

Perspective – Summer 2015

The Newsletter of the IBM Hursley Retirees' Club



EX CATHEDRA

We're well into August and our often agreeable Summer weather is misbehaving.

However, the 2015 programme of trips appears to be on track, thanks to some very hard work by Committee Members, and they have managed to choose days for our outings that have had very reasonable weather!

One worrying matter is an increase in the number of very late trip place cancellations.

For many years it has been the Club's practice of covering the extra costs of unused coach places, theatre tickets and admission charges for those that have had to cancel. In some instances, knowledge of cancellations would enable us to reduce the number of coaches booked for a trip saving a considerable amount of money.

In view of the continuing reduction in IBM's support for the Retiree Clubs across the UK, we are not sure whether we will be able to continue this approach. The Committee will be reviewing our process in the autumn, and any changes will be put to the AGM next March.

Notwithstanding our 2015 British summer, I trust that you and yours have managed to find some enjoyment either in the country or overseas, and look forward to seeing some of you on one of our outings this year.

With Best wishes to all Members.

Martin

Martin Hughes

Chairman

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FAQ's for trips

Notification

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

Cancellation

None of us are 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. 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.

IBM La Gaude

I am sure that many, including myself, will have fond memories of working with the IBMers at the La Gaude site, and for a lucky few of us, the opportunity to have visited on business.

I have been informed that the site will be closing around the middle of this year.

2015 Photographic Competition

Don't forget to get those photographs ready for our annual photographic competition. Judged by a professional photographer, the results will be announced at the next AGM.

Rules are very simple. Retirees may submit up to 3 photographs on any subject, provided that the photographs were taken on an IBM Hursley Retiree Club outing. Send your photographs to news@hurrec.org.uk

2015 Trips So Far

Salisbury & Stonehenge

Tuesday 14 April



It was the first trip of the year and the weather was absolutely wonderful weather as our coaches left IBM headed for our first stop, Salisbury. For me, Salisbury is my nearest town so not a new venue to visit, but I'm sure that many of our retirees who live on the Winchester side found many interesting places within this wonderful cathedral city. Many I know took the opportunity to visit the Cathedral in this special year of the Magna Carta, while some others headed off for Mompesson House, a NT property in the Cathedral Close. As it was also market day, I also understand that some undertook a little retail therapy.

After lunch in a rather nice pub lunch for a friend and I, and I'm sure some others did the same, it was back to the coach for 1:30 to make our way up to Stonehenge, a short 30 minute journey.

Most, if not all, of those on the trip were anxious to see the new visitor centre which opened last year; the old ticket booths really were a disgrace given that this is a world heritage site and visited by tourists from all over the world. While I was personally impressed with the structure, I did expect the museum section to be larger.

The stones are about 1 mile from the visitor centre, and a shuttle bus runs at very frequent intervals to take visitors

from the centre to the stones. For those being a little more energetic, there is a footpath that runs through the fields, past some the tumuli. Being a bit on the lazy side I took the shuttle!

Arriving at the Stones I started to make my way around turning on the audio guide at the indicated points. I found the audio guide excellent with the additional backup information giving detail on all aspects of the stones. In such glorious weather, it was a pleasure to stand and listen to this commentary.

It was soon time to head back to the coach for the relatively short ride back to Hursley. Those that didn't turn up even though they made a booking, presumably because the weather forecast was not that good, certainly missed a good day out. A good start to the 2015 trip season.

If you haven't been, don't forget that it is free for both English Heritage and National Trust members, but make sure you choose a nice day.

Stourhead

5th May



One of the classic gems in the English countryside. Stourhead gardens were described as a living work of art in the 1740's, while the house has a unique Regency library, Chippendale furniture and some inspirational paintings. Our visit to Stourhead was one of our usual trips to NT property which so many of our members seem to enjoy.

Today the group was split, and some visited the gardens in the morning, while others visited the house; the house is not that large and our numbers would have overwhelmed it had everyone chose to visit the house at the same time.

