

**British Computer Society
Belfast Branch**

AGM 2007/2008

Honorary Secretary's Report

Due to time constraints the role of Honorary Secretary was split between Chris Cawdell and myself (Karen Ann Flanagan) for this current year.

The Belfast Branch has been active throughout the year with a wide variety of technical, social and sporting events. Events were well supported and we would like to thank all attendees however technical event attendances is down on last year's figures.

This year's events included 'Virtualisation', 'IT Service Management', 'IT's impact on Amateur Astronomy', 'Stress Management' and a company visit to the Clare House. As in previous years we have continued to have joint events with organisations such as ITSMF, IET and CIMA and all our events continue to be open to both members and non-members of the Society.

A lot of this year has been spent planning to allow us to provide high quality events going forward.

Our 'IT Professional of the Year' awards were held in the magnificent surroundings of Parliament Buildings Stormont in the Long Gallery. This year's winner was David Mawhinney, Managing Director of ICS Computing Ltd was presented his award by Nigel Dodds, the minister for trade and industry. The event was sponsored by Parity and our guest speaker was Rachel Burnett, BCS President.

On the sporting front the 7-a-side football remains the branch's most popular event in terms of number of participants and their supporters. The competition, which took place in June, last year, had entries from over 50 teams and was sponsored by Adaptive Learning Teaching and Assessment. This year's event is due to take place on 5th and 12th June and entry forms are now available.

Our other sporting event was the golf outing in September. Dates for the golf for the upcoming year will be posted on our website shortly.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors throughout the year.

Karen Ann Flanagan

13th May 2008.