21 January 2010
Is IT a Profession?
Adam Thilthorpe, BCS Director for Professionalism
IT often assumes the role of a servant but IT doesn’t just support business, it powers business. Has the IT profession come of age and is it seen as equivalent to the other professions represented in Boardrooms? An alternative view: that IT is a ‘trade’ and does not have the professional status of the law or accountancy will also be debated.

18 February 2010
An introduction to Geospatial systems
Dan Rickman, Chair of the BCS Geospatial SG
This will explain geospatial systems, their key defining features and how they can integrate with other key information systems in the enterprise. It will also discuss examples of applications, including those from Google, Yahoo and Microsoft, and the privacy issues they provoke, as well as future developments in the field of geospatial systems.

11 March 2010
Testing Software Quality
Venue: Sophos plc, Abingdon OX14 3YP
Julian Harty, Google
The quality of software has a massive impact on its success or failure. Yet, paradoxically, few people actually test any of the quality aspects of their software. Come and learn practical ways to test your software, ranging from accessibility to performance, security and usability.

29 April 2010
Visit to UKAEA Fusion & JET
Venue: UKAEA, Culham Science Centre OX14 3DB
JET – The world’s largest nuclear fusion research facility. Guided tour of JET organised by the UKAEA Fusion Public Relations Team including a visit to the JET Torus Hall and the Remote Handling control room (both subject to the operational conditions at the time). Followed by a presentation of the Control and Data acquisition computer systems by Dr Jonathan Farthing, Assistant Director and Head of CODAS & IT.
Registration at 1:30pm, programme starts at 2:00pm.
Space will be limited, so we will be asking you to book online

20 May 2010
Sciences in Oxford’s History
An afternoon guided walking tour
A fascinating tour to hear of the transformation of the study of sciences at Oxford. By the 14th century, Oxford was famous for the work of Bacon and Grosseteste, for developments in mathematics and astronomy. The 17th century saw Boyle, Hooke and Halley make their respective discoveries. Hear about the impact of medical research under Florey and of 21st century programmes.
Followed by cream tea

The Meetings:
- Unless otherwise stated, take place at the Oxford e-Research Centre, 6 Keble Road, Oxford OX1 3QG.
- Begin at 7.30 pm and end at around 9:00pm. Light refreshments are available from 7:00pm.
- ARE OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS AND FREE.
After the meeting, we visit the Lamb and Flag on St Giles 5 minutes walk away. All are welcome to join us for an informal chat.
For more details of these events and speakers, or of any late changes to the programme, please see www.oxon.bcs.org
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