The gardens have some magnificent trees as part of its landscape, but unfortunately the wind turned into a fairly strong gale. With concern that some trees may succumb to the violent wind, the estate management decided that the risk of someone getting injured was very high and shut the gardens to visitors. This is a fairly rare occurrence, but the garden has been known to suffer considerable damage to trees over the years and this safety procedure is part of their process. In February 2014 hundreds of trees were blown down. A big disappointment for many who had yet to enter the gardens, but our health and safety must come first; an act of God as they say. *(ed: and losing a retiree or two would have made counting numbers on the coach for the return journey very difficult!)*

The National Trust did refund ticket price to the club organiser for the tickets he had purchased so that the money could be added to our account to subsidise future trips; that is except the 4 tickets that IBM retirees decided, even though they hadn't paid for them, to ask for a refund! *(ed: Money could be given back to the treasurer, no questions asked...)*

Slimbridge

28th May



The weather forecast was a real bit iffy leading up to the planned trip to Slimbridge. Undaunted, I joined a merry gang of retirees on the 2 coaches that were waiting for us at Hursley and off we set on the road toward Bristol.

A reasonably long journey of just over 2 hours saw us arrive at the entrance to Slimbridge. I hate to think how many years has passed since my wife and I were last at Slimbridge, I do remember my 40 year old son was still a child!

How the place has changed. The central area is full of interesting and exotic birds, a feast for the eyes of anyone who has a high regard for nature. Venturing further afield and following the walks to the distant hides was a worthwhile deviation, and provided those who took binoculars the opportunity to see the large variety of waders and other shoreline birds. With many stops on route for lunch/coffee/foot resting, the time came to too quickly to rejoin the coaches for our journey home.

What about the weather. As always, never not do anything because the weather forecaster says you shouldn't. The weather was bright all day, with a cool breeze when not sheltered by the hedges and trees. A perfect combination for walking around the many different areas within Slimbridge.

Swanage and Steam Railway

16th June



Two popular activities, a seaside visit and a steam railway trip. Combine the two, throw in some good weather and you have a winning combination. And that is exactly what happened on our trip this year to Swanage via a return steam train journey from Norden.

Over a hundred retirees and their partners/guests joined the coaches at Hursley to travel to Norden, the northern terminus of the Swanage Valley Railway. Our trip down to Norden was uneventful, and we had time to enjoy a coffee at the station before joining the noon train through the Purbecks, past Corfe Castle and down into Swanage. The Dorset scenery was wonderful, aided by the sunshine, and, as usual, the smell and sounds brought back memories of one's childhood.

Time at Swanage to enjoy a bite of lunch, a walk along the sea front, and a rest by the seaside with an ice-cream before boarding the train for the return journey to Norden.

A excellent day out, no doubt one that will be repeated in the not too distant future

Henley Royal Regatta

9:30am, 2nd July



A new venue for the club, at least in my time, was a trip to Henley Regatta. Having heard stories of Henley Regatta and seen some of the races on TV, I was looking forward to this free time to walk the banks and see what it was all about.

Again the weather was kind to us as we set off for the 90 minute journey to Henley. Unfortunately, no one told the road 'fix-men' that it was not a good day to dig up the road on the major route into Henley. 90 minutes soon turned into 2 1/2 hours, bless them.

As this was free time, we all set off to do our own thing. First priority for many was lunch before setting off down the banks. Some people had the foresight to get tickets for the public enclosure which was pretty close to the finish line, and had plenty of seats. Others, like yours truly, walked the bank, and it was a fair way before one got past the marquees of the enclosures and got to see the river. At least I didn't have to dress up but I know some who might suggest that striped school blazers and tiny hats may suit me!

Not being a rowing enthusiast, it was a tad hard to understand what was going on in the races, not helped by the almost non-existent tannoy system. However, the spectacle of the event was well worth the visit. The steam launches were a magnificent sight as were many of the other boats plying up and down the river. It was even better when we found a food/drink area close to the river bank with a load of seating.

