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# DAMA UK Newsletter

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Due to unforeseen circumstances the Face to Face committee meeting due on 17 December was postponed until January, which means that we cannot yet confirm the subject matter of the September and December events of 2009.

However, we can tell you that the Communication between Business and Technology Working Group are holding a second workshop with a twist on 26 March. Please see opposite for more information. Members attend free of charge and non members charges are £40 subject to availability.

The second event of the year is a joint event with the BCS DMSG on 11 June at the BCS Southampton Street offices. The subject will be Data Modelling (TBC) and as usual BCS DMSG and DAMA UK Members are free of charge. Again more information on this event will be available in the New Year.

## The Evolution of Database Technology 21 October 2008

Over 60 delegates attended this joint event at the BCS Offices in Southampton Street. With a line up of international speakers this was hardly a surprise.

The presentations from the 21 October are now available on the DAMA UK website - [www.damauk.org](http://www.damauk.org). Stephen Brobst's Presentation is not yet available.

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome new members from

**British Energy**  
**Eolas (2)**  
**D B Consulting**  
**Royal Bank of Scotland**  
**British Airways**  
**The ORM Foundation**  
**RSPCA**  
**3 independants**  
**And**  
**2 individual memberships for 2009-10 year**

**The CBT Group** are pleased to announce a seminar at Bletchley Park on the 26th March 2009.

We recognise that there are no hard and fast answers to how to improve communications between Business and IT teams although there are a plethora of ideas, guidance and training in the market and from our own experience.

We have submitted and compiled some of these ideas and areas for consideration and aim to provide some slightly different sessions from the more usual presentation and Q&A in that we will be using a variety of techniques to introduce ideas on communication to the delegates and invite input and discussion to work through together on the basis that the sum is greater than the parts and we will benefit from each others viewpoints.

We are working on sessions around the benefits from technology both existent and imagined, how people think and function and how we can learn from best practice, however if there is a particular area, idea or technique you would like to explore please let us know by the end of December.

The day will also include a tour of Bletchley Park and thus is limited to 40 only with DAMA members taking priority. Please contact Sue for further information or to book or if you have any ideas for discussion.

Congratulations to Ken Evans (new member) for graduating with an MSc in Information Systems Management (with Distinction) at the University of Liverpool on 8 December and on 9 December, The University of Lincoln appointed Ken as "Visiting Senior Research Fellow". Ken plans to use this role for Information Modeling research.



**Seasons Greetings**  
**from the**  
**DAMA UK**  
**Committee**