

Dear Oxfordshire Branch Member,

### **BCS Oxfordshire Branch – Chair’s Letter – AGM 22 May 2008**

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

We 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 presenting 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.

Thank you 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. We expect committee members to work hard but we do have fun as well, such as a summer BBQ and a winter dinner.

We had a YPG (Young Professionals’ 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 more YPG events.

We are working hard on our next year’s programme and have lots of ideas. For example: a trip to the Sophos virus lab, web 2.0 technology, mobile applications and personal identity. But there is still time for you to suggest topics that you would like to hear.

We are now in our fourth year of funding Student Awards. This covers the three universities in Oxfordshire: Oxford Brookes, Cranfield and Oxford. Winners from previous years are on our website.

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](http://www.oxon.bcs.org) to give us feedback.

We are looking forward to another great year

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