

*Meetings approximately monthly from September to May,  
generally 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Computing Laboratory, Wolfson Building, Parks Road, Oxford.*

Thursday 16 September 2004

## COMPUTER FORENSICS: THE ROLE OF THE EXPERT WITNESS

Prof. Neil Barrett *BSc PhD CEng FBCS CITP*

Neil Barrett is Visiting Professor of computer crime at Cranfield University and author of the book *Traces of Guilt*.

Thursday 14 October 2004

## PREDICTING THE FUTURE WITH THE GRID

Dr. Keith Norman, *Tessella Support Services plc,*

Dr. David Frame, *University of Oxford Dept. of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics*

Dave Frame from the University of Oxford will talk on the [climateprediction.net](http://climateprediction.net) project, which aims to understand climate change over the coming decades. Keith Norman from Tessella will talk on other experiences with distributed computing, and the future of the Grid.

Thursday 11 November 2004

## A LIVELY DEBATE ON THE MERITS OF WINDOWS AND OPEN SOURCE AND THE FUTURE OF OPERATING SYSTEMS

Speakers from Microsoft, Sun, Novell and HP (tbc)

With Novell's acquisition of SuSE and the emergence of Sun's Java Desktop, some experts are arguing that Linux is ready for prime time on the front end as well as the back end.

What do vendors have to say about this? Are the claims borne out by user experiences, or does Windows provide the most future-proof platform for growth?

December 2004

## BCS OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH CHRISTMAS LECTURE 2004

As arranged for the very successful prestige Christmas Lectures in previous years traditional seasonal drinks and mince pies will be provided prior to the talk.

Speaker and date to be confirmed – watch out for details on the branch Web site.

Thursday 27 January 2005

## THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF ACADEMIC NETWORKING

Dr Bob Day, *Network Development Director,*

Tim Kidd, *Production Services Director, UKERNA*

The speakers will outline the history of the network and look at the challenges that they face in running and developing JANET including the technologies employed and developments in network engineering.

Thursday 17 February 2005

## AUTO ID: A SIXTH SENSE FOR BIG BROTHER?

Roger Willison-Gray, *Steria Limited*

Wireless based 'Auto ID' solutions, coupled with advanced data management techniques, will help reduce theft and fraud, improve public safety and provide much better management reporting. Like all new technology it can be a force for good or misuse.

Thursday 10 March 2005

## VISIT TO SCIENCE MUSEUM LARGE OBJECTS STORAGE FACILITY, WROUGHTON

An afternoon guided tour of some of the fascinating exhibits collected by the Science Museum.

The tour will be optionally preceded by a pub lunch nearby. Travel by car-sharing. Details of booking and of any costs, will be announced at meetings, on [www.oxon.bcs.org](http://www.oxon.bcs.org) and by email.

Thursday 21 April 2005

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: WHAT DO I OWN?

Jennifer Pierce, *Partner at Charles Russell*

Jennifer will explain what the intellectual property terms of software licences mean in practice (such as terms relating to interfaces and decompilation), some of the pitfalls of joint development and further development of licensed software. She will also cover the protection of databases, web-sites, trade marks, domain names and other internet-related issues.

Thursday 19 May 2005

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(after Cheese & Wine buffet), followed by

## MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION IN THE IT INDUSTRY – FUTURE OR FICTION?

Charles Hughes, *BCS Deputy President (Elect)*

A presentation to debate the BCS strategy to promote and establish professionalism in IT.

As future President of the BCS, Charles Hughes will be central to taking Professional IT recognition through BCS membership to industry, and the value in the BCS as the only professional IT body.

We are running the popular BCS Oxfordshire

### SCHOOLS WEBSITE COMPETITION

again this year. The competition will be launched in the early autumn with the prizegiving in June 2005 at Cranfield University in Shrivvenham. If you know any schools who might like to take part, point them at [www.oxon.bcs.org/webcomp2005/](http://www.oxon.bcs.org/webcomp2005/)

For the LATEST DETAILS of all BCS Oxfordshire Branch meetings, see: <http://www.oxon.bcs.org>

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

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