Eating places...

‘The red M&M on my Graham cracker is me, and the blue one is my friend Ben’, explains five-year-old Zoe as she nibbles away at the edge of her edible map¹.

Having handed over the onerous post of Editor of the Cartographic Journal to another, I clearly have too much time on my hands. While searching for web sites related to the surrealist map of the world published in 1929² (serious research on world mapping – honest!), I must have been infected by a surreal urge of my own and typed ‘edible maps’ into my search engine. The result was a surprising number of hits. The most obvious was a link to a commercial site offering chocolate maps. Given the range of objects that are cast in chocolate, from Santa Claus to… um (lets not go there!), this is perhaps not a great surprise. No doubt there will be some cartophiles reading this who will immediately be considering who to order such delights for, if they have not done so already! The site lists a range of US states, countries, mountains and attractions available in milk chocolate from the Topographic Chocolate Company, Denver³.

A large number of sites however, explore the education value of edible maps and provide appropriate lesson plans. For example, one US site, entitled Eat your state, by Angela Davidson⁴, suggests using various materials to illustrate the resource potential of the region; for example, mini-marshmallows for cotton, peanuts for peanuts (!), popcorn for corn, pretzels for trees (what will Alan Collinson make of that? – trees should look like trees, not pretzels!), chocolate chips for coal and Goldfish for fish (I presume Goldfish are a sweet that can be purchased in the US). The only omission from this list seems to be my own favourite – jelly babies (which I did once deploy to academic purpose in a lecture on population dynamics). All of these items are then to be arranged on a large sugar cookie in the shape of the state! The pedagogic value of the exercise is also discussed and the map is used to facilitate discussion about how the different regions support different crops and resources. And, as in all good learning plans, the teacher offers the class an incentive to participate; ‘After completing the map, students get to eat their map!! My students really enjoyed this activity and they definitely remember what a land resource map is!!’ For some fun examples, see the Incredible Edible Maps site⁵; Alaska, by Jana and Lindsey, is probably my favourite, while poor Daniel and Ryan were always going to be rather pushed to produce anything exciting with Wyoming (for goodness sake the state is biscuit shaped!). Also see the wonderful, colourful examples at the South American Edible Maps site⁶.

Another, more sophisticated version, part of a US site called The Democracy Project⁷, is designed to help students understand their role in their society. Continued on page 4...

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Editorial

As another year draws to a close the Editors would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

This year we had the 42nd BCS Symposium in Plymouth and a very enjoyable event it was. So to tantalise those of you who chose not to attend we offer you this year a new slant on the Symposium which now comes in it’s very own section. Ever thought of taking a more central role at the Symposium? See the centre pages for the diary of someone who did.

We were disappointed in the response to the August issue competitions, however you have a chance to redeem yourselves, turn to the back page for the new quiz and prepare to dust off those brain cells.

For those of you who have not yet sent your e-mail addresses to Ken Atherton please see page 18 for details.

Finally you will see below a very interesting letter from Andrew Taylor regarding the Map Man programme about the A to Z of London maps. We would be very interested to know what you think about these and other street maps that are available. Which do you think were best in the past and which are best now? Do you have strong views? If so we would like to hear from you.

Lynda, Martin and Sheena

Letters to the Editors

Dear Maplines Editors,

I have been watching the Map Man series of programmes, on Monday evening with Nicholas Crane, on BBC2 with interest. As an amateur map enthusiast who grew up in London in the 50s and 60s, I was particularly interested in the programme on 17th October entitled Mrs. P’s A-Z (1936).

The two things that I don’t think came out in the programme were firstly, that the A to Z London Atlases that we used in the 50s and 60s were nothing like the latest, full colour versions with enlarged scale for the city centre that were shown in the programme, and secondly, there were and are many other good street maps of London. I feel it is a pity that the A to Z’s dominate the market so much.

Ironically, the map that was demonstrated as being ‘rubbish’ before Phyllis started her first A to Z, was one of my favorite maps, the John Bartholomew Atlas of London. I own the thirteenth edition of 1968; I find the full colour 4 inch to 1 mile maps much clearer than the old black and white two and a half inch A to Z maps of the time. They may leave out a few of the road names as was mentioned in the programme, but this was to aid clarity, and my edition offers a superb central section at 10 inches to 1 mile which is superior to any existing map! In fact I could not even read the central areas of these old A to Z’s, they are so congested. Even the latest, full colour versions are impossible to read at this scale. For years, I wondered why on earth she did not offer an enlargement of the central areas, and now at last the company has obliged. When I moved to Manchester in 1987, the Manchester A to Z atlas was as cramped as were these old London A to Z’s, so I decided to draw, and later to publish my own map of Manchester City Centre. Since then, A to Z’s have brought out enlarged mapping and even a fold out pocket map of the City Centre.

