



## Hertfordshire Branch

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Dear Branch Member,

### **Welcome to the 2010-11 season of Branch meetings**

I have pleasure in enclosing the Hertfordshire Branch Programme for 2010-11.

As you will be aware, the BCS' much-trumpeted transformation programme went through a sticky patch this summer, with a significant minority of the members who voted indicating unease with the aspects of how the Society is being run. I hope that the lessons really have been learned and that the reviews that are being conducted will lead to a BCS that is clearer about its purposes, its roles and, especially, the relationships among the members, employees and leaders. I encourage you to participate, through the forums on the BCS web-site and by voicing your views at Branch meetings.

The branch budget this session is £1.23 per member. This is insufficient for meeting announcements by postcard, so please watch your e-mail (if you have it) and the Branch web-site. We expect a further budget cut next year, to prevent us sending the programme card by mail, even if the printing is sponsored. If you have views on this, let me know.

I hope you will find much in the programme to interest and inform you. Always in the pursuit of novelty, for some of us at least, for this season's social event we have arranged an evening at London Gliding Club, Dunstable Downs. Registration to fly will be through the BCS event booking system. There are only 24 places. If sufficient people book early enough we will arrange a second evening, should the first become oversubscribed.

We are grateful to Steria for making their premises available for meetings and generously sponsored printing of the programme card. Late changes to events will be posted on the Branch's web-site. I should like to record my thanks to the Committee for their considerable efforts in assembling the programme and preparing the card for posting.

As always, the Committee encourages Branch members to make suggestions for future presentations, visits and, particularly, alternative venues – we appreciate that Hemel Hempstead does not suit everyone. I trust you will enjoy the programme and I look forward to welcoming you to our meetings.

Yours sincerely,

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