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General Information

Events are open to everyone. Admission is free for members, students and unwaged. £2 for non-members. Tea, coffee and biscuits are usually provided and meetings at The Hawthorns are usually preceded by a finger buffet.

Evening meetings usually finish at 9pm.

With the exception of visits, our usual venues are:

The Hawthorns	University of the
University of Bristol	West of England
Woodland Road	Coldharbour Lane
Clifton	Frenchay
Bristol	Bristol
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See web site for maps of venues

Latest Information

Any last minute changes to the programme will be notified via the branch email list. Please ensure that your email details are held correctly by logging on to Members Area of the main BCS website (www.bcs.org)

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2007 – 2008

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Tuesday 25 September 07 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Near Field Communications

The Hawthorns, Clifton

Near Field Communications has become one of the buzzwords across a number of different sectors.

Whilst it is primarily a mobile technology, its application to the transit and to the payment sectors has made it a topic of great interest to technical and commercial people across these sectors.

Andrew Henderson of Giesecke and Devrient will talk about the development of NFC technology, the various options and give a view of where the technology will be applied and how.

The talk will explain some of the early developments to combine contactless and GSM technology, the standards on which NFC is based and how the chosen route to market will come about. The talk will also explain how the eco-system to support NFC is being developed and what the essential components are, as well as showing how these might work in a business context.

Thursday 18 October 07 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Agile Software Development

The Hawthorns, Clifton

Is Agile development appropriate for mission critical applications? Romilly Cocking will start by offering a personal definition of agile development and will go on to examine and discuss the prerequisites for a successful agile project. Then he will present a short case study and conclude with a checklist for anyone considering an agile approach to a mission-critical project.

Romilly has worked as an independent consultant since 1994. Before that he ran Cocking & Drury, a software house that adopted an agile approach to enterprise software development in the late 1970s. Romilly is Chairman of the BCS Spa Conference for 2008/9 and is a member of the organising committee for XPDay7.

21 st November 07 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
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Configuration Management

The Hawthorns, Clifton

How Do You Cope with Change?

Like death and taxes, change is a part of our every day life. In the IT industry change is guaranteed.

John Metcalfe of Mentor IT Ltd. will lead this interactive session to explore the relationship between Change and Configuration Management touching on areas such as Release Management, Service Delivery, ITILV3, and CMMI. Is configuration management just about version control? Is building the same as releasing? I'm a project manager why should I care? Could you really spend 4 days talking about Configuration Management? Come armed with your opinions and questions on Change and Configuration Management and see how it impacts your IT projects or environments.

Wednesday 5 December 07 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Introduction to game development tools, game coding and optimisation

The Hawthorns, Clifton

Andy Thompson of SN Systems will lead a discussion of the issues facing game developers of next-generation video games on consoles and PC.

Tuesday 15 January 08 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Project Management related talk

Don Southey

The Hawthorns, Clifton

Details to be provided later

SPRING SCHOOL

An aspect of Project Management

(Joint with PROMsG)

Plans for a spring school during February/March 08 are currently being developed in conjunction with

PROMsG on an aspect of Project Management. Details will be advised by email and on the Bristol Web site as soon as they are available.

Booking is required for this event, please book via the branch website at www.bristol.bcs.org/spring.

Wednesday 19 March 08 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Service Orientated Architecture

The Hawthorns Hotel, Clifton

Michael Quinton of Torry Harris Business Solutions will provide an overview for achieving Service Oriented Architecture and will address issues such as what remains onsite; what goes offshore; challenges; benefits, selecting and retaining a partner.

Tuesday 15 April 08 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Institute of Life Science (Provisional)

The Hawthorns Hotel, Clifton

It is hoped to host a talk on the new Swansea ILS with one of Europe's most advanced Super Computers at its core. Details to follow by Email or see Web page.

Wednesday 21 May 08 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Information Assurance

(Preceded by a short AGM)

The Hawthorns Hotel, Clifton

What is Information Assurance, what would happen without it, how is it provided, by whom, and what is the role of CESG as the National Technical Authority for IA?

David Martin will help you understand IA, the threats to our IT systems and how CESG helps Government customers gain confidence in the security of their systems, coupled with the culture and philosophy changes that are required to adapt to the rapidly evolving IA environment and demands of our customers.