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The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park
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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 an endowment fund to ensure the continued success of the museum.

If you can help, please do not hesitate to contact the editor, Kevin Murrell, on 07939 471765 or use the email address at the bottom of this newsletter. More about the trust

Moving a mainframe
Not something anyone does very often, we suspect this is the last time anyone will move and re-install an ICL2966 mainframe.

For the record, we are moving four processor cabinets, two consoles, four tape drives, one line-printer, nineteen disk drives, and two card readers. Add to that more cable and spares than you can imagine and the odd hundred-weight of manuals and drawings. (When we say disk drives, by the way, think more of a top-loading washing machine than a paper back!)

We'll keep you all updated with the progress we make in the next few issues of the newsletter.

Radio Intercept, Knockholt & Tunny
We are completing a new display on the interception and decryption of WWII Lorenz teleprinter messages. The gallery will cover the radio signal reception at the Knockholt Y station and subsequent paper tape preparation ready for processing by Colossus.

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Archiving in progress!
Having shown the empty archive last month, we felt you might like to see the room as it is now. Our archivist is presently cataloguing our DEC documentation set and is steadily working through the new literature that is constantly arriving.

We have recently received a set of papers on Russian computer development, including many manuals for the famous BESM range of machines.

The Tunny machine emulated the Lorenz SZ43 cipher machine, and once Colossus had worked out the original settings, the Tunny was used to decipher the message. Our Tunny rebuild project is now well under way. More on Lorenz and Colossus

Real Time Club Archives
The National Museum of Computing is pleased to announce it has been asked to hold the archives of the Real Time Club.

Formed in 1967, the RTC has some 150 members - mostly entrepreneurs from the IT community. The Club meets for discussion, debate and dinner on a regular basis, and has made important contributions to British IT policy. More about the RTC

BCS @ 50 Conference
There are still places available at the BCS @ 50 conference. This three day conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the British Computer Society is being held on July 12th.

The first day at Bletchley Park will include a visit to the National Museum of Computing as well as lectures and demonstrations of the Colossus and Bombe projects. Days two and three will be held at the BCS offices in London. More about BCS @ 50

Retro OS Emulation
Our operating system emulation machine won an award from HP last year as one of the most innovative uses of the Hobby OpenVMS licence. The system is still popular, and can be accessed by following the link below. We hope to be hosting a complete ICL 1900 George III system on this machine before long. Click to access our Retro OS System

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