



## Oxfordshire Branch

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Dear Oxfordshire Branch Members

### Chair's report for 2014 Annual General Meeting

I hope that you enjoyed last year's programme. As you can see from the topics mentioned on the right, we covered a wide range of interests and have seen good attendance at most meetings as well as positive feedback. Reports of many past meetings are on our website. Sadly, we had to cancel the Agile Development Workshop planned for June due to illness but are hoping to have another go during 2015.

Your Committee is very excited about the programme that we have planned for 2014-15, a copy is attached. We have worked hard to make this programme both relevant and interesting and there should be something here for everyone. The latest programme details are on our website and in our monthly e-mail newsletters, so please keep an eye open for these – details do sometimes change and some events require online booking.

We are always looking for new ideas for events and good, interesting speakers. Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions for things that you would like us to cover. One thing that we are particularly trying to address is how to support our younger members.

I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their support and hard work over the past year. New Committee members are welcome - please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this before coming forward. Apart from organising the Branch programme, the Committee is a vital link between the BCS and its membership.

We would like to see more people at our meetings and would encourage you to promote our events to your friends and colleagues, whether or not they are BCS members. We are also looking at other ways to promote the Branch including the use of social media, so please join us on Facebook and LinkedIn where we are looking to continue the discussions at the meetings.

We finish most of our Oxford meetings with a trip to the Lamb & Flag in St Giles. Please do join us and let us know how we can improve the programme and services to branch members. If you don't meet up with us then, please use the contact form at [www.oxon.bcs.org](http://www.oxon.bcs.org) to give us feedback.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our events in 2014-15.

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### Last year's events:

Switching Bank Accounts

Who needs 4G?

Wall-to-wall Raspberry Pi

Christmas event:

Meet "Britain's Greatest Fraudster"

Medical Imaging and the Big Data Future

From Cloud Computing to Platform as a Service

Computing in Schools

Visit to Lotus F1 Team factory

Essentials of Online Marketing