

BCS OSSG Agenda

- **18:15 – Start of AGM with Welcome and Introductions**
- **Apologies for absence**
- **Minutes of the previous AGM**
- **Matters arising from the minutes**
- **A report from the Chair on the year's activities**
- **A report from the Treasurer**
- **Election of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and committee members (OSSG members only can vote)**
Currently Chair: Cornelia Boldyreff, Secretary: Mike Trotman, Treasurer: Dave Misell, Webmaster: Andres Baravalle, Event Coordinators: Andrew Back and Jeremy Bennett, Members: Mark Elkins, Adrian Winckles, and Newsletter Editor: Sarah Davey
- **Any other business**
- **18:45 – Conclusion of AGM followed by 3 Talks of 30 mins each**
- **20:15 – Sandwiches + Networking**
- **20:45 – Close**

A year in the Life of the BCS Open Source SG: 2015

Cornelia Boldyreff, FBCS
Chair, OSSG

Aims of the BCS OSSG

The BCS Open Source Specialist Group aims to:

- Educate and inform members and wider audience of Open Source and its implications
- Provide a reliable, honest and independent view of Open Source
- Encourage debate and examination of Open Source practice
- Reduce professional uncertainty around the subject of Open Source
- Act as a centre of expertise for BCS use of Open Source

Events from AGM 2014 to April 2015

Open Source Chips and AGM – London 23/10/2014

Superoptimization and Supercomputing – RSA, 26/11/2014

Open Source in Business – Sheffield 22/01/2015

Exploring “Open” in Energy, Electricity from Woodchips, OpenTRV – London 19/02/2015

Augmented Reality for Walkers on Android – Southampton 17/03/2015

Low Power to the People – take back Bluetooth Low Energy control! – London 19/03/2015

Make a Shrimp for Easter – a practical embedded computing workshop for kids and their parents/guardians – London 01/05/2015

More Events to Date

Hackerspace/makerspace/fablab panel discussion – London 16/04/2015

Wiring the Internet of Things with Raspberry Pi & Node-RED – London 21/05/2015

**Chips Pt.3 (BERI, Do we need separate Hardware Construction languages?
OpenTransputer) – London 18/06/2015 (View the Video of the Open Transputer talk
at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUycREPyKcg>)**

**Supplementing teaching in schools by employing free to low-cost, and open educational
resources – London 30/07/2015**

Open for Business – Hebden Bridge 28/09/2015
<http://2015.wutheringbytes.com/days/openforbusiness/talks.html>

OSSG AGM – London 22/10/2015

Summary: At least, one meeting a month except for August and 5 not held at BCS HQ.

Future Events

- **Our next immediate events are as follows: “Make a Shrimp for Halloween” (29 October in Worcester), Memorial Event Remembering Ian Lynch (Joint event with OSC at BCS HQ Thursday 12 November 2015), and “Open Source Car Software” (BCS-OSSG event at BCS Dorset branch Thursday 19 November 2015).**
- **Also the Tony Kent Strix Annual Lecture: Understanding and Improving Search using Large-Scale Behavioural Data (The Geological Society, London, 6th Nov 2015)**
- **We are planning to hold an one day workshop on Open Source in Energy in the New Year.**
- **We are planning meetings for the 3rd Thursday of every month over the coming year except August.**
- **We are hoping to increase the number of events held outside of London.**
- **We are investigating more activities related to open source that we can run, possibly our own Open Source development projects or hackathons.**

Membership of the Group

- **There are currently 1754 BCS members that are affiliated to the Open Source Specialist Group.**
- **1663 OSSG members are subscribed to the osmem mailing list.**
- **10% scheme to encourage non-members attending meetings to join the BCS: Code OPENSOURCE**
- **Widening remit of OSSG to include “other opens” e.g. the Open Source Hardware with OSHUG, OERs with e-Learning SG,**
- **Linking up with OWASP: Open Web Application Security Project**

Report on the OSSG Web site: ossq.bcs.org

- **261 posts and 122 comments, starting from 2005. All content since 2005 has been kept to preserve the memory of what the OSSG has been doing**
- **Web site running on Wordpress, on Centos**
- **About 3 years ago we started using spam protection measures. Nearly 100% of comments and new user registrations are spam; during this time frame, Akismet has detected about 34,000 spam comments.**
- **Nearly 15,000 malicious login attempts**
- **The number of visits/visitors is increasing each year - even if by small numbers. 3717 visits/1839 visitors in 2013, 3875/1957 in 2014 and 4493/2413, up to now, in 2015.**
- **During 2015, most of the visits where from UK (2071), with a large number of visitors from US (1564). All these figures on visits/visitors should already exclude bots.**
- **The most popular post was "Wiring the Internet of Things with Raspberry Pi and Node-Red", <http://ossq.bcs.org/2015/04/23/wiring-the-internet-of-things-with-raspberry-pi-node-red-london-21052015/>**

Plans for the Future

- More meetings with Branches: Sheffield, Southampton, Cambridge, Bedford, ...
- More meetings with Specialist Groups: A re-run of the OS Career Taster Days is planned with BCSWomen, SPA, e-Learning,
- More OS in the Business Community, OWASP, Health Related OS and OS in Schools (shrimping aimed at teachers/lecturers)
- Retaining links with Open Source Hardware Users Group (OS-HUG)
- Raise public awareness through OS install/hackathon/appathon workshops in the regions with branches and/or universities
- The committee is always open to suggestions and willing to advise and help with organization of events in or outside London.

Thank you!

- The Secretary, Mike Trotman, and Treasurer, David Misell, have both played key roles in keeping the group's affairs running smoothly.
- Our Web Master, Dr Andres Baravalle, has kept our web site running smoothly.
- Our Event Organisers, Jeremy Bennett and Andrew Back from OSHUG have organised OSSG and joint OSSG/OSHUG meetings throughout the year. A special thank up to Andrew who has been filming our events in order to make them available to much wider audience on-line.
- Other committee members and groups members have also contributed to making this a successful year
- Finally we owe all of our guest speakers a huge vote of thanks for giving their time freely and we are grateful to those who have contributed by sponsoring some of our events this year.

Treasurer's Report

Full Year Budget £2,450

- Travel and Subsistence £550
- Room Hire £1,500
- Supplementary Funding Request
£ 400
- We under spent by £15 and had to SFR the RSA event, which brought us back on track.