BCS Northampton Sub-Branch
AGM 9th June 2005

• Malcolm Collins
• Branch Secretary since its inauguration in September 2004

• IT Consultant, running my own company

• (CeT Services) supplying wired, wireless and satellite Broadband as well as PC’s and consultancy services. Presently the cheapest broadband provider in the UK, I pride myself on never having lost a customer. I put this down to only supplying the highest quality services and equipment at the best prices

• Although I have been very busy in my personal life and career, I hope I have brought to the Branch Secretary role the same high quality and workman like approach
First thoughts

• First meeting Nov 2004
  – Assess our membership
  – What is the make up of members in our region?
  – Would they wish to participate and be active BCS members?
  – What were their interests?

• Development of Questionnaire

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Assessment of our members

• Second meeting Nov 2004
  – Collate the responses
  – Proposals for our “Events Agenda”

• Development of Spreadsheet to show results of questionnaire.
The Analysis

- Our numbers in September were approx 180 known possible members in the region.
- At the time of this AGM our numbers have grown to over 255.
- In response to the questionnaire, we had 40 responses, approx 20% of our then membership.
Gender Profile

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Age Profile

- Less than 25: 1
- 26 to 35: 8
- 36 to 45: 9
- 46 to 55?: 15
- Over 55: 5
1. What do you feel are the main benefits of BCS membership?

- Opportunity to enhance and develop career through skills development
- Ability to network with other IT professionals
- Access to information and resources
- Social and educational events that may be topical or locally relevant
- Other: (Please State)
2. Which of these general subject areas are of interest to you?

- Systems Analysis and Design
- Programming and Software Engineering
- Data Management and Database Technologies
- Project Management
- Hardware and Devices including Storage
- Networks and Data Communications including Computing Applications
- Risk Management
- IT Governance
- Business Intelligence
- Career Management and Professional Aspects
- Future Trends and Emerging Technologies
- Other: (Please State)
3. Which of these proposed events is likely to be of interest to you?

- Identity, Security and Cyber Crime Issues including Chip-and-Pin
- New Technologies in the Motor Sport Industry
- Gender and Age Issues in the IT Profession
- New Technologies in the Logistics Industry
- Debate on Political Parties and their IT Perspectives for the Next General Election
- Corporate IT Governance and Compliance Issues
- IT Services Management Forum
- Site Visit to Carlsberg Brewery
- Other Site Visit (Please State)
- IT Suppliers Showcase
- Other Event (Please State)

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Results

Based on the results, the Committee agreed to:

- Retain evening event times
- Where possible, focus these events upon the results and findings
- Attempt to ensure that communication with the membership is prompt and informative to support our events