Overall, an interesting day out, a new experience, and something I am glad to have done. Maybe next time I will wear a shirt, tie and get a ticket for the enclosure.

Clarence House and Buckingham Palace

8:00am, 12th August



Overcast but with no threat of any rain, the 54 retirees and partners/guests set off to London just like Christopher Robin, to see the Queen. Well, where she lives. This trip, probably the last for a few years, is the 5th in the series making it a total of 270 retirees and partners/guests that had made this pilgrimage.

It could have been the threat of a tube strike, it may have been the weather, maybe all city slickers had earned big bonuses and flown to warmer climes, but whatever the reason we had one of the fastest journeys into the centre of London that I have ever experienced. By 10:00am we were leaving our coach to make our independent ways up the Mall.

For those that have not been on this trip, Clarence House will only take 18 people on their guided tour. As a consequence we book 3 full tours back to back, every 15 minutes starting at 11:30am. Following the tour, it is time for lunch before entering Buckingham Palace at 2:30pm. The tour of the Palace is self-guided using an audio recording, and lasts between 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

A popular event, and we are sorry that we were unable to accommodate the last 2 couples on our waiting list.

Future Trips

Caversham/Mapledurham

10:00am, 19th August



A lazy start for this trip, with our coaches leaving Hursley at 10:00am. Our first stop is Caversham for lunch at Caversham Golf Club, which is included in the ticket price. From Caversham we travel a short distance to Mapledurham. Following time to look around the house and water mill, we will join a boat cruise on the Thames, returning to Mapledurham to catch our coaches home.

RHS Wisley

9:30am, 8th September

RHS Wisley dates back over 100 years to 1903 when the Wisley site was given to the RHS by Sir Thomas Hanbury, a wealthy Quaker. Since that time Wisley has grown considerably.



Each year, Wisley hosts its famous flower show, and our visit is planned for the first day of the show when all the exhibits will be at their best. Personally, not being a gardener but one that appreciates the beauty and tranquillity our flora can offer, this kind of show is a must to visit. With camera in hand, I shall be looking in amazement at the glory of all the variations of dahlia that will be on display. No doubt others will have their own favourites. Mind you, I'm glad that I am not a keen gardener for I feel I would be disappointed by my miserable efforts when compared to those of the professionals.

Not too good on the ole pins. We understand that it is possible to borrow wheel chairs, including electric wheelchairs, for a £5 deposit. Please indicate if this would be of use on the booking form and will do our best to reserve one for you, no guarantees though.

N.B. If you are a member of the RHS, please indicate on the booking form, and remember to bring your membership card with you. The club can save considerable amounts to put towards other trips by gaining access to venues through use of our memberships to RHS/NT etc where applicable.

London Tour (Dickens & Foundling Museum)

8:00am, 16th & 23rd September

An early start for this double headed tour, the ever popular London walking tour as one half and a visit to a place of interest for the other.

The walking tour will, as usual, be led by one of our well known Blue-badge guides. This year the theme is Dickens London. Born local to many of us in Portsmouth, Dickens did spend most of his life in London. Our guided tour, which will last between 1 ½ to 2 hours will take us through the areas that featured in many of his novels.

The Foundling Hospital (hospital used in its more general sense of hospitality to those less fortunate) was founded as a children's home for the education and maintenance of exposed and deserted young children and accepted its first children in 1741. It operated until the 1950's when there was a change away from institutions to fostering and adoption for children needing care. The Foundling Hospital changed its name to Thomas Coram Foundation for Children, a charity for children in London that operates as the Coram charity.

The Foundling Museum, which is housed in some of the old hospital buildings, and houses the art collection amassed by the Foundling Hospital, and the Gerald Coke Handel Collection, focussing on the life and work of the composer Handel.

