

Dear Oxfordshire Branch Member,

BCS Oxfordshire Branch – Chair’s Letter August 2008

Hello and welcome. I hope you have enjoyed this year’s programme; we have certainly enjoyed organising it.

Last year’s programme covered a wide range of topics such as the environment, an inter-branch meeting at four sites nicknamed ‘videoconferencing on steroids’, our Christmas lecture on identity fraud and three budding entrepreneurs presented their ideas to a panel of experts in ‘What’s Hot?’. Our Branch outing to the Cranfield Defence Academy was also a great day out. Reports of our meetings are published on our website.

I wish to thank our Committee members for putting a super programme together and thank you to our Web Master for our website and sending out the e-Oxfordshire branch programme reminders.

We are always delighted to have new volunteers join the Committee. This year, we welcome three new members, Sverker Griph, James Bacon and Gerry Rohling. Sverker gave us a talk in January on ‘IT at JET’ and James will be taking the stage in September with ‘Joining up Business and IT’

We had a YPG (Young Profession Group) special event at Science Oxford. This involved games played with the ‘Hands On’ equipment, competitions, delicious cheese and wine and plenty of networking. This was a very well attended evening and we are planning another YPG event in November. The feedback we have had is for a careers event with a chance to talk to young men and women with successful careers in computing. The twist is that this will be held in Oxford prison, starting in the crypt with a ghost story.

Overleaf our next year’s programme includes: a trip to the Sophos virus lab, talks on ‘games’ for training, the largest RDF database, Amazon and Microsoft are chipping in as well.

We finish our meetings with a trip to the Lamb & Flag in St Giles for a follow-up chat and a pint. Please do join us.

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

Sheila Lloyd Lyons FBCS CITP
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Programme for 2007-2008



How Green is IT?



Access Grid Technology



Open Evening at Science Oxford



Identity Fraud – From Criminals to Consumers



How Big Business learned to love Virtual Worlds



What’s Hot?



Defence Academy, Shrivenham

