

Perspective – March 2013

The Newsletter of the IBM Hursley Retirees' Club



EX CATHEDRA

First may I thank all those Members who attended the AGM and the meal beforehand in the D Block cafeteria.

Thanks to Merv Quick, Ron Wilks and some fancy IT footwork with Pensions and HR input, the mailing files are as up-to-date as they can be made. But please don't let that discourage Members from keeping us aware of current electronic contact information!

At the AGM on 12th March, the planned visits for 2013 were announced and application forms are now being sent to those Members on record.

Please humour me by sending SELF-SEAL envelopes whenever an SAE is requested!

Your Committee has been re-elected for the coming year and I believe we can interpret this as recognition that we're delivering a programme of visits which meets Members' expectations. But complacency is unacceptable and we value your input. So please continue to comment to Committee Members about whatever concerns you, especially ideas for fresh venues, perhaps of a specialist nature.

Our aim is, as always, to serve the major part of the Club's membership through the events schedule but we are exploring the possibilities of single coach "taster" outings to smaller venues which cannot handle our usual number of Members.

This year's Grant from IBM has been reduced by a further 10% on the 2012 funding. However, your Committee is determined to manage available resources as well as we are able and to provide events that are interesting and entertaining. The appointment last year of a Global Oversight Manager (of Club activities throughout the IBM world) was accompanied by the announcement of a UK Oversight function. This continues and we look forward to working with our new UK Oversight Manager in the months ahead.

We look forward to seeing many of our "old" colleagues over the coming months.

Martin Hughes
Chairman

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AGM

MINUTES OF THE 2013 AGM HELD AT HURSLEY ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2013

1. WELCOME

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by the Club Chairman, Martin Hughes, who welcomed Hugh Proudman, Program Director of IM Development at the Hursley Laboratory to the Meeting. Around 180 retirees were present.

2. HURSLEY LAB UPDATE

Hugh Proudman spoke about the Corporation's continued progress worldwide and within the UK. There are presently 2,800 employees at Hursley, half of whom are dedicated to Software Development Projects. Worldwide two new research laboratories have opened in Nairobi, Kenya and San Paolo, Brazil with India and China continuing to attract new business every month. In the UK business is also growing and 2012 produced another record year but competition continues to be fierce. Hugh was proud to tell us about the Extreme Blue program which was run at Hursley last year. This is a Summer Intern Program where 16 university undergraduates are employed to work on projects that could be patented and used in the future. This is a 12 week placement and has proved to be a very useful project for both the student and IBM.

3. APOLOGIES:

Martin Hughes continued the AGM announcing there were 6 apologies.

4. MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2012 AGM were distributed and adopted.

Proposed by Harry Keeling, seconded by John Dennis.

5. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Martin outlined briefly last year's programme which had been successful with the exception of one outing to the Gadget show which had not attracted enough interest. At the present time there are 1,382 retiree members of the Hursley Club. This led on to Martin reading the names of those members who had passed away during the year and he reminded people that this information is kept up to date on the Hursley Retiree website.

The IBM grant to the retiree clubs continues to decrease and 2012 had seen a further fall of 10%. An Oversight Manager is now in place to ensure all IBM Clubs conform to a process which can be audited. This is to make sure clubs are run competently but this does put pressure on any committee. Anyone interested in picking up a project, such as looking at insurance etc. would be welcomed.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

Copies of the Income and Expense Account as at December 31, 2012 were available for everyone to see. John Jones outlined the salient points of his report and then thanked John Dennis for auditing the accounts. The accounts approval was proposed by Rafe Pascual and seconded by Richard Walker.

7. PENSIONS TRUST MANAGER

Martin then welcomed Adrian Spann, Pensions Trust Manager, London to talk about the IBM Pensions and Trusts. He talked about the UK results and the changes to the composition of the Pensions Board. He outlined the background to the court cases that have been proceeding. One case has been resolved in favour of the Trustees and the other case is ongoing. He recommended the website www.smartpensionsuk.co.uk for all matters relating to pensions and this is updated on a regular basis, including pension increases.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Adrian Spann took the chair for the election of officers and the following were duly elected on a show of hands. Proposed by Sandy Sanders and seconded by Richard Wright.

