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Supporting the Museum

Your financial support is vital to the museum - we receive no national funding and we do not charge an entrance fee.

Almost all our funding has come from individuals like you. For donations of more than £75 we reward you with our founder donor medals.

We have appointed fund raisers to help the trustees with this work, and if you can suggest corporate routes to funding we would be pleased to hear from you.



We are now welcoming hundreds of visitors each weekend as well as numerous school visits during the week

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West Drayton ATC System has arrived

We have been donated the last two PDP11 based air traffic control stations from the old LATCC building at West Drayton. More than thirty such stations were responsible for all air traffic around Heathrow for much of the 1980s and 1990s. These last two control desks are now on gallery and are being re-commissioned. [Click](#)

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Our First Cray Supercomputer

10th May: Our first Cray supercomputer arrives at the museum. I must say it's incredibly heavy - and it's only a relatively little one - something over 600kg. We had stripped of as much of the outer casing as possible, and removed the disk trays, but it's still big! For the record, it's a Cray Y-MP EL machine.



We expect the Cray to take pride of place in a new gallery on scientific computing, and hope to be running the Cray against Colossus ready for the next Cipher Challenge.

The Cray is just one of the machines that have been kindly donated to the museum recently.

The trustees, staff and volunteers would like to sincerely thank all those generous people whose donations are helping to make the museum a success.

News and Updates

We've got the builders in

We are currently removing the post WWII walls that were added to our building when it was converted for use after 1945. This will open up two new gallery spaces the full width of the building. Of course it's chaos at the moment, but the work should be completed within the month.



I'm ready for my closeup Mr De Milne

The BBC production team from **The One Show** are visiting this week to film in the museum for the whole day. We have a star line-up from Colossus, a PDP8, a Sinclair ZX80, a BBC Micro, and finally an Apple iMac



Previous Newsletters

In case you have missed any of our newsletters, they are all available from the museum web site. [Click here to review past newsletters](#)

Colossus on screen: Silicon.com visited the museum recently,
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