

## Minutes of BCS Bedford Branch AGM 2004

Held at Bletchley Park

On 28 May 2004

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**Apologies:**

Paul Stewart; Richard Madison; Peter Lynch

**Minutes of 2003 AGM:**

David Geliher proposed, Shane Barnes seconded, that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. This was carried *nem con*.

**Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to Bletchley Park and hoped everyone would have an enjoyable evening. He then presented his report on the year to date, highlighting:

- John Poulter and his colleagues gave an informative and stimulating talk on 'So you want to be a consultant...' at INSYS Ltd in April and a further talk was being planned for September on 'IT reforms in the NHS' by the same team.
- The Branch was looking forward to the talk on the introduction of wireless technology followed by a tour of Charles Wells Brewery, courtesy of branch member, David Geliher, at the end of June.
- The closure of DMU in Milton Keynes meant that we were looking for suitable venues for future meetings.
- Unfortunately the following members resigned from the committee due to pressure of other commitments: Pat Jeffries; Jenni Ferrans; Michael Adefisan. This also means that we need a new YPG rep.
- However, we have gained the services of Gary Yorke and Ian Wilson to the committee. Ian will take on some of the Webmaster role from Jerry Crick.
- Dave Johnson has expressed an interest in forming a sub-branch to organize activities in our 'Northern Territories' and there has been some encouraging initial response.
- Corporate BCS changes and new membership arrangements have led to a huge growth in membership.
- The BCS has a new London Office: the Davidson Building in Southampton Street.
- There is a growth in sales of BCS products such as the ISModel and the ECDL, both in the UK and overseas.
- HQ are reviewing the Society's systems and processes to give more web visibility and e-publishing.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The accounts have moved to the centralised BCS accounting system.  
The treasurer would provide a separate report outside the AGM, as he had been unable to attend this meeting.

**Election of Officers and Committee:**

The existing officers and committee were re-elected unopposed.

**End of Meeting.**