Due to numbers that can be accommodated on the walks, this trip will be run on two separate days. Please indicate which day you would like to attend; if possible choose the 'either day' option to allow the committee the flexibility of balancing numbers and accommodating as many people as possible of the trips

Houses of Parliament Tours

8:00am, 5th & 12th October

The original trip to the Houses of Parliament was so oversubscribed, that we have managed to arrange a second offering to cater for some of those on the waiting list.

The tour, which will last about 75 minutes will include both Houses: House of Parliament and House of Lords.



Those coming on this trip will be told the time of their tour, and will then have free time in the very heart of London until the time to return to Hursley.

Regrettably, if you were thinking of applying for tickets both these trips are now fully booked.

Wells

9:30am, 7th October

Another beautiful city, the medieval city of Wells has only 12000 inhabitants, but boasts a magnificent cathedral and many other wonderful buildings, including the moated Bishop's Palace, Vicars Close, and a museum.

In addition to the major historic buildings, there are the narrow streets to cruise through while admiring the eclectic mix of building styles reflecting on the development of the town through the ages.

Our trip is on a Wednesday, a day of the week that there is also a Farmers Market in Wells, adding extra interest.

To get the most out of your visit why not take a guided tour. There is a public guided walk in the morning which you can join by paying the guide along with other members of the public, and in the afternoon we have arranged for a guided walk for our members. Both the walks are optional.



London (Free time)

9:30am, 17th November

When was the last time you saw the Christmas lights in London, or marvelled at the Christmas display windows in Harrods or Selfridges. Your opportunity to kick-off the Christmas spirit with a spot of retail therapy, and, as the light fades, marvel at the spectacular decorations that are so special to London.

Last year, in Oxford Street alone there were almost 1800 Christmas decorations, and ¾ million LED bulbs!

The trip is timed to allow shopping and by leaving at 6:00pm, sufficient time to see the lights in full darkness; provided that we don't encounter too much traffic getting out of London we should be back at Hursley before 8:00pm. The 6:00pm departure also gives those that wish the opportunity of taking in an afternoon matinee, but make sure you don't miss the coach - we won't wait.



Mayflower - Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

6:45pm, 24th November (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Our usual visit to the Mayflower around this time of the year. This year we have been fortunate to obtain tickets for a great pre-Christmas comedy, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. Based on the film featuring Sir Michael Caine and Steve Martin, we are to be transported to the south of France where our two villains attempt to hoodwink a millionaire heiress.

A great way to set you in the right frame of mind to handle the trauma of the lead-up to Christmas!

As usual, there is no transport for this theatre event. Tickets will be available in front of the foyer between 6:45pm - 7:15pm; arrive later than 7:15pm and you will find your tickets have been given away!

In the event that this outing is oversubscribed, there will be a ballot to decide who will be allocated tickets.

Volunteering/Charities

CHARITY TENNIS DAY

COLDEN COMMON TENNIS CLUB

Sunday 6th September

10:00am - 3:00pm

Colden Common Recreation Ground

Two ex-Davis Cup Professionals will be providing an Exhibition Match and Tennis Coaching Clinics for Adults (£10) and Juniors (£5) for a 40 minute session. A Serve Speed test at £2 will also be available.



To book your session goto bit.ly/CCTCRegister

Or contact Rob Veck 07980 167774

There will be a BBQ, Bar, Bouncy Castle, Stalls, Raffle etc.

SuperHome Open Day

Sunday 13th September 10 -12; 1 'till 4pm

8 Piping Close,

Colden Common,

Winchester

SO21 1UP

Find out how to reduce the carbon foot print of your property and reduce your energy bills at the same time.

Rob & Sue Veck have converted their property to eliminate their fuel bills, reduce their water consumption and motoring costs (310 mpg equivalent). And in doing so, they have reduced their carbon footprint emissions from the property by 80%. Contact Rob Veck for more detail, 07980 167774

Hythe & District Voluntary Car Group

The Hythe Voluntary Car Group is a voluntary service supporting the elderly in Hythe, Marchwood, Beaulieu Holbury surrounding areas by providing transport to Hospital, Doctors, Dentists & other necessary journeys.