My second point is that the A to Z maps dominate the market to such an extent that many people do not know of, or consider buying any other map. When I started producing my own maps, intelligent people thought I used A to Z’s to produce them! W. H. Smith in Preston will not even look at my maps of Preston and Manchester as they ‘already stock the A to Z’. This is despite my map at 18 inches to 1 mile being as different from an A to Z as a map of England is from a map of the World. Many shops have A to Z supplied stands for their maps, and do not allow other companies to display their maps on these stands.

Despite these reservations, I do like and use many of the A to Z products, and have learned much by owning and studying them.

Andrew Taylor
Manchester

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President’s column

New members or bust?

The BCS is, I suspect, no different from many other professional organisations and societies, in that membership is static or in decline. This may be attributed to many things, but principally it is due to the lack of support for such organisations from employers and the limited amount of time people have to commit to such activities these days.

The strategic goals set up under Mick Ashworth’s presidency identified the need for both a more aggressive promotion of cartography, part of our core charitable aims, and greater outreach activities to existing members and potential new members.

At the first Council meeting of the year, the gradual but none the less noticeable decline in BCS membership over the past five or six years was flagged as an issue of real concern and something where immediate action was necessary.

The BCS is in many ways very successful. It is financially viable and has accumulated a significant surplus over the last few years. The Cartographic Journal is internationally recognised and having unusually, a growing number of subscribers, plus we have very active special interest groups such as Map Curators, Historical Military Mapping and Design all doing great things.

There has been much work done on increasing member benefits, something which Mary Spence and Giles Darke are concluding this year. If we do not then like many other societies we can anticipate a gradual decline into obscurity.

More than maps – Geography as well

There is a bigger issue than that faced by the BCS. It is the overall direction and role of geography in the UK. The UK GeoForum has been established to bring together a wide range of societies and organisations who have an interest in geography, mapping and related subjects. It has been mentioned in previous Maplines, but like the BCS it is grappling with the issues of how to represent the wider subject and re-establish the importance of geography. This is a major issue for us all, especially as maps, addresses, postcodes and many other geographies underpin so much of our daily lives and yet we remain largely unaware of their importance to us!

Finally, congratulations

Lastly can I pass on my congratulations to Bob Lilley and all those on the Programme Committee for the excellent Symposium in Plymouth. It was a great success and everyone should be congratulated.

I know Bob is looking into ways in which the format might be enhanced and developed in coming years to make the Symposium more inclusive. Any ideas you have would be most welcome.

Seppe Cassettari
BCS President

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Mary Spence and Giles Darke are concluding this year.

We need to identify activities we can do or pay to have done, that are achievable...
...consuming cartographies

local community as well as introduce and map skills. The students create a community map that is designed to help them to learn more about how government works in their town. The students are encouraged to use various resources (local newspapers, pamphlets, web sites and local maps to locate schools, hospitals, government buildings, parks and other landmarks). The students then create a scale map (using key maths skills) of their town or city on a sheet of brownie mix or similar flat (edible) surface, on which are placed sweets and other items representing the landmarks. This site suggests the use of blue icing for water, chocolate icing for mountains and something called ‘Tootsie Rolls’ (obviously an appropriate medium for line symbols!) for roads or boundaries, with M&M’s, chocolate chips and nuts for schools, homes and government buildings. The map is then used to explore how government is involved in each item on their maps [before the students go on to] share, eat and enjoy the maps to celebrate and reinforce their new knowledge of the city. Another similar site that aims at higher level learning, and which celebrates the work of Theodore Roosevelt8, uses an edible map to evaluate Roosevelt’s conservation efforts – ‘Before baking, fill in the selected state with M&M’s to designate lands/projects set aside by TR: yellow for federal Bird Preserves; green for National Natural Landmarks; red for National Monuments; orange for National Parks, blue for Reclamation Projects.’ Other sites explore physical geography and topographic mapping or approaches to studying other cultures.

