Peter) decided a trip to Essex was as good as a trip to any other airfield, and there was a private strip close to the seller. He agreed to meet Peter there, and so the PC-AT was air-freighted from Thurrock via Popham to Hursley! It turns out that the monitor was also sold to a non-payer, so we got that for another fiver. For those who went to Farnborough Air Show last year, here's the airfield from the air, taken following the railway line from Basingstoke to Woking.



Farnborough



Freighter



Our PC-AT

CICS

Given the importance of CICS to IBM and to Hursley, its absence from the museum has bugged us for a long time. Now, following a meeting with the CICS director, Danny Mace, this situation is to be rectified. Over the coming months, Mark will be working with CICS people to come up with an exhibition in another room in the House, opposite HLG19.

Terry has launched an appeal to try and get our hands on an old Lloyds Cashpoint, the 2984 developed at Hursley, or any other cash machine. There used to be one in Hursley, but we have no idea where it went. This would be an ideal piece of hardware to show how people interact with CICS on a regular basis and don't know that.

We have some brochures, posters and other CICS documentation, but if any of you have anything we could use, including other Hursley software such as MQ, GDDM, etc., including videos, posters or other items that may have been used in marketing over the years, please get in touch.

Peter Short.

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