Chairman:	Martin Hughes
Secretary:	Harry Helyar
Treasurer	John Jones
Committee:	Tony Compton, John Faller, Harry Keeling, Merv Quick Pauline Bell, Ingrid Bond, Merv Quick, Ron Wilks, Jim Woodland.

Following the election Martin continued by outlining the proposed trips for 2013. Merv Quick had set up a PowerPoint presentation so these were visible during to all during the meal. *(Ed: See later in this newsletter for full 2013 trip details)*

9. CLUB WEBSITE

Ron Wilks talked about the club website www.hurrec.org.uk and encouraged people to check it regularly. Email distribution of the outings information package is still being encouraged. At the moment 800 people are on the distribution list which saves time and postage. In addition there may be outings arranged, in the future, at short notice and the online distribution list would be the best way to advertise such events. Also mentioned was the IBM rewards scheme which gives excellent discounts on many well known company products.

10. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

Merv Quick thanked those who had participated in this competition and revealed the top three winners. However, the number of entries was only 13 this year which was very disappointing. After a show of hands from the floor it was agreed to run it again next year with hopefully more entries being received.

11. AOB.

No further business was raised and the meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm with thanks to the Laboratory for providing our supper and accommodation.

FAQ's for trips

Notification

For those trips that you are requested to supply a stamped addressed envelope, you will receive notification of whether you have been successful in your application for that trip. For all others, just turn up to Hursley, follow the signs to Retiree Parking, park, join a coach, and enjoy the day

Cancellation

None of us is getting younger, and the gremlins come and attack us from time to time. If you have booked on a trip and find that you can't go, please phone Harry Helyar. If Harry does not answer the phone, just leave a clear message. What many do not realise is that Harry has a deputy plan in place for when he away from home, so messages do get listened to, and Harry is made aware.

By cancelling, you may help us to save money by reducing the number of coaches we have booked, or allow someone else who is on a waiting list to go in your place. Of course, if you cancel then your cheque is torn up, another benefit.

Even on the day you can help us by cancelling, just call the club's mobile telephone.

Emergency

Should an emergency arise while on a trip you should call the club's mobile telephone **07505-094887** which will be carried, unless you have been otherwise advised, by the trip organiser.

Leaving on time

Please do make sure you arrive at Hursley before the planned departure time, and also be **back at the coach at the stated times**. The coaches need to depart within minutes of the stated time. If you have a last minute problem, call the club's mobile. They will leave without you if you are not there.

2012 Photographic Competition Winners



Third Place

Third place goes to Joy Matthews for this photograph titled 'Spinnaker'. The judge commented: Ask anyone who has been to Venice! It's great.



Second Place

Second place goes to Rafe Pascual for his photograph titled 'Legs in the clouds'. The judge commented: Hard shot to get. Well done.



First place

First place and a free trip to Weymouth goes to Steve Russell for his photograph titled 'Revival Buick'. The judge commented: Evocative feel and well taken. Unusual angle.