The most bizarre site is probably a set of lesson plans which attempt to mobilise ‘taste, touch and feel’ via dance, music, art, and an edible map, to teach US Grade 8 students about ‘The Cold War’. As part of the module, the students create an ‘edible map of Europe depicting the split of the nations by the Iron Curtain’, with, as might you have guessed, blue icing for the ‘west’ and red icing to show Soviet dominated Europe. The Denver Museum site10 comes a close second; this site describes an edible map of Mars, but is rather prescriptive in its instructions:

[1]Once their entire cookie is frosted in reddish-orange, they may use the white frosting to create the polar ice caps. Then students may place M&M’s to represent Olympus Mons and the three chocolate chips to represent the Tharsis volcanoes. Students may then use their toothpicks to create Valles Marineris in the center of their cookie

An interesting variant on planetary charts might be the cream map by Moon, sponsored, perhaps, by Dairylea, or the makers of Wallace and Gromit.

In all seriousness, these sites provide some interesting ideas for teaching activities that may produce the cartographers of the future – you might read the word to any school teachers you know. My searches only produced hits from US and Oceania. A Google ‘UK only’ search produced no curriculum resources, although this is not a guarantee that this idea is not being widely used. A last thought – what about the ‘Giant Pizza Map of Italy’ as the Design Group project at the BCS Annual Symposium in 2000? A little design education before sitting down with a glass of Chianti (th-th-th-thaah!) and juicy slice of Sicily or a crusty mouthful of the Dolomites! Health (th-th-th-thaah!) and juicy slice of Sicily or a crusty mouthful of the Dolomites! Health and safety warnings to the fore – check for nut allergies and other food related medical conditions before trying any of the above activities.

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Timeline Maps

To coincide with the 200th anniversary of the publication of the first OS Old Series sheets, Berkshire-based Timeline Maps has just released the first part of its Historical Map Series. An entire set of Old Series maps were scanned, combined, re-projected and re-scaled to match the current Landrangers. There are even the familiar BNG references, so making comparisons between past and present is easier than ever before.

On occasions, as many as 12 Old Series maps (some Quarter Sheets) were needed to create one Historical Map. Considerable effort was spent on ensuring the digital images of the Old Series maps for maximum legibility and to ensure that quality was consistent across each new sheet.

‘Every aspect of the project, from the two years spent sourcing suitable Old Series maps right through to the final minute digital enhancements, posed numerous challenges,’ Timeline’s Dan Re’en explained, ‘but we feel that quality now justifies the effort. They are not only excellent reproductions of superbly crafted originals, but also relevant to current interest and research needs because of being directly comparable to the Landrangers.’

The first 16 maps cover the whole of the south-east of England (including Landrangers 165-8, 175-9, 186-9 and 197-8). The series will be expanded to cover the rest of southern and western England by early 2006, with the rest of England and Wales following in subsequent years. Each map costs £4.99 and can be bought from any bookshop or www.timelinemaps.co.uk.
Reunión de los cartógrafos

The north-west corner of Spain is a world away from the cottas and bodegas of the average British holidaymaker’s Iberian experience. The historic city of A Coruña is an attractive and hospitable centre for exploring this part of ‘green Spain’. During July 2005 it played host to the 22nd International Cartographic Conference, a total of 1600 delegates, including many from the UK, making it the largest cartographic conference for many years.

The congress centre used by the conference was well equipped and modern. Positioned in the heart of the city, but on a dockside with expansive views, it did at times seem crowded. The exhibitors were shoe-horned into the foyer and temporary marquee space, whilst many of the meeting rooms were often over/ full. The usual problem with parallel sessions faced by the organisers (judging the relative popularity of different presentations) was clearly illustrated by much standing in the aisles of many of the rooms, and many empty seats in some of the larger halls.

With a packed programme of 500 oral presentations (in addition to 200 posters), the timetable was obviously tight. Twenty-nine themes were covered addressing the full range of cartographic topics (most related to the Commissions of ICA), and with special sessions covering further issues, such as SDIs, GALILEO and navigation, and Standards, there were usually at least eight places one wanted to be simultaneously.

So, a rich diet of stimulating cartographic fare was on offer. Of particular note were the pleasingly large number of presentations on Maps for the Blind and Visually Impaired, under the leadership of Jonathan Rowell, Anglia Polytechnic University, Cambridge, the ICA Commission dealing with this theme is confirming its vibrant and effective nature.