To keep this service running we are in need of more voluntary drivers. Could YOU help by giving a few hours per week to help those people who have no transport of their own? Drivers can offer as little or as much as you choose (but generally half a day for hospitals, less for locals), on one or more days in the week.

You would be reimbursed for the use of your car plus you will receive the gratitude of those you can help.

For those who wish to avail themselves of our service, please telephone our office on 8084 5788 between 9-11am Monday to Friday. There is a small charge to cover the mileage paid to Drivers.

If you are interested in becoming one of our small band of Volunteer Drivers, or would like more information, please contact our Secretary: Mrs Iris Read on 8084 2809 or the office on 8084 5788.

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17 October 2015
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Landford Village Hall

Lyndhurst Rd, Landford, SP5 2AE
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Entrance £2.50 (Children free)

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Edwina Mackinnon, Kate Dowty,
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- Patchwork

Quilt Exhibitions

Refreshments



See www.salisburybreastcancernow.co.uk for detail

Contact: Wendy Quick 01794 390678 or wendy@salisburybreastcancernow.co.uk

Winchester & District Local RSPB Group

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 costs please visit the Winchester & District local group webpage, <http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/winchester>.

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

Winchester Art Club Annual Exhibition

12th September until 4th October

Winchester Art Club will hold its Annual Exhibition this year in the City Space in the Discovery Centre, Jewry Street, Winchester from 12th September until 4th October. There will be about 180 original paintings and sculptures on show representing a selection of our best work. The Club has about 280 members including a couple of IBM retirees. We are mostly amateurs, but there are also some professional painters including our president, Tony Hunt VPRI and Vice President, Richard Plincke RI, so you can expect to see some works of a very high standard. Since each member is entitled to submit up to three works for consideration, it is essential to have an independent selection panel made up of art professionals to whittle down the entry to fit the space available. It is interesting to note that the selection process serves to maintain a high standard and also that the overall 'feel' of the exhibition changes each year with the changes in the judging panel.

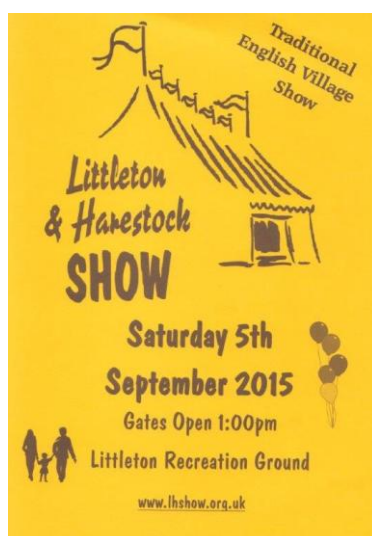
Associated with the exhibition, the Club sponsors a lecture by Douglas Skeggs. Douglas, who is an honorary member of the club, is a renowned art historian, author and TV presenter. This year the lecture will be on Friday 11th September in the Performance Hall in the Winchester Discovery Centre at 7:30pm. Ticket holders will also be able to drop in to the Exhibition Private View which starts at 6pm on the same evening. Details of the lecture and tickets will be available on our web site www.winart.org.uk.

Derek Butler, Hon. Secretary, Winchester Art Club.



Littleton & Harestock Show

5th September from 1:00pm





An account of Graham and Roger's 3 Counties challenge charity cycle ride, 26th June 2015



As a gesture of thanks to our sponsors, we have put this account together of our experiences of the day. Writing this account 4 days after, our target of £1,000 has been handsomely exceeded thanks to you all and currently stands at £2,194.20 and there may yet be more to come. Please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GrahamMackenzie>



for the latest balance. This means that each charity will get over £1,000 each, plus Gift Aid.

Marvellous.

Earlier in the week, the forecast for the 26th was mixed, to say the least, but for various reasons, it was the date that suited us both best and the final decision the night before proved to be correct as we set off at 07:43 in overcast conditions, but a good forecast with maybe an isolated shower. Here we are setting off with just another 93 miles to go (as we thought). The cycling tops were

courtesy of Guide Dogs.

