

BCS Northampton Branch Chairman's Report



- Currently over 500 members – more than doubled in size since this time last year
- Full branch status with our own budget
- Range of events to meet stakeholder interests (questionnaire issued every August)
- University links have been beneficial for venue and access to students
- Careers Fair held again in 2006, branch presence
- Larger committee membership
- Networking and publicity at national and local level through media and BCS events e.g. local branches, lectures, specialist groups, annual conferences, etc.

5th October 2005



IT Service Management

*Best Practice In
IT Service Management*

"All About ITIL"

Tony Brough

Attended by 34+ people



itSMIF

MARVAL
The Heart of your Service and Support Operation

Chair:- Dr. Brendan D'Cruz MBCS CITP CEng

15th December 2005



Christmas Meal at Turnpike Beefeater, Harpole

Attended by: 12



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19th January 2006



*Project Management
and Prince 2*

Rajiv Khanna



Attended by: Over 55 people

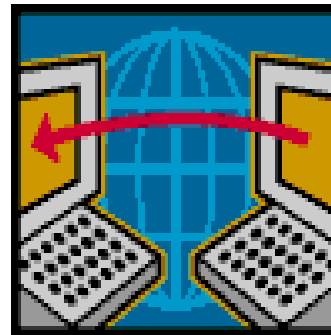
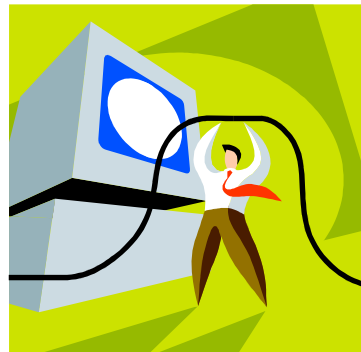
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15th February 2006



Computer Forensics – Bedford Branch (Joint Event)

Attended by members of our branch ...



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28th March 2006



Networking Event and 500 Member
Celebration ...



Attended by 20-30 people



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26th April 2006



ID Cards – The Debate

Northampton BCS Event
facilitated by:

Roma Malik and Brendan
D’Cruz



Attended by 25+

The Motion

“The Computing and IT profession is willing and able to deliver on government’s expectations for Identity Cards”

25th May 2006



ASP.NET 2.0 and AJAX

Attended by 17+ people

Presented by Mike
Ormond who is a
'Microsoft Evangelist'





The Future ?

- Family Fun Day will be on 23rd July 2006
- Likely future events in the area of collaborative project management, emerging technologies and Formula 1, computer networking, and to facilitate YPG/social networking
- Stronger links with special interest groups
- Involvement in BCS 50th Anniversary in 2007
- Restructure the committee membership to ensure roles are adequately covered
- Enhance publicity and web site for continued effective communication
- Retain membership numbers through relevant events
- Increase engagement of general membership, YPG, female members and 'Junior BCS'
- Modify questionnaire – to be deployed in September



BCS Benefits

- Advancing Knowledge - BCS is a centre of knowledge and drives forward thought leadership within the IT industry. As IT constantly changes so do we. BCS is inclusive, approachable and effective whilst delivering improved knowledge skills, products and services.
- Supporting Members - BCS is the professional body for IT and lobbies government on IT issues. As the independent voice of IT we also champion members' interests. Our influence has grown with our membership, especially on new government IT projects where BCS's expert advice is actively sought.
- Developing Careers - IT professionals can be developed by BCS through measuring and developing IT skills. A combination of an effective web-based system and the SFIAplus 3 training and development standard ensures a clear, consistent structure to analyse and develop IT tams.
- Publishing new ideas - New ideas and thinking are the lifeblood of BCS. Our success at capturing these ideas explains why we are a leading IT publisher. It allows BCS to shape opinion on IT issues and to offer support with our up-to-date publications.
- Providing qualifications - Improving the nation's IT skills is vital. As the demand for IT skills continue to grow, BCS offers a progressive route of qualifications to provide benchmark standards in latest thinking, skills and best practice.
- Changing the face of IT - A lack of professional standards has often been seen as an Achilles heel of IT. Through the new Professionalism in IT programme BCS is improving actual and perceived professionalism and raising the stature of IT Professionals.



BCS Forums

- The BCS now has seven Forums:
Education and Training, Engineering and Technology, Ethics, Health Informatics, Management, Security, Women's
- The BCS wants to have a Forum in sectors of interest to the IT profession which are of particular strategic importance and relevance. This implies sectors in which the BCS already has significant activities, interests, interaction and commitment, as well as where there is potential for the BCS to:
 - expand or develop its sphere of influence
 - attract membership
 - develop and market products and services
- Each Forum is led by its Strategic Panel, an active group of around 20 key professionals, who between them are able to survey the whole of their designated sector and together must be capable of being influential in that sector. They provide input for BCS responses to Government and industry consultations, help develop BCS policy and are a 'nursery' for ideas for new member products and services. They meet quarterly for a face-to-face meeting and the rest of the time communicate electronically.
- Each Forum aims to develop a community around its sector, where the Strategic Panels (SP), Specialist Groups (SGs) and Branches work together on specific or on-going concerns, and where outside groups or associations might be partners with the BCS. There are plans for the new BCS web site that will improve its ability to support discussion areas and communications generally between the communities.
- Each Forum has a dedicated member of BCS staff managing it, so that Forums ideas and activities are brought back into the BCS and communicated to other Forums, SGs and HQ departments.