The high level of interest in conceptual issues such as Cartographic Generalization: was helped by the organisation of a successful pre-conference workshop by the co-chairs of the ICA Commission on Generalization and Multi-Resolution Databases – William Mackanness (University of Edinburgh) and Anne Raas (IGN, France) – at which National Mapping Agencies (including Ordnance Survey) in particular demonstrated the significant progress which has been made in recent years.

With the maturing of developments in Mapping and the Internet no longer a fade or the preserve of the geek, cartographers of all types increasingly need to master the skills of disseminating maps and map data over the web, often to a range of different platforms (desktop, PDA, mobile phone etc.)

A further noticeable occurrence was that there were many presentations from ‘non-cartographers’. The largest theme in terms of papers presented was that related to ‘Digital Cartography and GIS for Sustainable Development of Territories – applied cartography, if you like. A wide range of professionals – environmental scientists, regional planners, local government officials, military personnel – took the opportunity to show how they use maps effectively in their everyday activity. Many were Spanish, not worried about attending a local conference with the word ‘cartographic’ in its title and accepting the fact that their daily use and production of maps qualified them to be interested in this gathering. How many in the UK would be similarly drawn to a cartography conference? There is a massive community of people in many walks of life in our own country who create and utilise maps constantly, yet they have no connection with the cartographic community. BCS should be reaching out to such a constituency.

The international map exhibition was a delight, as always: BCS members will have seen the UK entries at the Plymouth symposium, including a British prize-winner (Stirling Surveys). The Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition also yielded British success, and there were further UK contributions to the conference with British cartographers manning stands in the commercial exhibition and at least 25 presentations from UK-registered participants. In addition, there was further recognition of the esteem of British cartography in the award of the distinguished Mannerfelt Gold Medal to David Rhind and the award of an ICA Fellowship to Michael Wood. The former is rarely awarded and is just reward for a continuing record of distinguished service in the areas of mapping and geographic information handling; the latter is recognition for Mike’s outstanding work at the heart of the ICA and diligent leadership of the profession in the world of cartography and beyond, over many years.

The over-run of business from the Durban 12th General Assembly of ICA (the quadrennial decision-making forum of national delegates) meant that an extraordinary General Assembly had been called for A Coruña. The major motion was to incorporate a sub-heading into the ICA name, adding ‘The International Association for Cartography and Geographic Information’ to our title. The arguments for and against this were well-rehearsed and the vote was close. Despite the groundswell for such an alteration detected at the Durban meeting, the proposal did not get sufficient support from the delegates in A Coruña.

The location and organisation of the 22nd ICC provided an excellent occasion for this meeting of world cartographers. Attendees left with an appreciation of the efforts of our hosts and the delights of Galicia, and a greater awareness of the healthy state of contemporary world cartography.

David Fairbairn

en Galicia
Plymouth Ahoy!

Question. What is it about going to a cartography event that completely disables a person’s map reading skills?

Yes I had maps; in fact I had four different maps sitting on my front seat as I attempted to navigate my way into Plymouth. It is a city I had wanted to visit for many years but in all honesty I had no idea of its geography. And boy, did it show!

Arriving safe and sound, at the outskirts of the city via the trusty A38, I duly headed for the city centre. Every minutes later, I knew all the sights of Plymouth like the back of my hand – Smeaton’s Tower, the Barbican, the Hoe, Royal Parade (though it would have been nice to actually know it was Royal Parade as I inched my way along it). I saw the docks, had my first glimpse of Francis, saw signs to the ferries and passed more city centre churches and roundabouts than I ever want to see again.

I knew how to get out to Cornwall, where to go to get back to London (via my favourite, the A38), but did Plymouth actually have a university? Did Plymouth Council actually believe in street signs? The answers to both these questions were fast becoming a resounding “No!” in my mind, when miracle of miracles, on my nth sortie through the city I finally spotted the familiar shape of an old friend on the horizon. No, not Francis Drake’s statue again, nor the startled traffic warden who had watched me repeatedly circle one particular roundabout. It was the shimmering spire of the Sherwell Centre, our venue for the Symposium, whose delicate features I had become so familiar with while preparing Symposium copy and photographs for Maplines. All those hours of proofing really did have a purpose I mused, as my car’s nose finally turned in the right direction and headed thankfully for the car park.