At this stage, it was a calm and windless day with a temperature around 17 degrees C making ideal conditions. The first checkpoint for us was Barton Stacey at 15 miles out and we reached there at 8:40 indicating that we were making good progress and from there, we made our way up the Test Valley to Longparish, Hurstbourne Priors and



Hurstbourne Tarrant. Beautiful countryside, quiet roads and good cycling country. We realised that from the gradient profile, we would be climbing for a good few miles up through Linkenholt and Combe to Combe Gibbet on the summit of Inkpen Beacon but had not realised how steep it would be. From the settlement of Combe to the summit was around 2 miles and raised nearly 400 feet. Roger managed to reach the summit just before I did and as he breasted the top, a loud exclamation of "Wow" could be heard, as Berkshire opened up

before him.

This photo above, doesn't show the perspiration, or my red face, as I reach the summit. Time is now 10:15 and we have cycled 32 miles. We met another cyclist at the top and he offered to take our photo for the record. The track in the background leads to



Combe Gibbet, which is also the end of the Test Way. The Berkshire countryside can be seen. Note also, the blue sky. The temperature was beginning to rise.

Our companion at the summit was interested to hear that we were riding through three counties and mentioned that we could go 10 miles north into Oxfordshire and make it four! We declined the kind offer, but maybe another time. However, he did give us some good route knowledge and advised that we had covered the worst, with a lesser hill around Shalbourne and then across Salisbury Plain to Salisbury. Perhaps it is not wise to believe all you hear. Certainly, there was a hill at Shalbourne, but the one that took us by surprise was the long drag up past Wexcombe and to make matters worse, the wind had piped up to around 20mph, directly against us and stayed that way until we reached Salisbury, a distance of nearly 40 miles.

We stopped for a bite near Haxton at 12.45, having travelled 54 miles and expected to be following the river Avon down the valley to Salisbury, not realising that the road is a little way from the river and climbs and falls at regular intervals, so much so that by the time we reached Little Durnford, I was psychologically "hilled out" and decided not to take the steep hill towards Wilton and in to Salisbury via Quidhampton, but followed National Cycle Route 45 into the centre of Salisbury along some good cycle tracks. This photo of Roger was taken at Amesbury after we had negotiated the town and some busy roads and steep hills! Anticipating an easy run down the valley that didn't happen.



For me, Salisbury really was a welcome break, as my thighs and calf muscles were starting to complain. My brain had had enough of the head winds (no pun intended) and hills, so our planned rest stop at the City Museum opposite the Cathedral was timed to perfection. At 14:55, after covering 72 miles, we ordered the largest pot of tea and two of

the biggest wedges of bread pudding. Here you can see the evidence, as I send a text message home to report our safe arrival and expected time back home.



Maybe it was the rest, or the sugar content but both of us were certainly refreshed, the muscles stopped complaining and we knew we had just 26 miles to home and by this time realised that the (GPS) calculation for the route of 93 miles was light by about 5 miles, but once you are on the homeward stretch, this all become academic.

The weather fairy let us know who was in charge, whilst we enjoyed a favourable wind home, by sending the refreshing rain near East Grimstead, which lasted until we reached Lockerley. It then cleared up to become a fine, dry end to the ride.

Waiting for us at the end of Old Kennels Lane, was the reception committee of our respective wives as we faced the final hill of our journey to arrive home at 17:45 having covered 98.13 miles by my cycle odometer. In total, we climbed 5,506 feet and also came down by the same amount. Maximum speed recorded on the day was 35.5 mph and the average cycling speed was 12.12 mph and the time we were actually cycling was 8 hours 5 minutes. There was a suggestion by the ladies that we added another 2 miles to round off the 100, but we politely declined.

