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A guaranteed home for the museum for 25 years and almost 800 visitors on day one!

We are pleased to announce that after long negotiations, we have signed a 25 year lease on Block H at Bletchley Park. "This gives us the opportunity to create a world class resource on the history of computing, and we look forward to working with the Bletchley Park Trust to provide a first class visitor experience", says museum trustee Kevin Murrell.

On our trial opening this Easter weekend, we saw almost **800 visitors** on Monday, and we are sure from the feedback we received this was a great success.

Fold away your tray tables, and bring seat backs to upright!

During the first open day at Easter the air traffic control / flight simulator room was inundated with visitors! We have two specially built consoles, one with two seats for air traffic controllers, and the other with two seats for pilots. All the systems are networked together, and include microphones and headphones.

Also on display is a real time 'radar' image of flights over the UK.

BBC Computer Anniversary

We were pleased to supply all the working equipment for the recent seminar held by the Computer Conservation Society. The demonstration included several BBC Model B machines, atoms, electrons, and a working BBC Domesday system. Click here for more details of the event.

New accessions
Some of the news items donated to the museum in the last few months include: ACT Sirius, Ferranti Argos 600, IBM AS400, Shelton Signet, BBC Domesday system, Apple III, SWTP Systems, Tektronix Graphics terminal, and two super NCR cash registers.

New additions to the archive include manuals and documentation on: Stantec Zebra, Ferranti Pegasus and Orion, IBM360, IBM1130, NCR Accounting Systems, and BBC Manuals and Magazines.

Restoration Projects
We are currently restoring two machines: An Elliott 803 and a PDP8. The PDP8 (a straight 8 - rack mount) includes extra memory (up to 8k!) and two DecTape drives. The basic processor and memory is now working, but there is a long way to go with the rest of the machine.

The Eliiott machine is basically working now. A dead transistor, causing a resistor to overheat, was solved this weekend by smell alone! Nothing else smells just like that bank of resistors slowly being cooked!

Finally, please remember that the museum receives no government funding nor any funding from gate admissions.
We rely solely on donations from the public and business to operate.

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