

Dear Oxfordshire Branch Member,

BCS Oxfordshire Branch – Chair’s Letter – AGM 21 May 2009

Hello and welcome. I hope you have enjoyed this year’s programme in which we have covered a wide range of interests, as you can see from the collection of thumbnails on the right. Reports of our meetings are published on our website as are the winners of our Student Awards.

We are now in our fifth year of funding Student Awards. The winners receive £150 and BCS membership. We cover the three universities in Oxfordshire: Oxford Brookes, Cranfield and Oxford. These awards are warmly welcomed by the universities concerned and, of course, by the winners.

The June prize giving for our bi-annual Oxfordshire Schools Web Competition takes place at Cranfield University, Shrivenham. We have received some super entries, which you will be able to see on our Website after the awards.

Last year we gained three new Committee Members but sadly this year we are losing three. Our Web Master, Adrian Walmsley, has agreed to Chair the BCS Member Services Board which looks after all the Branches and Special Interest Groups. Robert Ward is moving to France; he has been on our Committee for ten years, serving as Chair and Vice Chair and on the BCS Branches Management Committee. Jenny Adcock, apart from other Committee commitments, has run two highly successful YPG (Young Professional Group) events. We will miss these three very valued people. Hence the:

CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We expect committee members to work hard but we do have fun as well, such as a summer BBQ and a winter dinner. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute to the BCS in this way.

Banking on tonight’s positive vote for the new Committee the change of roles are: Gerry Rohling will take over as Web Master. Secretary and Treasurer remain the same Brian Day and Tony Cox respectively. I have served as Chair for three years, which is the usual stint, after which it’s time for a fresh approach. Tim Lambertstock has agreed to be your new Chair.

We finish our meetings with a trip to the Lamb & Flag in St Giles. Please do join us to say good-bye / hello to departing and current Committee Members.

If you don’t meet up with us at the pub, please use the contact form at www.oxon.bcs.org to give us feedback.

We are looking forward to another great year

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