And so to the Symposium itself; a way to start and what a faboulous setting! A trip to the Plymouth Gin Distillery nestled in the historic Barbican area of Plymouth. Reputedly the Pilgrim Fathers lodged here the night before they embarked for the New World. No it wasn’t a distillery then, it was in fact the old Blackfriars monastery, though it is said that the Fathers stowed more alcohol in the Marlowther than they did water. With gentle, warm smiles on our faces put there by the 80% proof gin ‘infused with a subtle blend of herbs and spices’ (oops wrong drink, botanicals, it’s botanicals, that’s what flavour gin), we climbed the hill back to the University. Good morning, Traffic Warden. No, I’m sure we haven’t met before… ha!

Proceedings proper began with the Map Curators Workshop. For those who have never considered joining us at the workshop, why not? Why not find out what happens to your maps after you draw them? Go on – join us in Manchester next year.

After a full and fascinating afternoon, the evening beckoned, particularly the MCG annual Business Meeting. But first the biggest shock of the weekend. We were dry! I promise you Plymouth weather isn’t so unpredictable – honestly, nothing to do with the weather. There was an emergency of unimaginable proportions brewing. Time for a re-group of the wagons and posting sentries to watch for the Cavalry arriving. There was NO bar! Just a small collection of bottles and cans, in what looked like a lookup at the end of the lounge. Map Curators are a curious mixture – no stereotyping is allowed when it comes to alcohol. Some of us were restrained in our disappointment; some of us were compassionately concerned for our pages 10, 12 and 16. Another question for you. How many sticky glue spots does it take to keep the street!

Friday dawned with that seasonal event – the first sighting of map curators and cartographers generally sharing breakfast tables. Map Curators are rosy-faced at the thought of their own visit to the Distillery; The Map Curators preparing to hot-foot it off on their field visit to the Devon Record Office. The rest of us headed over to the Sherwell Centre to set up the various exhibitions: Corporate, Awards and ICA (see pages 10, 12 and 16). Another question for you. How many sticky glue spots does it take to keep a map on a wall? No, we didn’t know either – there goes another one… catch it!

Over lunch, the caring amongst us tried to break the news of the missing bar, but understandably the message did not hit home. How could it? This is the BCS, world-renowned connoisseurs of alcoholic beverages and party animals extraordinaires! Oh how painfully the penny dropped later that evening.

Back to the official proceedings. Hats off to the Programme Committee. What a superb programme they put together on maritime mapping. I may come from a centre of shipbuilding and an area with a proud naval and warring tradition, but did I know the difference between an Admiralty chart and a chart-map? I do now and it’s fascinating.

Sessions rolled from naval records at the National Archives to Countryside and Rights-of-Way mapping and onwards to include a celebration of 100 years of the AA. Across the three days of the Symposium, whichever the speaker, each was enthusiastically received; the time sped by. Particularly entertaining were the sessions by David Brown and Nick Tasker. Both were thought-provoking; hitting home on their individual subjects with a mesmerising combination of wit, skit and never to be forgotten facts! And of course the most immediate attraction of all: no opportunity was missed to catch up, to network, to relax, all amongst fellow specialists and friends.

The evening activities kept us all busy, the Official Reception and Exhibition Opening, the specialist group meetings; that annual event, the battle of the Titans that is the Quiz Night. Now, imagine a Quiz night with restricted alcohol supplies. Yes, it was a strain, but eventually, the old brains kicked in; some BCS members even managing to score more than the host group from the University of the 3rd Age, who happened to also be in the lounge that evening and had gamely joined in. A tense tiebreaker for second place between BCS and U3A had the room grappled for a second or ten before we all broke for freedom and those alternative hostries. Except for the Design Group. Those stalwarts of all things beautiful and well-designed turned their collective attentions to the challenge of confidently, cartographically illustrating that day’s news stories before heading for a fuel stop at – you guessed it – the bar up the street!

