



1. Attendees:
 - 1.1 Committee: Mike Ashford, Peter Eldridge, Robert Gilliam, David Miller, Vicky Sadler, Eric Sargeant, Jennie Wood
 - 1.2 Members: Tony Brown, Soumik Das, Andy Godber, Andy Holmes, Brian Hunt, Jayne Iveson, Dean Jones, Colin MacKellar, David Makanjuola, Thananchai Puntha, Brendan Quinn, Linda Ridge, Paul Stevens, Lee Thomas, George Valtchanov
 - 1.3 Apologies: David Dobinson, Clinton Walker, Tracey Watson, Craig Chambers, Steve Dennis, Godfrey Nix

The chairman opened the meeting shortly after 7pm.

2. Minutes of the last AGM
 - 2.1 The minutes of the last AGM on Monday 15th May 2006 were accepted as providing a true and accurate record of the meeting.
3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 There were no matters arising.
4. Chairman's report:
 - 4.1 Peter Eldridge presented the Chairman's report, a copy of which is attached.
5. Treasurer's report:
 - 5.1 Mike Ashford presented the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is attached.
 - 5.2 Branch members were informed that the Branch's allocation for the coming year fell short of what we had requested; some cost-cutting will therefore be necessary, most notably there will no longer be refreshments provided after events.
 - 5.3 Branch members were also informed of the removal of the Branch's reserve account
6. Election of Officers
 - 6.1 **Treasurer: Jennie Wood** (proposed: Mike Ashford, seconded: Peter Eldridge) elected unopposed.
 - 6.2 **Secretary: Rob Gilliam** (proposed: David Dobinson, seconded: Mike Ashford) elected unopposed.
 - 6.3 **Chairman: Peter Eldridge** (proposed: David Dobinson, seconded: Eric Sargeant) elected with 11 votes, beating Rob Gilliam (proposed: Mike Ashford, seconded: Peter Eldridge) who received 3 votes.
7. Other Business
 - 7.1 Members were informed that the sub-branch in Lincoln had progressed to full branch status.
 - 7.2 The meeting agreed to send a formal message of goodwill and encouragement to the Lincolnshire Branch committee.
 - 7.3 The formal AGM closed at 7.30 and was followed by a presentation on "Invisible Architecture" given by Jenny Ure.
 - 7.4 Vicky Sadler has supplied a report on the YPG's activities, which was not presented to members at the AGM but is attached to these minutes.

Rob Gilliam. Branch Secretary



Chairman's Report 2006-2007

I mentioned last year that I believed 'change' would be a key attribute for the year ahead, little did I appreciate how perceptive that comment would turn out to be. We have had changes in our regular program arrangements, changes to the branch geography, changes within the committee, changes to branch finances and a welcome growth in activities by the YPG.

In the society's 50th anniversary year we have extended our events to include regular monthly events as well as our traditional Winter School. Attendances so far have been very encouraging. We hope the rest of the program will continue to be well supported and can continue into next year.

Last year saw the formation of the Lincolnshire sub-branch and this month saw their acceptance as a full branch – congratulations to all involved and to their continuing success in supporting Lincolnshire members.

We have changes on the committee as Mike Ashford has resigned as Treasurer after many successful years guiding the finances of the branch. He played a key part in ensuring that changes in branch accounting proposed by HQ did in fact meet branch needs. His astute and careful management of the branch finances was exemplary and he leaves the role with the thanks and good wishes of me and all the committee. By a strange coincidence our branch finances have been substantially changed recently as we have now had our 'reserve' fund removed from our finances. We were always aware that the old 'gold account' was not really ours but it did give us some security when organising branch events that we knew there were funds available to support the event. We now have to ensure that events are fully covered by the branch allocation or by an application for special funding before the event is booked. This should not impact on the events we run but will be an additional burden on the committee to ensure events are funded in advance.

The YPG has grown considerably this year due in no small part to the efforts of Vicky and Clinton. I am sure members and non-members alike have gained, and will continue to gain, from the meetings organised for them.

Our regular Winter School was again successful in attracting members and non-members alike and attendances were good for all the sessions. At the moment it looks likely that the concept of a Winter School will continue – certainly as long as our members support it – supported by more regular meetings such as those for the anniversary year.

As always I must thank all of the committee for their efforts and support over the past year, without them the branch members would have no branch program and no branch.

