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Jim Brooks, BCS Chief Executive.
The Professional Development Scheme is proving to be a great success. If you aren't directly involved now you will be during recruitment in the future. This is your chance to hear the up-to-date details.
The Young Professionals Group is aimed at our younger professional members. Come and hear what it is all about. Better still come and help it get going in the West Herts Branch.
Afterwards Jim Brooks is the man to approach with your ideas about the BCS— and for its future.

17 March — **Desktop Publishing**
Andrew James, Corporate Publishing Marketing Manager for Rank Xerox (UK) Ltd.
Our speaker began his career in printing, later joining ICL. He was therefore qualified to promote electronic publishing, first with Gestetner and now with Rank Xerox (UK) where he looks after the marketing of all Corporate Publishing products from Ventura on PC's to XICS on mainframes.

21 April — **Structured Systems Analysis and Design (SSADM)**
Rainer Burchett, Learmonth and Burchett Management Systems plc.
The talk will touch on the wider issues of strategic planning and management. Then go on to concentrate on the tools and techniques for undertaking requirements analysis, systems design and programming. We will hear about the ways in which automated support tools are beginning to transform development productivity. We hope to arrange an informal demonstration of the LBMS computer aided systems engineering tool AUTO-MATE +.

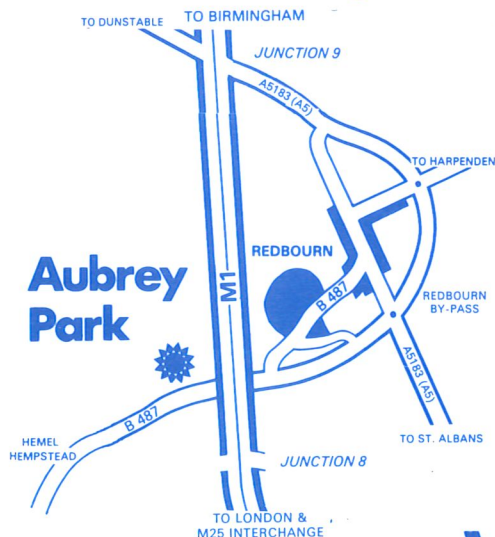**19 May** — **AGM**
Application Development in the Office.
Paul Jacobs, Manager, DEC's Integrated Office Systems Group.
The presentation will address the role of application development tools in todays integrated office systems. It will review the development capabilities provided by DEC's ALL-IN-1 office systems product. Addressing in particular systems customisation, application integration, and application development.
Future trends will be discussed including end-user computing and programming, the office workstation and 'The Network is the System'.

16 June — **Visit to The Networking Centre Ltd,** Mark Road, Hemel Hempstead.
Open Systems Interconnection is felt to be of vital importance to the UK computer industry. TNC was set up to provide the independent and impartial facilities which are needed. To advise on network design, implementation and troubleshooting and to arbitrate in disputes between vendors etc. We will see a conformance testing demonstration, hear about recent project successes and about UK participation in ENE 88 — the international MAP networking showcase to be held in America.

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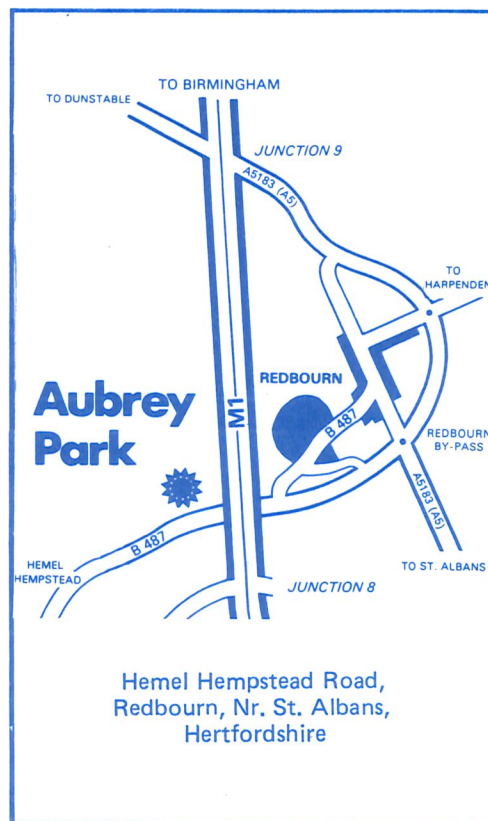
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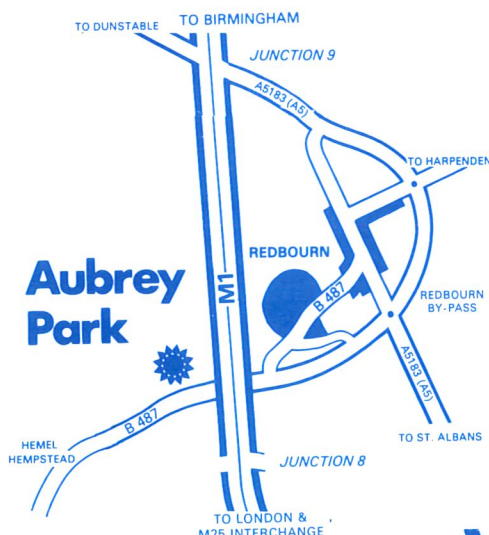Please book your place with Peter Greatrex by 30th November.

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