Saturday and by now we’re in full swing. The excitement of that evening’s ‘Awards ceremony was brewing. Who has won? Who is brave enough to really dress up? But first the sessions – what we’re still all there for of course! Evening arrives and the questions resurface. Will we get to the venue intact? And, an even better question, will we get back! Have the engineers from Plymouth Council been out in force over the last weekend. We were dry! I promise you Plymouth weather isn’t so unpredictable – honestly, nothing to do with the weather. There was an emergency of unimaginable proportions brewing. Time for a re-group of the wagons and posting sentries to watch for the Cavalry arriving. There was NO bar! Just a small collection of bottles and cans, in what looked like a lookup at the end of the lounge. Map Curators are a curious mixture – no stereotyping is allowed when it comes to alcohol. Some of us were restrained in our disappointment; some of us were compassionately concerned for our
Dear Diary

---Thurs 1 September ---
7pm, Plymouth : Halls of Residence
Arrived after a long drive, leaving work and Aylesbury behind. First priority: get skirt hung up and encourage fold marks to leave ready for Saturday night (I didn’t even think about bringing an iron!) Dinner has been had at the Robbins Centre – two desserts (Oh worth of paper in the back of my car what with all the entries, I’ll be pleased when they’re safely

Kate (my fellow travel mapper and Awards Co-ordinator) and I have arranged to meet several others for a drink tonight. I remember some names and faces from various issues of Maplines and from Durham last year, but making sure I get the right names and faces matched up may prove a challenge – especially

---Friday 2 September ---
6pm. Church
I’ve spent all day in church!

Unfortunately I can’t pretend to be that good as it’s no longer a commissioned church (however it does make for a fantastic venue for the Exhibition!) Kate and I were actually here first thing this morning to put together the Awards exhibits. As it’s the first time we’ve done this it was great to be surrounded by loads of people offering their help and assistance with everything – it’s great!

The Official Reception started 45 minutes ago and Kate and I have been introduced to loads more people – the most important, to us, being Charlie Beattie our MC for tomorrow night. He’s been MC a few times previously for the BCS so he’s sure to guide us through and make sure things are done in the correct order!

We’ve spotted a few more people here that we’re expecting to see receive Awards tomorrow night – I just hope the others get here OK…

There’s so many things to organise – inviting guests, arranging Awards and certificates and getting them signed, confirming everyone is to be able to present the Awards, collating the information from the judging panels, etc etc. But with so much help from past and present members, and the two of us working together, I think we’ve got it covered!

---Saturday 3rd September ---
6.30pm. Halls of Residence
Last night was great!
The Design Group extended its meeting to several local establishments where I’m not sure much design work usually gets done – not the art of cartography anyway – but quite a few choices were made. Back to today: After checking on the Awards Exhibition and the judging panels, I think we left our mark in any case. To our pleasure (and relief) everything seems to be fine – even with some last minute additions.

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Anyway best get ready and triple-check that we’ve got everything together!

---Sunday 4th September ---
6pm. Home : Cuddled up on the sofa
After shambolic weather through Devon on our journey home, finally reached Buckinghamshire – and the sun’s out!!

Not to be outdone by the rest of the weekend’s lectures this morning’s session (if I may say) was even more enlightening and not what I’d been expecting… To be honest, I hadn’t prepared well for it, so I asked all the rest of my group to give me a hand with preparing it. I’m looking forward to next year, although Kate and Charlie are still a bit too much for me…

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---Monday 5th September ---
6pm. Home : Cuddled up on the sofa

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Anyway best get ready and triple-check that we’ve got everything together!
Corporation Members exhibiting at Plymouth 2005

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Here we are again and still very few contributions from Corporate Members. Ho hum...

I know we are all very busy people with critical deadlines and all that but I’m sure the Maplines Editors would agree that writing a short piece for Page 12 is an important deadline too. And the more people who do submit a few words the shorter each contribution needs to be. Theoretically. But you can write as much as you like. If you have a story to tell please put pen to paper – or finger to keyboard if you prefer – and do it now. Editors don’t mind having advance copy you know – it saves them chasing around begging, cajoling or bullying at the eleventh hour. By the way, thanks to those who have already done the deed.

Meanwhile, the race to enhance Corporate Member benefits is well and truly on. I don’t think I’m ahead of the game in asking all corporate members to start thinking about preparing a page advert to be included on the BCS website. This isn’t necessarily a company profile but an actual advert for your products – it can be changed regularly too if you want to showcase different products from time to time. You will also be asked to provide a short written introduction to your company which can be displayed alongside your contact details in the Corporate Members section of the site. The current link to your own website will of course, remain. In addition, you will have already been asked by Giles for samples of your mapping for use in the new web design but it would be great if you could also send a few examples of your product linked to your advert. Then we would have a BCS website with maps on it. Wahey!

