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## Welcome to the eJournal

This is a special first edition of the eJournal, the new electronic version of *The Journal*, the newsletter of the DREAM User Group. This is a short and sweet issue announcing the date and venue of our next meeting.

## Next Meeting

The next DREAM User Group Meeting will be held on the 10th May 2007 at the National Hockey Stadium in Milton Keynes, starting at 10.15 for 10.45.

The meeting is open to all members. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so now, so you don't miss the opportunity of coming along to the meeting.

## Call-ups

Registration forms will be sent out shortly to each organisation's main contact. But hang on to this email, and if you don't receive one within the next seven days, please click [here](#) to download one. The file on the web is still a draft at present, though you could use it.

## Directions

Click [here](#) for directions.

## User Group Website

The plan was to have the new website up and running by the end of March, but delays caused by our existing ISP mean that we were unable to get the website moved to its new home in time for this newsletter.

We will send another newsletter when the website on its new server. What you will find then is a 'public' site with various sections, probably not so dissimilar from the current site. You will then be able to click through to a members area, where you will find new resources and discussion sections.

## A Fond Farewell

In his letter to members dated 18th December last year Andy Plumbly offered **Tim and Irene Cullis** his heartfelt thanks for their years of dedicated service to the DREAM User Group. I'm sure all members would support Andy's comments!

Philip Taylor also paid them tribute in his letter of January 31st (which went out with our statements of account – see his comments below.)

## A Word from Philip

In a letter sent out with statements of account on January 31st, Philip Taylor wrote:

*At the Dream User Group in November all the members present expressed a strong wish for the Dream User Group to continue in operation. As Tim and Irene Cullis wished to end their many years of hard work running the group it was decided that Mike Booty and John Walton should take over the administration.*

*As you will know my firm opinion is that any group of users who wish to meet together should be supported and I am very happy to have been asked to continue as President of the Dream User Group. I look forward to being a member of the group so long as it exists.*

*The members at the meeting discussed future events and were of the opinion that, jointly, you can operate a very useful group and give very real value to all users. I am sure that this is correct. We have many users with a wide range of experience and sharing that experience will be a great help to all of us.*

*I look forward to seeing you again at future meetings.*

## Object

## Hands on Sessions

The meeting on May 10th will feature hands-on sessions. There will be some sessions which are themed and some which are open surgeries. Please book places on these when confirming your attendance at the meeting.

And please book early!

## Background

In the past the DREAM User Group has run several very successful Summer Universities. These gave members a chance to mix interesting lecture-style sessions with practical learning sessions. Without an improbably large amount of support from CODA, it is unlikely we can run a Summer University, so we've decided to offer hands-on sessions at our regular meetings.

## Dream Version 3.3

CODA have been invited to our meeting to give us a presentation about the features of Dream 3.3. As yet we don't know if they will be attending or not.

## Enhancements

CODA have also been asked to provide us with an update on the DREAM User Group 2006 enhancement requests.

## The Journal is back

It's a while since the Journal was last sent out to members. Up to now it has been a paper publication, but now you will receive its replacement, the eJournal, instead. The eJournal will have headlines and links to our website.

The early Journals will all be on our website once it is moved to its new server.

## Council

The DREAM User Group Council met recently, with a view to reconstituting the organisation following the retirement from active duty of Tim & Irene Cullis.

It was agreed that until a new constitution is agreed, the Officers would be Andy Plumbly, John Walton and Pippa Walton, and the Council would include the following other members: Pam King, Jon Sebright, Matthew Fraser Moat, Philip Rickard and Mark Humble.

Mike Booty has been forcibly co-opted to run our meetings!

The objective of the DREAM User Group is to provide services to Member organisations using the DREAM accounting system produced by CODA plc. The User Group will provide information and hold meetings, and will make collective representations to CODA and others for the general benefit of the Members.

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