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The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park Newsletter - Issue One



Supporting the National Museum of Computing

While volunteer effort is helping us move forward at a huge rate, we do need funds to establish a world class museum.

In particular we are looking for sponsors to donate funds for specific projects such as networking our museum, equipping a new gallery, and establishing a trust fund to continue our policy of free access to the museum.

If you can help please do not hesitate to contact us.

Work this out!

Our calculator display is now almost complete. This very rich display includes mechanical machines from the 19th Century through to today's most advanced scientific programmable calculators. We have divided the display into three sections: commercial, scientific, and programmable.

Rewiring Colossus

We have just completed a major re-wiring of the power distribution cabling on Colossus. Colossus hasn't been available for public demonstrations during this time, but we are happy to say the machine is being almost every day at the park.

BCS at 50

One of our milestones in the coming year is the British Computer Society 50th anniversary conference on the history of computing. The first day of this three day conference is being held at Bletchley Park.

While the Bletchley day concentrates on the Colossus rebuild project and the Bombe rebuild project, there will be an opportunity for delegates to visit the museum.

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Document Archive

Our document archive is now complete and ready to be used. The new shelving has been installed and the computer system commissioned. Despite having over 500m of shelf space we expect to be able to fill most of the available space!



Work in Progress

Our computer conservation workshop now has four new four new residents under treatments. We are currently working on a PDP11/70, an original PDP8, a Prime Mini-computer and an IBM RT system with very advanced graphics.

Each station in the workshop includes test equipment, and access to our very complete document archive.



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