

1. Attendees:

- 1.1 Committee: Mike Ashford, David Dobinson, Peter Eldridge, Rob Gilliam, Vicky Sadler, Clinton Walker, John Wallace, Jennie Wood
Members: Matthew Cunliffe, Kathy Hines, Kevin Hopkins, David McRoberts, Andy Meek, Bhasker Parmar, Mike Peat, Stephen Pittaway, Paul Stevens, Michael Taylor, Paul Tew, Lee Thomas, Mark Thompson, John Walker, Matthew Walster, Darren Wright

The chairman opened the meeting shortly after 7pm.

2. Minutes of the last AGM

- 2.1 Copies of the minutes of the last AGM on Monday 21st May 2007 were not available.
2.2 Copies will be made available on the branch web-site after the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Any matters arising from the minutes of the 2007 meeting should be raised with the chairman by e-mailing nottm-ch@bcs.org.uk

4. Chairman's report:

- 4.1 Peter Eldridge presented the Chairman's report, a copy of which is attached.
4.2 Peter announced that he intended to stand down at next year's AGM

5. Treasurer's report:

- 5.1 Jennie Wood presented the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is attached.

6. Election of Officers

- 6.1 **Chairman: Peter Eldridge** (nominated: Mike Ashford, seconded: Rob Gilliam) elected unopposed.
6.2 **Treasurer: Jennie Wood** (nominated: Rob Gilliam, seconded: Peter Eldridge) elected unopposed.
6.3 **Secretary: John Wallace** (nominated: Peter Eldridge, seconded: Vicky Sadler) elected unopposed.
6.4 Other roles will be filled from the committee at the next committee meeting.
6.5 Mike Ashford, Rob Gilliam and Vicky Sadler announced that they were standing down from the committee.
6.6 Other local members were encouraged to get involved by joining at the next committee meeting, scheduled for Monday June 2nd.

7. Other Business

- 7.1 Vicky Sadler offered her thanks to the other members of the committee for helping her develop her skills in her time as YPG representative, and recommended getting involved with the committee to other members.
7.2 Question from the floor: "How is branch's budget decided?"
Peter explained that the branch puts a bid together which is submitted to HQ in October. The budget allocations are supposed to be decided by April, however this year there has been a delay. The branch has been asked to continue with its programme as planned for the time being.
7.3 The formal AGM closed at 7.25 and was followed by a presentation on "eCrime" given by John Walker.

Rob Gilliam. Branch Secretary (outgoing)



Chairman's Report 2007-2008

This has been another very successful year for the Nottingham and Derby branch with a continuation of the regular monthly meetings (started last year) and our well established Winter School. Attendances have been slightly lower this year but still at a level that suggests these meetings are welcomed by our members. We are planning to continue these meetings and hope that you, the members, will continue to support us.

As always I am grateful for the work done by the committee without whose efforts this annual program would not exist. Unfortunately we will be losing the services of several committee members this year. Our Secretary (Rob Gilliam) who has managed to combine the roles of Secretary, Web Master and Events Organiser and carried them all out effectively and efficiently, is moving on and we all wish him well in everything he does. I would like to personally extend my thanks to Rob for all his help and support and for his tireless work as Secretary.

Vicky Sadler, who has nurtured and encouraged the YPG groups in Derby and Nottingham along with Clinton Walker, will be relinquishing her role as YPG representative. She will be another hard act to follow and again I thank her for all her hard work.

Mike Ashford has been a committee member for several years and passed on the baton of Treasurer last year. Now he is moving on and his experience and knowledge will be greatly missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to make a more personal statement this year. I have been a member of the branch committee since about 1990 and have been Chairman for more than a dozen years. Those years have seen tremendous changes to the society and to the branch, as a result I believe both have benefited and both are in a strong position for the future. The last few years have also seen trauma in my personal life and I will always be grateful for the support shown by the branch. However this has meant that I have found it harder to commit myself to the society and the branch and for this, and many other reasons, I feel it is now time to relinquish my role as Chairman. The branch is strong and I feel the time is right for a change. However I am well aware that with other changes to the committee an immediate change in Chairman may be difficult to accommodate. I feel it is important to the branch that I set out my plans rather than making a sudden change. I am quite happy to serve one more year (but would wish to limit my time as Chairman to no more than two more years). I hope that this will give time for the committee and members to appoint the next branch Chairman and, of course, I will be happy to support that person to help assure a smooth change.

I would ask all branch members to consider offering their time and support to the committee, both as members and possible future post holders. As well as needing a future Chairman there are more urgent requirements. We have welcome offers for help as Secretary and Web Master but still need help in the role of Event Organiser and someone to support Clinton with the YPG in Derby. Any and all offers of help for any of these roles will be much appreciated.

As always, my grateful thanks to all members, past and present, of the committee for all their efforts and their support and I look forward to another successful year for the Nottingham & Derby branch.

Peter Eldridge



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May 19th, 2008

Financial report

We started off our financial year in May 2007 with a Branches Management Committee allocation of £4,244.00, a figure somewhat below our bid for £5,480.00

We charged a £10.00 admission fee to members and non-members alike to our 6 meetings in 2007 (including Winter School), which brought in a total of £834.43, after allowing for VAT. We were fortunate that our speakers did not incur a great deal of expenses, and having considerably reduced the cost of our annual social event, it became apparent that we were not going to use up anywhere near all of our budget allocation. This was also due to the fact that the YPG group held only one major event during the year, rather than the two originally planned, and for each of these events we had set aside £500, to encourage younger members to join us. Because of all these things, it was therefore decided that admission to the 5 meetings in 2008 should be free.

Our total expenditure as recorded by BCS HQ at the end of April (end of 2007/08 financial year) stood at £3103.55, which was reduced to a net figure of £2,269.12 after deducting admission fees.

We hope our request for a new laptop computer will be allowed within last year's budget, but we are still waiting to hear what proportion of our submission of £5380.00 for next year's running costs will be allocated to us.

Jennie Wood

Treasurer