2013 Trips

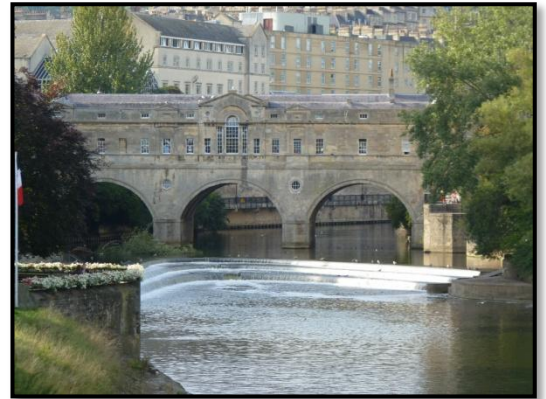
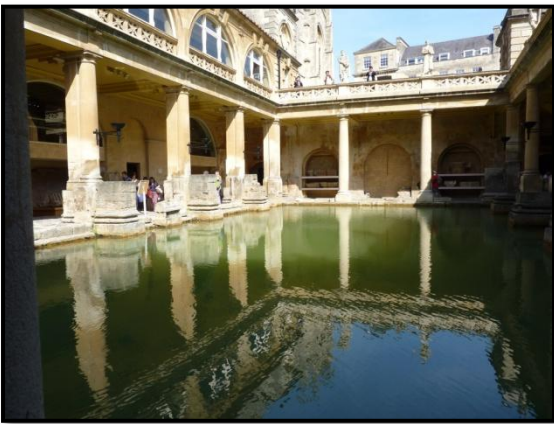
Bath - with optional walking tour

23rd April

A spring day out in beautiful Bath.

We will leave Hursley at 9:30am for the two hour journey to Bath where you will have several hours to enjoy the sites, or perhaps visit the famous Roman Baths, until the coach leaves at 4:30pm.

If you have never been to Bath, or perhaps have been and seen the major attractions and would like to explore, we are also offering a walking tour that will last 2 hours; our guides will be blue-guide registered.



The cost to go on the guided walking tour is £5.00 per person, and you should include this as indicated on the booking form if you want to take this option

Don't forget that Bath, as lovely as it is, is a very hilly place, and the tour will not keep to the level ground; it may be arduous for some. The walking tour will start at 2:0pm from the Tourist Office, which is beside the cathedral.

Tyntesfield

28th May

Tyntesfield is one of the National Trust's most recent properties, acquired in 2002. Located near Bristol, the house is a spectacular Victorian Gothic Revival house with beautiful gardens and surrounding parkland.

Leaving at 9:30am, we will arrive in time for lunch, and have several hours to enjoy the fabulous house, its magnificent chapel, gardens, and if time permits perhaps at some time in the visitor centre looking at the books on sale, or having refreshments in the Cow Barn restaurant.

Please don't forget to bring your National Trust cards with you if you are members, no point in buying tickets if we don't have to!



Antiques Road Show

6th June



Have you an antique that you would like valued by an expert? If so, why not bring it along on our visit to the Antiques Road Show recording that will take place at the Royal Marines Museum at Southsea. At the show some of the country's leading experts will be on hand to offer advice and a valuation.

I'm sure that we have all seen the long queues at the show with people waiting with their precious objects, but that is only if you want to see an expert. You can wander round the show looking at the artefacts that have been brought, and listen to the comments being made all day long if you don't want to see an expert.

We will leave Hursley at 9:30am, and return early evening. Don't forget that luggage space on the coach will be limited, so you won't be able to bring that antique French Grandfather clock to be valued; please do not bring any object larger than that which will fit in a briefcase. Be aware that we plan to leave the show at 4:30pm so you may not reach the head of the queue before then if it is very long.

Savill Gardens and River Thames Boat Trip

19th June



Sure to be one of the most popular trips that we hold in 2013, a full day out starting at 9:30am from Hursley with a visit to the wonderful Savill Gardens, followed by a trip from Runnymede to Windsor. The most perfect way to see Windsor Castle.

Not only will you have a special day feasting your eyes on the glory of the flowers and the sights from the boat on the river cruise, you will also receive a hot lunch at Savill Gardens; catering by Leith caterers, for those of you that watch Masterchef and follow Pru Leith as she judges the competition. In addition, you will receive afternoon tea aboard the boat.

This trip will be limited to a maximum of 150 due to catering

restrictions, so book early.

Weymouth

9th July

A traditional seaside day-out. No rush to get out of bed as we will not be leaving Hursley until 9:30am when our coaches will take us straight to Weymouth, a journey of a little under 2 hours.