I am also looking at including details of all Corporate Members in the Cartographic Journal. This may take the form of a simple listing but I would like to develop this to offer a small space where your logo and web details can be shown together with a brief resume of what you do. Let’s hope Maney’s can spare a page or two for this – the circulation of the Journal is 1500, 800 of which are distributed to members of the BCS and the remainder to subscribers worldwide. A mention within its pages would be well worthwhile.

Watch this space for developments. Till the next time . . . Happy writing!

Mary Spence
Corporate Liaison

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Attention all Corporate Members! Hear ye, hear ye! Are you listening? Then I’ll begin.

I have just received confirmation from Apple Computers that Corporate Members of BCS are being offered discounted prices on CPU based products (laptops and notebooks). The scheme will be in place by the time you read this with a dedicated account manager at Apple awaiting your call. How it will work is that you will call Apple with details of your requirements quoting your BCS membership number and a discounted price will be given. Simple as that.

The volume of business will determine the size of discount so it would seem a good idea for individuals within a Corporate Member’s organisation to pool resources and maximise the savings. Although the highly desirable products such as the iPod are out of the scheme on an individual basis, it could be that a discount be given on bulk purchases. So why don’t you consider buying a job lot as corporate gifts or maybe Christmas presents for staff?

To help publicise this offer I will be preparing a small poster for each member to display on their notice board and encourage all companies to make employers aware of this fantastic opportunity. Please contact me for details of how to get in touch with Apple.

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Watch this space for developments. Till the next time . . . Happy writing!

Mary Spence
Corporate Liaison

On Wednesday 2 October the lobby of the Royal Geographical Society rang with congratulations for OS and praise for an acknowledged legend of British cartography, the DOS (Directorate of Overseas Survey), as Ordnance Survey launched The Ordnance Survey International Collection.

The seminar and reception marked the transfer of custodianship of the Ordnance Survey International collection to new custodians – Transferring the huge collection of 50,000 maps and 1.5 million aerial photographs from around the world, to the new homes, will, it is hoped, make it more accessible to the public.

‘Ordnance Survey merged with the Directorate of Overseas Surveys (DOS) in 1984 and we’ve looked after this treasure trove ever since;’ says Ordnance Survey’s International Engagement Manager, Sallie White. ‘But we now feel it will be of greater benefit and value to the nation if it is made available through a number of specialist institutions. Not only will the move offer safekeeping for what we regard as unique public records – it will also provide access to the information for many more people.’

The International Collection is made up of maps and survey information from more than 60 countries – some of it spanning more than 100 years. It is being made available to the public via The National Archives, The British Empire and Commonwealth Museum in Bristol, The British Film Institute’s National Film and Television Archive, The Royal Geographical Society in London, The University of Portsmouth, Cambridge University Library – including the Charles Close Society archive – and The Bodleian Library of Commonwealth and African Studies at the University of Oxford.

‘In the past, parts of the collection have been used to help with work such as archaeological investigations, primates research, expedition planning, and even the settlement of international boundary disputes at the International Court in the Hague.

‘The list of possible uses for these maps, photographs and survey records is considerable. Another example is environmental monitoring. It is possible to integrate this kind of information with remote-sensing data and trace long-term trends in vegetation over large parts of the developing world’.

Hosted by Director of the Royal Geographical Society, Rita Gardner, the afternoon’s speakers included Ordnance Survey Director General and Chief Executive, Vanessa Lawrence and, there to share his knowledge and experience of the collection, former Ordnance Survey Director Alastair MacDonald*. Wandering around the Exhibition, delegates were able to understand how to get access to and use the maps, photo and survey material in future.

For information about the Ordnance Survey International Collection, visit www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/aboutus/international

Lynda Bailey

* Alastair MacDonald will be the speaker at the Fellows Evening 2006, see page 18 for details.

Images from the DOS Archives

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Symposium 2006 – Call for Papers

The University of Manchester will be hosting our 43rd Annual Symposium and Map Curators’ Group Workshop from Thursday 7th September to Sunday 10th September 2006. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves at the Plymouth Symposium in September. The challenge for the Programme Committee for 2006 is to match it or better it in the lively, multicultural city of Manchester.

