

We are running the popular BCS Oxfordshire SCHOOLS WEBSITE COMPETITION again in this year. The competition will be launched in the early autumn with the prizegiving in June 2005 at Cranfield University in Shrivenham. If you know any schools who might like to take part, point them at www.oxon.bcs.org/webcomp2005/

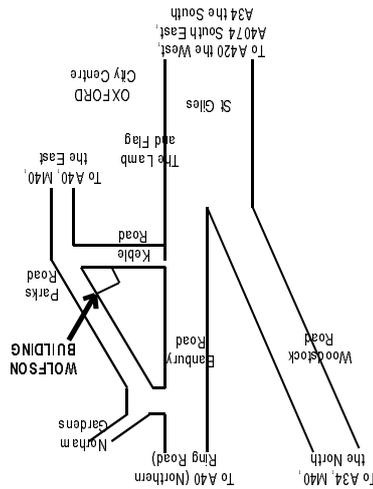
Thursday 19 May 2005
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(after Cheese & Wine buffet), followed by MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION IN THE IT INDUSTRY – FUTURE OR FICION? Charles Hughes, BCS Deputy President (Elect) A presentation to debate the BCS strategy to promote and establish professionalism in IT. As future 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.

Thursday 21 April 2005
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: WHAT DO I OWN? Jennifer Pierce, Partner at Charles Russell Intellectual property affects hardware, software and many aspects of computer and internet use. 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. Jennifer is a contributing author to the new BCS book *A Manager's Guide to IT Law*.

Thursday 17 February 2005
AUTO ID: A SIXTH SENSE FOR BIG BROTHER?
Roger Willison-Gray, Steria Limited
The emergence of wireless based 'Auto ID' solutions is revolutionising the supply chain and allowing both animate and inanimate objects to have a unique identity which automatically monitors, tracks and traces their behaviour. Coupled with advanced data management techniques this allows accurate and detailed analysis of information at a level previously not possible. This technology 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. What impact does this have for Civil Liberties?
Roger Willison-Gray has over 20 years experience in the field of RFID systems having worked on projects in the supply chain and security for both public and private sector clients. He recently led the Steria team in winning a project at London Heathrow Airport to manage the operation of taxis using RFID Tags.

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 but for which there is insufficient display space in London. The tour will be optionally preceded by a pub lunch near the Wroughton site. Travel by car-sharing. Details of booking and of any costs will be announced at meetings, by email and on www.oxon.bcs.org nearer the time.

Car Parking
Several spaces are available at the Wolfson Building, and there are parking meters nearby (current charge £1.50 per evening).



Location of the Wolfson Building

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Other committee members:
Keith Diment, Cheryl Griffiths, Tim Lambertstock, Neil Lawson-Smith, Sheila Lloyd Lyons, Simon Marsh, Ted Murphy, Brian Read, Geoff Stone, Adrian Walmisley.

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 & 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 and Tim Kidd, Production Services Director, UKERNA JANET, the UK's education and research network is 20 years old and connects over 16 million users in universities, colleges, research councils and schools. 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 that JANET employs and developments in network engineering.

For more details, or any late changes, see <http://www.oxon.bcs.org/>
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Meetings:
• are held monthly from September to May
• take place, unless otherwise stated, at the Computing Laboratory, Wolfson Building, Parks Rd, Oxford
• begin at 7.30pm, with light refreshments usually available from 7.00pm
• end at around 9.00pm
• ARE OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS.
After each meeting, some of the committee visit the Lamb and Flag public house (5 mins walk). All are welcome to join for informal chat.

2004/05 Programme



OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH

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*. His talk will include the following topics:
• What is Computer Forensics?
• Issues of Evidence from Computers
• The Law and Computers
• Preparing statements for Court
• The Role of the Expert Witness
• Issues with the 'Trojan Defence'
• Examples of Cases.

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
Unlimited access to processing power and other computing resources will be a major driver in IT over the coming years. How do we distinguish the hype from the reality?
Staff at the University of Oxford are partnering with Tessella to develop just such applications – and the reality is that these applications are running now, with over 50,000 participants worldwide. Dave Frame from the University of Oxford will talk on the 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.