It is total free time once we get to Weymouth, so you will have about 5 hours to do your own thing. Perhaps you will just get a deck-chair and spend the day on the beach, or wander around the old harbour area where there is always so much to see and photograph; a photographer's delight. The more energetic amongst us may like to visit the RSPB reserve at Radipole Lake just a short walk from the beach, or perhaps





stroll out to the headland and visit Nothe Fort which was built by the Victorians to protect Portland Harbour.

Clarence House and Buckingham Palace 8th & 20th August

Following much demand, we have arranged for a trip to the Royal Houses. Due to restrictions on numbers that can enter, the trip will run on 2 days, each with one coach carrying a maximum of 54 people.

We will leave Hursley at 8:00am, and travel directly to Clarence House. The coach party will be divided into 3 groups as the maximum number of people that are allowed on the guided tour of Clarence House is 18; timed entry tickets will be distributed on the coach, the tours will start at 15 minute intervals commencing at 11:45am and will last one hour.

After the tour, the group has time for lunch and the short half-mile walk to Buckingham Palace, where everyone will enter at 2:30pm and will have just over 2 hours to enjoy the self-guided audio tour.

We will join our coach at 5:15pm for the return trip to Hursley, arriving back shortly after 7:00pm.



Dorset Steam Fair 28th August



For something of a departure from our normal trips, we will be offering an afternoon/evening visit to the fabulous Dorset Steam Fair. This will allow those who come to enjoy the many displays in the afternoon, and the other activities that take place in the evening.

We will leave Hursley at 1:30pm, giving time to perhaps have an early lunch before getting on the coach. With the normal drive time and allowing for some queuing, the usual problem getting into this fair, we should be in the showground between 3:00pm-3:30pm.

We plan to leave the showground at 9:30pm, arriving back at Hursley around 11:00pm.

London Walks

10th & 17th September

Ever popular, we will again be offering the chance to take a guided walk in London with the very capable Blue-guides. This year, we have decided to explore the area around Notting Hill. Many will remember the bad ole days of the Notting Hill race riots, but that was a long long time ago way back in 1958. Now, much more famous for its annual carnival.

The world has moved on, and Notting Hill is now the in-place in London. The Telegraph in 2004 used the phrase the Notting Hill Set to refer to up and coming young conservatives such as David Cameron and George Osborne who were based there. Last year, Nick Ross is reported to have sold his 1908 town house for the princely sum of £35 million!

As always, so that we can maximise the use of guides, this trip will be run on 2 different days, 2 coach loads each day. Please make sure you indicate which day you would like to come. If you can be flexible, do choose the 'either day' option as this allows us much greater flexibility in accommodating all who wish to come on the trip.



Portsmouth Dockyard

15 October

A leisurely 9:30am start for the short trip to Portsmouth Dockyards. As I write this, I have just returned from a visit to a Group Travel Fair being held at Portsmouth Dockyard; trying to identify new venues for 2014! The naval dockyards are in their usual well kept condition, albeit HMS Victory is looking a little bare with no top masts which have been removed as part of its refit.

One of the privileges of the visit was a preview tour of the, as yet unopened, new Mary Rose museum. Due to be open late spring, building work is almost complete and they have started placing all the artefacts in their extensive display cabinets.



Spraying of the timbers with their special solution will stop in mid-March, after 29 years of continuous spraying, and then the drying process commences which will not

be complete until 2017. Until then, the Mary Rose will be behind glass, but still visible to the visitors. Our guide explained where the audio-visual displays would be placed, how one would be surrounded with the smells and sounds associated with the ship, and how one could walk on the glass walkway to see the 'decks below'. Overall, if the preview was



anything to go by, it will be a fabulous experience and one not to be missed.

Entrance fees to all the exhibits in at the dockyards, including the Mary Rose exhibition, are included in the ticket price.

