

THE COMPUTER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting, held at 2.00 pm on Thursday 12th May 2005 in the Fellows' Library at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD.

1. Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed about 70 members to the AGM.
2. Minutes of the 14th AGM.

The minutes were accepted without amendment.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman recapitulated the list of the public meetings that had been held during the past year. The programme had started with an Afternoon of Audio-Visual Entertainment ably presented by Chris Burton. Jack Copeland from New Zealand and David Anderson spoke on the Long Shadow of Colossus and Turing's Legacy. A joint meeting with the BCS Specialist Group on Formal Aspects of Computing covered further work in Program Verification and Semantics. In January there was a lively session on Government support for IT up to 1990, which has been followed by much interesting correspondence. The next meeting reviewed some early applications of Pegasus and LEO; the planned talk on applications of DEUCE was deferred to another occasion. In March the Society set off in a new direction, with an afternoon devoted to the history of the IT profession in the UK. Finally, the AGM was to be followed by a number of talks grouped under the heading of Computing before Computers.

An equally varied and successful programme of meetings had been conducted in Manchester.

The Society's Working Parties could all report some useful progress. In the Science Museum Pegasus continues to run successfully. Work on the Elliott 401 has advanced despite some continuing difficulties. The SSEM has been successfully moved to its new location in Manchester, and is currently undergoing re-commissioning. And, perhaps most spectacularly, the Bombe rebuild has made giant strides at Bletchley Park.

The Society's journal *Resurrection* has now reached Issue 34. Work on Issue 35 is reported to be well advanced, and material for further editions is being worked on. The Society continues to be very grateful for the professional skill and dedication of the Editor - Nicholas Enticknap.

Looking ahead, the Society is planning to take an active part in the 50th Anniversary celebrations which the British Computer Society will be holding in 2007. We will co-operate with Jon Kavanagh in preparing a commemorative booklet on the history of British computing. We plan to host with the BCS a two-day conference on the same theme. The completion of the Bombe Rebuild will be marked with appropriate festivity. A working party will compile a "Best of *Resurrection*" anthology, with clips from the video recordings of past meetings, to be published in DVD form. And we will launch a major website to make public the result of our consolidation of historic material under the heading of "Our Computer Heritage"