

Bedfordshire Branch



Chairmans Report
For the Year 2004/2005

21 Jun 2005.

This year has been a difficult one, due to commitments of committee members, and we are sorry to receive the resignation of Jerry Crick.

On the positive side, we have gained the services of Samah Dagash as our YPG rep.

On June 23rd, we visited Charles Wells (Brewers) in Bedford, courtesy of their IT Manager, David Geliher, another of our branch members. David gave us a talk in their new training centre about the introduction and use of wireless technology in their operation, before a tour of the brewery itself, food and 'take-aways !'.

On 8th November, Bedford Hospital hosted 'IT reforms in the NHS', John Poulter and colleagues drawing on collective experience in this sector. With the letting of many new national contracts high in the news recently, this was (and still is !) very topical. A very popular meeting.

On 10th Feb 2005, Chris Morgan of Cranfield School of Management hosted and presented 'IT Challenges in Logistics Performance Measurement' covering development of performance measurement in the logistics environment in recent years, some of the key issues that recent performance management research at Cranfield is beginning to uncover and what these developments will mean for the development of future IT systems.

Northamptonshire sub-branch has successfully established itself and just had its own first AGM.

BCS membership re-structuring has significantly boosted membership applications in all classes.

A new London office in the Davidson Building, Southampton Street, has opened.

The roll-out of the Societies new core systems and business processes is under way, and various elements of this will continue to become apparent, as access is seen through the new Web interface.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a very pleasant evening.