Birmingham Christmas Market

26th November



Having run for over 10 years, the Birmingham Christmas Market, known as the Frankfurt Christmas Market, is a firm favourite of locals and visitors; Birmingham has been twinned with Frankfurt for over 40 years. As well as the Christmas market offering the traditional stalls, visitors can take delight in some of the other items on offer: crepes, German lager, German mulled wine, gingerbreads, marzipan sweets...

If you are looking for that something different as a Christmas present you could try the Birmingham Craft Fair, with goods by local artisans, which runs alongside the Christmas Market.

And for the major shops, all under cover, you could head for the Bull Ring shopping centre which is a few minutes walk along from the Christmas Market.

Overall, a great way to start your Christmas shopping, or just to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Volunteering/Charities

Romsey Show



A charity promoting horse breeding and agriculture, the Romsey Show is where Town meets Country. I am sure that many of us have been to the show at some time over the last few years, but like all charities it cannot survive without support from volunteers.

Stan Draper has been a volunteer for many years, and for 2 weeks prior to the show works with a team marking out the trade stands and helping the traders on the day. The teams work either a morning or afternoon rota, and would welcome more volunteers. As Stan says: It is quite an experience seeing the whole show go together. I

suspect it is also great fun, good exercise, and rewarding.

If you would like to learn more, please send an email to news@hurrec.org.uk and you will be contacted, don't forget to include your phone number.

This year's show is on 14th September, and more information can be found at www.romseyshow.co.uk

National Trust – Mottisfont Abbey



Another charity that Stan Draper supports is the National Trust at Mottisfont Abbey. National Trust volunteers help visitors get the most out of their visit, and while there are volunteer opportunities in all areas at Mottisfont, Stan focuses his support in the old house and on outdoor walks.

Mottisfont Abbey, near Romsey, has over 800 years of history, and is famous for its Rex Whistler painted saloon, rose garden, and beautiful riverside walks.

Mottisfont Abbey also houses regular art exhibitions all year round.

Again, if you are interested in finding out more, please send an email to news@hurrec.org.uk ; include your phone number.

For more information on this National Trust property, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont



HABLAD (Hursley Ballroom and Latin Dancing Sub-Section)



We meet on Monday evenings in the Club House for tuition by a professional dance teacher. Currently we have two classes, one from 7 'til 8pm and the second 8 'til 9pm.

We are looking for new members to join in the autumn term which starts in September. If you have a little dancing knowledge whether in the recent past or you wish to refresh your skills from the more distant past we have vacancies in our first group which starts at 7pm.

More ambitiously we would like to start a new Beginners group. We need a minimum of 4 couples to be able to do this. This class could either be from 6 'til 7pm or 9 'til 10pm – the choice would be yours, our teacher is ready and willing to do either.

Typically the dances we have covered or are engaged on at present are: Waltz, Rhumba, Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Tango and Quickstep. The choice of dance is very democratic, it is up to the group to express an interest in a particular dance to our teacher or she will lead.

Dancing is a fun way of keeping fit both of mind and body and is incredibly useful when it comes to those special occasions and holidays, cruising perhaps?

We have three terms usually 10 weeks each. Outside of terms we use Monday evenings as our practice nights. These are evenings when we try to help each other.

You are welcome to come along to see us in action or to join us for an evening as a taster session.

For information give me a ring or look at the website for further contact details. Remember your guests are welcome too. Ingrid Bond Tel: 01962 883861

Hursley Yoga Club

Improve flexibility with stretching exercises that promote better breathing, deeper relaxation, and overall well being - in a non-competitive, friendly atmosphere".

Beginners Welcome

Classes are on Wednesdays. We have two classes, at 5:30pm or 7:15pm in the Jim Hayes Hall, Hursley Club House

Only £5 per session, for first few classes. If you like it, you can join the club for lower fees:)

Why not give Yoga a try? All you need is clothing that doesn't restrict your movements, bare feet and a blanket. If you are interested please contact:-

Toni Martin 01962 816390 or Sarah Stevens 01962 818044

If you think you'd like to try Yoga but are unsure about what we do, or have questions you can contact the instructor, Iris Lee, who's happy to discuss your questions at IrisleeYoga@aol.com.

