



Oxfordshire Branch

We are very pleased to announce that our Christmas speaker will be Professor Fred Piper, with a talk entitled Cryptography: From Black Art to Popular Science.

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Speaker: **Professor Fred Piper**, Royal Holloway, University of London

Thursday 3rd December 2009 – 7:00pm

Venue: Rewley House, Oxford University, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA

A special Christmas event hosted by the Oxfordshire Branch of the BCS, come along to be informed and entertained. This talk will contain something for the widest possible audience from subject-matter experts through to non-technical users of IT equipment.

Cryptography and Encryption or the process of hiding secrets as unintelligible codes has been around for thousands of years. In modern times it has become increasingly familiar, possibly due to the Enigma machine and other coding devices used in the World Wars. Cryptography and the technology behind it is now a fundamental part of the infrastructure of our modern daily lives. Credit cards, mobile phones and even the keys to our cars now use the most sophisticated cryptography techniques to secure their use.

Professor Fred Piper gave the BCS Turing lecture in 2004, he is recognized worldwide as an authority on the subject of Cryptography and IT Security and is a popular author on the subject. His most recent book joint authored with Sean Murphy entitled “Cryptography – A Very Short Introduction”, is a popular seller on Amazon.

The evening is free. Members and non-members are very welcome.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served from 7:00pm.