Peter Eldridge

Nottingham & Derby Branch

Summary Financial Report 2006/07

	Allocation	Actual Spend	Under/(Over) spend
	£	£	£
BMC Allocation	3,240.00)	
		4727.36	-448.47
Branch income (Notts)	1,038.89)	
MSB Projects	576.00	350.00	226.00
Leicester Sub-Branch	1,150.00)	
		1534.88	227.12
Branch income (Leics)	612.00)	
Totals	6,616.89	6,612.24	4.65

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME

BMC Funding		3240.00
Income from Winter School	773.35	
Income from Jubilee Events	265.54	1038.89
TOTAL INCOME		4278.89

EXPENDITURE

YPG Events	998.16	
Travel	85.37	
Subscription to Campfire	25.15	1108.68
Committee Meetings		112.50
Printing & Stationery		393.72
Postage & Telephone		598.66
Events (Room Hire)	594.57	
(Catering)	1126.95	
(Speakers Expenses)	738.28	2459.80
Sundry Expenditure		54.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4727.36

SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR

-448.47

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BUDGET FOR 2007/2008

Nottingham & Derby Branch British Computer Society

		2007/2008 Budget	Account Codes
INCOME			
	BMC Allocation	£ 4,244.00	
	Winter School Attendees	£ 425.53	
	Monthly Events Attendees	£ 595.74	
			£5,265.27
EXPENDITURE			
Committee	Meetings (Room Hire)	£ 90.00	4110
		<u>£90.00</u>	
Administration	Printing & Stationery	£ 400.00	4000
	Postage & Telephone	£ 550.00	4100
	Branch PC Maint	£ 50.00	4900
	Travel Expenses	£ 50.00	3010
	AGM Costs	£ 0.00	4110
		<u>£1,050.00</u>	
Events	Winter School Debit	£ 1,064.00	4210
	YPG (2 Events)	£ 1,000.00	4210
	50th Anniversary (7 Sessions)	£ 2,008.00	4210
	Annual Social Event	£ 50.00	4150
		<u>£4,122.00</u>	
		<u>£0.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			<u>£5,262.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)			£3.27

**Report to BCS Nottingham and Derby from
Vicky Sadler and Clinton Walker – YPG Reps
April 2006 – April 2007**

Measuring YPG successes

We initially attempted to provide figures that would provide a meaningful representation of our impacts as YPG reps but found that they did not convey a true reflection of our impact and activities as YPG Reps. In comparison, the following qualitative measures provide a more useful summary. We will use these measures going forward in future reports to the AGM.

Learning from the wider YPG

- Presence at the ProNetworking event at Southampton Street provided a format for our first event in Nottingham.
- Support from National HQ shaped the event and approach.
- Presence at the YPG Congress, YPG Christmas ProNetworking and presenting with Jen Hewitt at the Branches Congress helped to establish further YPG contacts from across the country.

Increasing committee awareness and knowledge about YPG sector of membership

Through our 2 ProNetworking events and 8 pub meets throughout the year we established the key priorities for our YPG members and other local IT YPs were:

- Networking/Socialising with people from their own industry
- Finding out about companies in the area that employ IT staff
- Qualifications / Benefits of membership
- Informal involvement as opposed to longer term commitment eg. Committee involvement due to work/other time pressures.

Increasing the profile of the Nottingham and Derby branch within the BCS

- Our ProNetworking event attracted the attention of the National Committee who have been very enthusiastic and supportive of our efforts.
- YPG Rep profiles submitted to the BCS of their various publications
- Presentation to Branches Congress with Jen Hewitt gave an opportunity to talk about our approach to a range of branches.

Increasing awareness in the locality of the BCS and the branch by engaging regularly with local IT YP's.

- Our ProNetworking events attracted members and non-members from the Nottingham and Derby areas.
- The pub meets we hold attract more non-members than members. Attendance ranges each week from 3 -7 people in each city and numbers seem to be increasing – particularly at the Derby meet. As we see different attendees each week, we are beginning to meet and discuss the BCS with a wide range of IT professionals.

Increasing the attractiveness of membership to YP's by providing additional opportunities and Providing valued activities/services to existing members

- We have provided our events, and also an online group/chat room using Yahoo and Campfire. Our intention is to follow the lead of the National YPG and move to Facebook which provides a more reliable and free service.
- To reflect our findings that young people really want networking opportunities and careers information rather than committee based commitments, we will be disbanding the Owners Club set up to help co-ordinate events. Clinton and I will take back responsibilities for these.
- We will open up the Facebook online networking facility to all Nottingham and Derby YPG members as well as those non-members who attend our events. Facebook users will also be able to join the National YPG group.

Seeking out opportunities to work in the community with those in the early stages of their IT careers.

- Vicky ran an IT careers lesson at Garibaldi School in April 2007.
- Clinton and Vicky have joined the SETNET initiative to begin to be involved in community activities using our IT skills.
- We continue to publicise opportunities to our members to support their local communities.

Being active within the National YPG OneTeam to share knowledge and ideas with YPG reps across the country.

- Clinton and I will be supporting the YPG Congress in London this year to share knowledge the YPG community.
- We feed ideas into the National Committee on a regular basis.
- Vicky produced a guide to running ProNetworking events which has been used by several YPG Reps to run their own versions of the event.
- Currently we are working with two branches in Wales, whilst also connecting with branches in Northern Ireland and neighbouring Leicester to share ideas.