Superhome - Rob Veck's House

In past issues we have reported on the work done by Rob Veck in making his home and lifestyle as energy efficient as possible,

On March 24th from 10:00am – 1:00pm & 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Rob will again have his house open for public viewing, and offer a chance to discuss some of the energy efficiency techniques with him. If you fancy finding out more, why not drop in:

8 Piping Close
Colden Common
Winchester
SO21 1UP
01962 714177
07980 167774

Rob now has 3 years of data that shows 5% ROI index linked. Find out how you could reduce your energy bills and contribute towards carbon savings.



- Super insulation – loft, walls, ground
- Draft proofing
- Log Burner & Heat store.
- Renewables – Photovoltaic & Solar hot water (still a winner).
- Heat Recovery system.
- Triple Glazing.
- LED Lighting
- Energain Thermal Mass.
- Switching Energy Supplier.
- Electric Bike.
- (Possibly) Electric Car - Renault Zoe.

And he still hasn't put the central heating on yet!

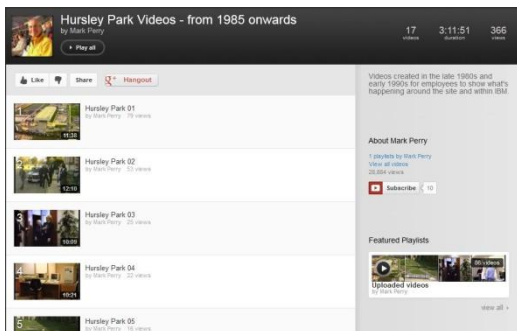
Hursley Museum Services – Spring 2013 update

The museum has had a busy time since the last newsletter. We've had more interesting and useful donations from retirees, for which many thanks! We are also finding out when you come in with your donations that many of you have artefacts stashed away that you didn't bring because you weren't sure if we could use them. If it's old and IBM, we're interested!

The 3174 and 3268 mentioned last time have now been moved to the museum. We are now trying to get the 3174 to talk to a PC-XT with a 3270 emulator card.



Hursley Park Videos on YouTube



Sixteen of the eighteen Hursley Park videos can now be viewed on YouTube. There is a link on the museum web site under Videos, or you can access the YouTube page directly:

http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLq28Gylq95eLr4OYH2tg9gyC8e_dOKiaF_&feature=view_all

We haven't found numbers 13 and 16 yet!

Museum Expansion

In February the museum has taken over yet more rooms on the lower ground floor. Three rooms behind the current room HLG19, formerly the Human Factors Lab., will allow us to expand the range of artefacts that we can put on display. One of these rooms is a video editing suite, which we plan to preserve.

As part of the expansion and reorganisation plans, we held a strategy meeting with lab management and the EBC to explore what themes the museum should try to create. The Executive Briefing Centre often shows customers around the museum, and is trying to come up with suggestions for better ways of showing off our collection.

In addition, we have started to receive redundant 'racking' from the DP room. The first one has been erected in the archive / workshop area, and provides twice the surface area for the same floor space. As we reorganise the museum's displays to use the new rooms and the racking, we hope to be able to show some hardware both in working order on the lower level and opened up to show the innards on the top level.



Other Museum Goings-on

XT System Boards

In our quest to get more hardware back into working order, we have encountered quite a few exploding tantalum capacitors on PC-XT system boards. These boards are also used in the PC Portable (Luggable!). Often after the bang they create a dead short circuit causing the power supply to shut itself down. Removing the guilty remnants usually bring the boards back to life, so we now have a couple more working XTs and three more working Portables.

