THE COMPUTER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting, held at 2.00 pm on Thursday 13th May 2004 in the Fellows' Library at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD.

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1. Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed about 70 members to the AGM.

2. Minutes of the 13th AGM.

   The minutes were accepted without amendment.

3. Chairman's Report

   The Chairman recapitulated the list of public meetings held during the year. Professor Simon Lavington had led a seminar on Our Computer Heritage. Doron Swade had given an entertaining and enlightening view of the work of Charles Babbage There had been an extremely successful overview of early payroll systems, from the pioneering use of LEO to work by the Army Pay Corps. A joint meeting with the Computer Arts Society had provided fascinating insights into the use of computers in the visual arts and in poetry. And following this AGM Professor Bernard Richards was to repeat the talk he had earlier given in Manchester on the history of health computing in the UK. A equally varied and interesting series of talks had been delivered to members attending the meetings of the North West Group in Manchester

   He thanked Brian Oakley and Graham Morris for much wise advice received during the year. All the Society's Working Parties had continued their important work during the year, and Brian Russell was congratulated on his sterling efforts to recover the MilDAP. Simon Lavington had put a great deal of effort into the Our Computer Heritage project, which was making good progress towards the objective of providing a comprehensive historical overview of the whole of early British computing.

   He thanked the Roger Needham Trust for a very welcome grant of £3000 to go towards the Bombe Rebuild, and the Science Museum in London and the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester for their continued vital support.

   In summary, with a membership of just over 800, he judged that the Society was in a very satisfactory condition.