



## The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park

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### Fundraising

Can you help with our fund raising? Do you have particular contacts who might be willing to support the museum? Funds at this stage are absolutely crucial to our survival, giving the museum both security and stability in its early months and years. One position we believe it important to fill is that of a full time museum curator to help towards our accreditation process. While we have enormous support from our volunteers, we need funds to be able to continue this work on a professional basis too. [Click here for donations](#)



### Icons

We have almost completed a temporary display called Icons. These are iconic machines from the 1970s and 1980s - machines that display the wide range of designs and technologies available to both business and home computing before the IBM PC arrived on the scene.

### Preparing for the ICL2966

The last newsletter described our plans to display our ICL 2966 mainframe. At the time, we anticipated that moving the system into the workshop would be the biggest problem in beginning the restoration process, but if you can't get the equipment into the room, you need to start removing walls! We have now taken down a section of wall between the workshop and the large system room and are back on target.



### **Radio intercept and Tunny**

We have almost completed the new display showing the radio intercept station at Knockholt, the subsequent paper tape preparations and both the Heath Robinson and Tunny machines.



### **BCS @ 50**

We have just held the first day of the British Computer Society's three day conference celebrating the past fifty years of British computing. The first day of the conference was held at Bletchley Park, with the subsequent two days being held in London. We showed the museum including Colossus, the new Radio intercept and Tunny exhibition, and the start of the museum galleries to a group of more than 120 conference delegates. It was a rare treat to hear several presentations from early British computer pioneers at the conference.

[BCS@50Conference](#)

The National Museum of Computing was visited last week by the technology correspondent of BBC News Online.

We were able to show them the progress we have made, including the Colossus and Tunny rooms, and the work on the mainframe room. We hope this will be the start of a regular series charting progress at the museum.

[BBC News about the museum](#)



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