PC Software

One of these Portables is fitted with a hard disk (not a standard configuration) which we plan to use as our repository of early PC software. One major difficulty has been obtaining software from the Web and getting it onto 5.1/4" diskettes. A donation last year of an enclosure with two 3.1/2" diskette drives attaches to the external diskette adapter card connector. This has been successfully connected to this machine so we can now read 3.1/2" diskettes onto the Portable's hard disk and from there create 5.1/4" as needed, although the solution looks a bit Heath-Robinson with an extra diskette drive hanging out of the unit.

1052 Selectric Keyboard-less Printer

The 1052 was the operator console for S/360. It is a cut-down Selectric, with no keyboard (there was a separate electro-mechanical keyboard) and no backspace or tab functions. Without covers, we felt it would be ideal to show the basic Selectric working. To that end it has been fitted out with a home-grown Perspex case and a small control panel, from which the printer can be made to perform print, space, shift and carriage return functions. The printer itself has been overhauled in-house, and is now ready to be demonstrated fully. There is a YouTube video at the link <http://youtu.be/YfYTC0YWwZk>.



Computer Conservation Society / Bletchley NMoC Visit

In January, the museum hosted six visitors from the CCS and the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park. [The Computer Conservation Society](#) was founded in 1989 as a joint venture between the British Computer Society, the Science Museum in London, and the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester.

Our aim was to raise the profile of the museum and to look for ways of fostering cooperation with each other. Apart from exchanging links on our web sites, we agreed we would send a copy of this and subsequent newsletters for inclusion in the CCS newsletter, Resurrection. Resurrection will also be happy to publicise searches for donations of IBM artefacts, and our details will be added to their list of Working Groups and Museums. Links on the museum web site are under 'Other Organisations.'

The National Museum offered to donate a PC-AT, a gap in our collection that we have been hoping to fill for some time. They have also suggested that they have other IBM hardware surplus to requirements that we can also add, including possibly an AS/400, a System/36 and System/38.

It was proposed that the CCS could hold a meeting at Hursley for their members and the Hampshire branch of the BCS, perhaps in September, to include a talk and a museum visit.

Hursley Products

One task we have set ourselves is to try and create a comprehensive list of all the products developed at Hursley. We thought there'd be a record somewhere, but if there is it's well hidden! We've made a start on what we can remember, and have received some excellent additional input from Brian Middleton and Mike Cowlshaw. The list so far is on the web site under Documentation --> Hursley Products

<http://hursley.slx-online.biz/hursley-products-hw.asp> (Hardware)

<http://hursley.slx-online.biz/hursley-products-sw.asp> (Software)

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us to complete this list. We have lots of missing dates, missing code names or product names / machine types and missing department names. There must be lots more products and activities that aren't there yet. Please send any input to Peter Short - [mailto:peters@slx-online.biz?subject=Hursley Products Information](mailto:peters@slx-online.biz?subject=Hursley%20Products%20Information).

Obviously we can't include recent 'IBM Confidential' internal project names in the public database.

LinkedIn

The professional networking site [LinkedIn](#) has an IBM Historic Computing Group of 355 members and presently has an ongoing discussion about Hursley's historic role. We've joined the group and have placed our request for help there too.

We also joined the Yahoo Selectric group whilst we tried to procure some parts for the 1052 and other Selectrics in the museum. That appeal led to a donation from a company in Switzerland for a small quantity of the one part we urgently needed at no charge.

Help Needed

We have a couple of requests this time around.



The Centre of Computing History has offered us a couple of PS/2 system units. They are based in Haverhill, Suffolk. As we are not funded, we can't pay to have them delivered. If any of you is heading out that way, and could perhaps pick them up, could you please let us know. Their museum is not generally open to the public, but like our museum, visits can be arranged. They tend to be available Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Does anyone happen to have any left hand American thread taps and dies? Unlikely, but you never know! The Selectric hand cycle wheel has a left hand thread. We do have a couple of the short version of the wheel, but we need longer ones or

an extension shaft. Alternatively, if you have a hand cycle wheel you don't need, we can lengthen the shaft ourselves by cutting it in half and turning up an extension.

Peter Short. <mailto:peters@slx-online.biz>

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