

The INDEPENDENT user group for users of CODA's DREAM accounting software.

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## Spring 2007 Meeting

The User Group held its spring 2007 meeting in Milton Keynes in May. Feedback received suggests that those who attended were generally happy with the venue and with the format and content of the meeting. It was a packed agenda, but we managed to hold the meeting pretty much to time.

A full report can be seen on the User Group website. Click [here](#) too read it.

## Dates

The date of the next DREAM User Group Meeting will be announced in September 2007. The location is to be decided.

We (Suddensource) are on holiday from tonight for 3 weeks, back on the 27th August.

## News

[Here](#) is some news from Mike Booty. And [here](#) is some news of smaller projects from Suddensource.

Do any of you want to share your news?

## CODA

Following the Milton Keynes meeting, the User Group Council have written to the chief executive of CODA (twice), again asking them to re-consider their unwillingness to spare a senior member of staff to attend our meetings. CODA have replied (twice) saying that they are currently directing their efforts to the CODA User Group.

## Dream-Compatible software

You will find a section on the public part of the User Group website devoted to 'Products and Services'. The idea of this is to give you information on products which integrate with Dream or otherwise enhance your use of Dream. We have added one product by way of seed corn, and we have to admit it is an unashamed advert, but it illustrates the point.

Similarly the section is there to display information about firms who can provide relevant services to Dream users.

If you use a product or service which you think other members would like to know about, or if you are a vendor of such a product, let us know, and we'll tell you what information we want about the product.

We are trying to publish the information in a common format, so that if necessary, products and services can be easily compared.

We are offering to let products and services have "DUG Approved" status based on endorsement by at least three users. Click [here](#) to see how this will work.

## Membership invoices for 2007

Your membership invoice for this year was sent out in December 2006, dated January 2nd 2007. It bore the VAT number which the User Group has used for some time. Tim and Irene Cullis of Infar asked that the Group apply for a new VAT number, as part of a 'clean' administrative handover for 2007. This we did, and a new number was issued, effective from April 1st 2007. However Infar decided they didn't want to declare VAT due on membership invoices which they hadn't issued, so we have now had the new VAT number be backdated to January 1st, and the membership invoices have been declared under the new number.

The upshot is that the membership invoices for 2007 should have borne the new VAT number. Please click here if you require a re-printed invoice bearing the new VAT number. The VAT office have asked us to give you this option.

Whilst on the subject, it has become painfully obvious this year that quite a few of our membership renewal invoices got lost in the Christmas post last year. Next year we will be sending out renewals out a bit earlier, in the hope that

## Hands on Sessions

The next hands-on session will be held in September. The venue will be a hotel in the West Midlands, somewhere handy for the M5 and M6.

The topic will be BACS and Remittance Advices, and customer statements if there is interest.

This session is being held for the benefit of the nine members who came to the Milton Keynes meeting and expressed interest in the topic.

Exact details will be circulated to the relevant members in September.

## Members' Website

The members' website is now up and running, and so far, 25 individuals have asked for, and been given, usernames and passwords to access the site.

## The "Register"

At some point later this year, the online version of the register will be ready for you to submit your details to.

## DREAM and Escrow

Following the session at the Milton Keynes meeting about this, several members expressed an interest in taking out escrow agreements for the Dream source code.

We had hoped to be able to save members money by taking out a 'group' agreement under the name of the User group, but NCC came back to us later and said this isn't possible as the User Group itself does not hold a Dream licence.

Accordingly it is now up to individual members to approach NCC.

## Enhancement Survey 2007

You will be sent your enhancement survey in September. This is a bit later than usual, but we will be following a slightly quicker 'path to market' with this than in previous years.

Please be thinking of your requests now, so you can respond quickly come September.

student postmen won't feel the need to dump them in the nearest bin.

### **Object**

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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