



An event organised by the BCS in association with the Bletchley Park Trust

THE WOMEN OF STATION X

BCS DAVIDSON BUILDING, 5 SOUTHAMPTON ST, LONDON

Date: 7th March 2008 14:00 to 16:00

Participants: This is a public event

Cost: Free of charge: advance registration required for security

Venue: BCS Davidson Building, 5 Southampton St, London, WC2E 7HA

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The innovation, creativity and dedication of those who worked tirelessly, and for many unacknowledged, at Bletchley Park and its outstations during world war two were cornerstones in the founding of the British computer industry that we know today.

The BCS oral history project collected the stories of 23 Station X veterans as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations. The stories of the women, the heat and the noise, the secrecy and their lives as part of Station X and after are told in their own words.

Extracts of the interviews with the women, along with images and a short video will form the basis of a new resource of interest to historians, students and people interested in women's participation in the war effort and non traditional areas of work. This event is being held as part of the BCS participation in National Science and Engineering Week 2008.

Inspired by BCSWomen founder and chair, Sue Black, FBCS, this project has set the foundation for the BCS to collect stories of women and men involved in computing over the last fifty years. The BCS History of Computing Web area will be officially launched at this event by BCS President Rachel Burnett.

“ What was done at Bletchley has affected all our lives
Simon Greenish
Director, Bletchley Park Trust ”

BCS is keen to promote computing and information technology as worthwhile and rewarding careers for women and has undertaken this project as part of its activities to celebrate, support and encourage more women into the profession at all levels. In addition to a strategic advisory panel, we also have a women's network, BCSWomen and are committed to building a profession that is good for women and better for all.