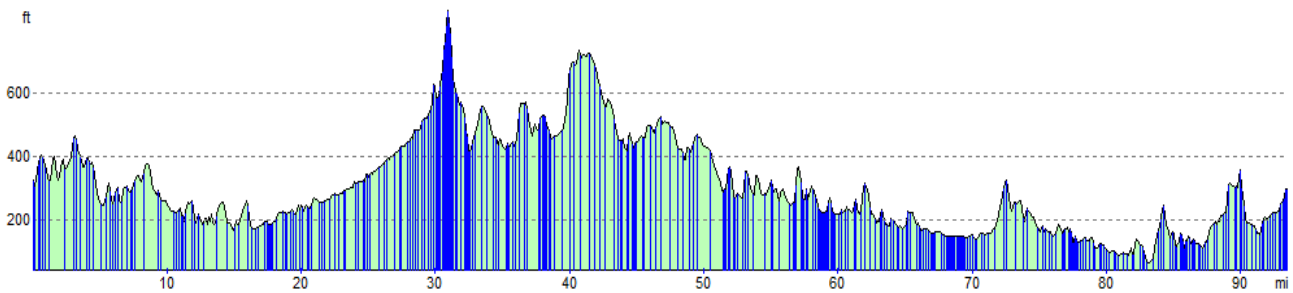


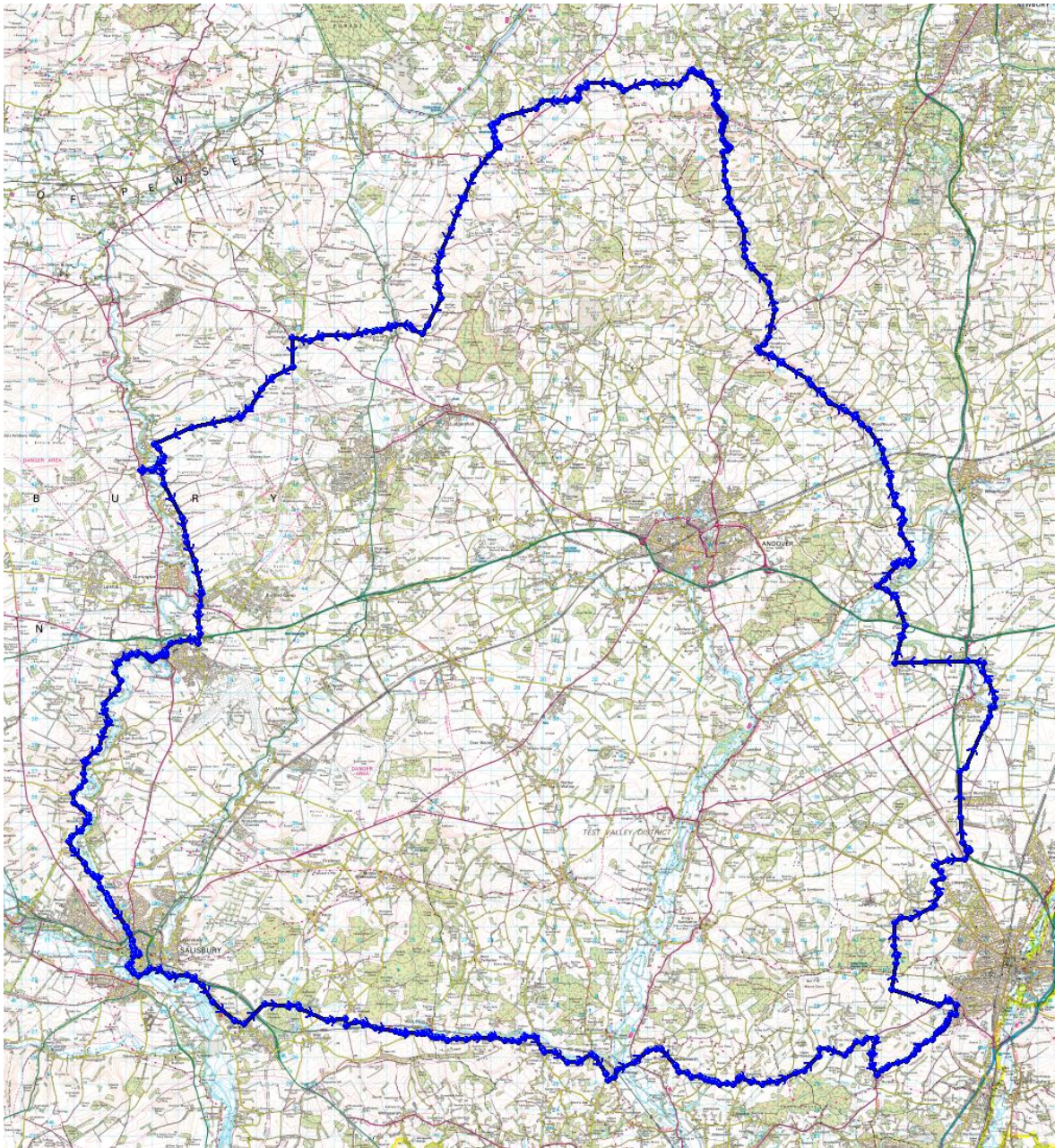
Our route is shown over the page and the gradient profile is shown below.

