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Escape Room Challenge at The National Museum of Computing

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The National Museum of Computing (TNMoC) at Bletchley Park is dedicated to collecting and restoring historic computer systems. SASIG is delighted to sponsor an exclusive, interactive afternoon visit for up to 40 of our members to learn about and gain inspiration from the story of a century of computing.

TNMoC's unrivalled heritage site venue houses the world's largest collection of functional historic computers, nearly all of which are in full working order. These include the Colossus, the world's first electronic computer rebuilt over 15 years by a team of volunteers, and the WITCH, the world's oldest working digital computer.

The museum enables visitors to follow the development of computing, from the ultra-secret pioneering efforts of the 1940s through the large systems and mainframes of the 1950s, 60s and 70s to the rise of personal computing in the 1980s and beyond. The Block H building in which it is based was the first purpose-built computer centre in the world, hosting six Colossus computers by the end of World War II. Information about the galleries and what you can see during your visit is available [here](#). A short video about the museum to whet your appetite is [here](#), and a map of the museum to print and bring with you is available [here](#).

All SASIG events operate under Chatham House Rule and there is no charge to attend. However, we encourage you to offer a donation to the museum at the end of your visit.

Tuesday 16 April 2024

10.30am - 5pm

Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire

Chair

Danny King Managing Director, The SASIG

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Be inspired by the museum's history, exhibits, and activities right from the start. Bletchley's extraordinary collection encompasses Colossus onwards, with many displays in full working order. There's a wealth of knowledge on how computers were used, their design and their operation. You will also have the opportunity to get hands-on with the exhibits.

(Hint: This will stand you in good stead for the afternoon's activities)

12 noon Welcome and SASIG Parish News

Danny King Managing Director, The SASIG

12.15pm Lunch and Networking

1.15pm Host introduction

Jacqui Garrad Museum Director, The National Museum of Computing

1.45pm Escape Room Challenge

Teams of SASIG delegates (mixed at random) will compete against each other to test their knowledge of computing history. Gather your wits, problem-solving and team-working skills to beat the clock in a thrilling race to finish first.

This year's escape room is based on the 1940s, where we will take a step back in time for a high-stakes game of intelligence and help turn the tide of the war.

3.15pm Drinks reception and networking

We will gather afterwards to enjoy drinks and excellent company and make our 'five new friends' under Chatham House Rule.

5pm End of meeting and departure

Before you leave, please be sure to visit the museum's shop for souvenirs, there are t-shirts, books, mugs, photos and lots more. These sales will help fund the museum's development and will be invested in new displays for you to see the next time you visit.

How to get there

The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park is easy to reach:

- **By car** Ample car parking space is available. Satnav users, please use MK3 6DS (the postcode for the railway station) and then follow the signs to Bletchley Park. The new Bletchley Park entrance is shortly afterwards on the left, after Milton Keynes College. (Be warned, the postcode for Bletchley Park will take you to an old closed entrance).
- **By train** The nearest train station is Bletchley, with links to London Euston and Birmingham New Street. Milton Keynes Central is the nearest station with high-speed inter-city links.

About the museum

The museum is an independent charity separate from Bletchley Park itself. It relies entirely on the generosity of modest admission fees, voluntary donations and corporate support. Through conserving and reconstructing historic computing machinery, it brings to life the history and the ongoing development of computing. The museum runs a highly-successful educational programme for schools and colleges and promotes introductions to computer coding amongst young people, especially females, to inspire the next generation of computer scientists, engineers and inventors. SASIG is therefore proud to contribute to the activities of TNMoC in recognition of this wonderful opportunity for members to come and marvel at history in action.

A message from our hosts

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Therefore, we urge budget holders of our corporate friends to please consider helping develop one of the most amazing computer museums in the world, which has an irreplaceable collection of historic working computers from every decade of electronic computing.

You can email Jacqui Garrad at jacqui.garrad@tnmoc.org for further information about sponsorship packages.

About



The Security Awareness Special Interest Group (SASIG)

SASIG is a subscription-free networking forum, membership now represents thousands of organisations of all sizes from across the world and from all sectors, public and private. Its 9,500+ membership is drawn from CIOs, CISOs and their staff with responsibility for cybersecurity within their organisations. Professionals from other disciplines (risk, HR, legal, supply, etc.) and representatives from government, law enforcement and academia are also being increasingly welcomed at events. The Chatham House Rule is strictly enforced and universally respected at all meetings, and vendors and the Press are routinely excluded. Thus, the level of debate is extraordinarily revealing and rewarding.

SASIG has a members' website at www.thesasig.com. Please register here for membership.

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