Once more, very many thanks for your great support to make this a worthwhile venture.

Graham and Roger.

Elevation Profile





Hursley Museum Services – Summer 2015 update

Current Activities & Acquisitions

Acquisitions since the last newsletter include:

Tektronix Oscilloscope in good working order

Avo 8 multimeter & digital multimeter

Redwing hard disk

Development adapter cards - Expressway, Titanic, Spacemont, General B

Hursley-developed logic modules

S/360 CE manuals

The metals shelving removed from the Hursley Library has been installed in the paper archive room, proving more much-needed storage.

New Electronics magazine published an article about the museum in the 28 April edition. You can download a PDF copy at <http://www.newelectronics.co.uk/newelectronics-digital-magazine/2941>.

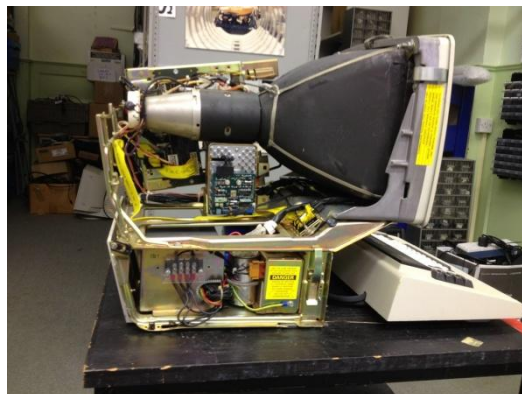
The faulty kiosk in HLG03 has been replaced and the rolling display updated.

The museum's web site navigation has been updated.

York Museum

We have now donated most of our non-IBM artefacts to Jim Austin's [computer museum near York](http://www.computermuseum.org.uk/) (<http://www.computermuseum.org.uk/>), together with a few IBM machines where we had duplicates, including an AS/400, PC 'Luggable', PC Convertible and 701 Butterfly ThinkPad.

In return, Jim has loaned the museum a 3278 display terminal with system console keyboard. This has some physical damage, having been dropped on a rear corner, so we'll get to test our metal-bashing skills soon!



Request for Information

Dave Key is looking for any information on the various refurbishments of the House, in particular the one in 1967 when the Auditorium was created from the old Ballroom.

Can anyone help? If you can, please contact Dave at dave_key@uk.ibm.com

IBM Pin Collection

I have received an email from Manfred Rohr who left IBM Germany after 30 years of service. In his email he says that own the world's largest IBM pin collection and present all of them in his IBM Pin Online Museum. Have a look at <http://www.mypins.de/ibm/> to see them all. Have a focus on the Country-UK category

“The simple reason why I contact you is my hope that you have some pins in the club which you could donate to my museum. “

If you wish to contact Manfred about IBM pins, his email address is mrohr@mypins.de

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