We are looking forward to preparing another enjoyable and invigorating event and would welcome offers for presentations on the following themes:

- Multi-media mapping (maps in the media; cyber mapping; animation; interactive hyperlinked multi-media mapping)
- Playing with maps (maps in games; children and mapping; recreation)
- Critical Cartography (community involvement mapping; participatory GIS/planning; alternative world views)

Please will you all consider contributing to a successful Symposium through offering to present a topic, or by encouraging others to do so, under any of the broad subjects above. It would be a fantastic step forward for the Programme Committee to be forced to select from a number of submissions to achieve a balanced Symposium.

Submissions should include the following:

- Title of presentation
- Name of author(s) and organisation to which they belong
- e-mail address
- Abstract of no more than 250 words

Please send by 1 February 2006 to – Bob Lilley@ordnancesurvey.co.uk

Finally, all on the Programme Committee, have a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Bob Lilley
Chair
BCS Programme Committee

CARTO-QUOTES

- ‘There is something inherently more earnest and worldly about a traveler who carries a map… It tells the world, Don’t **** with me. I’m a guy who knows maps.’
  Bill Bryson

- ‘All good adventures begin with a map.’
  Robert Louis Stevenson

Around the Symposium

The Special Interest Groups always take the opportunity to meet at the annual Symposium. Here we have news of a brand new group.

INAGURAL MEETING OF LEARNING, SKILLS AND TRAINING (LST) GROUP PLYMOUTH SYMPOSIUM SEPTEMBER 2005

Alongside dramatic changes in the commercial structure and content of cartography, a profound transformation has affected the educational sector. At all levels from technical skills through to degree schemes, cartography as a major discipline has apparently almost disappeared!

Government policy targeted at the production of a modern skilled and retrained workforce capable of contributing to the economic demands of globalisation and worldwide competition is slowly evolving. Training schemes and courses in particular are being based on modified industrial sectoral models. It is clear from the papers and contributions to the GEOForum session at Plymouth that cartography has an opportunity to reconsider and promote its own capabilities, skills and services within the geography education sector and alongside related subject areas.

To initiate discussion, the initial meeting of the Learning, Skills and Training (LST) Group was held over a working lunch at Plymouth; ten people attended.

While the interest of colleagues from the education sector is appreciated, the attendance of a number of individuals from government agencies and commercial organisations is particularly important and welcome in this venture. It is the government’s belief that in many aspects of training the employers’ requirements should be very seriously considered and reflected in the development and enhancement of modern course structures. With this in mind, the meeting was underpinned by an appreciation of the essential skills and knowledge of the ‘modern cartographer’ and hence the potential content of a ‘new’ cartography curriculum.

Topics discussed included the demise of former courses at degree and technical levels. Giles Darke, who has researched the situation as part of his supporting role to the Society, presented a worryingly ‘thin’ list of institutions which actually mention ‘cartography’ in their course outlines. This approach was chosen since the number of institutions mentioning specific cartography courses is virtually zero!

Another aspect lies in re-consideration of partner subjects. In the past cartography has allied itself with other mapping related disciplines such as surveying and planning. Links should still be retained in those areas but the use and generation of maps has extended much further into industry and business. This is especially true if cartography reaffirms its role and value in data collection and processing, data visualisation and its translation into analytical and/or informative graphic presentation. This is further enhanced by the extension of output media into screen presentations, vehicle mounted displays and hand held devices.

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**UK Cartographic Committee**

... and International Cartographic Association

You may have heard of the UK Cartographic Committee (UKCC) through activities such as my sending out invitations, on their behalf, to submit maps for exhibiting at International Cartographic Association (ICA) conferences every other year. You may also remember the special edition of The Cartographic Journal on the state of UK cartography, published in 2004 as a national report for ICA. However, I suspect that this is about the limit of knowledge and experience of UKCC and ICA for most BCS members other than those directly involved with the work of either organisation or who sit on BCS Council. So, let me put things in context and explain the connection between UKCC and ICA and The British Cartographic Society.

ICA exhibition at Plymouth

The ‘Terms of Reference’ state the job of the UKCC is ‘to represent the UK cartographic community through The British Cartographic Society in all matters concerning the relationship of the UK with the International Cartographic Association (ICA) and other appropriate organisations. As the channel of communication between the ICA and the BCS, the UK Cartographic Committee acts as the national committee for the UK, when required to do so, in dealing with the activities of the ICA. The Committee is responsible to BCS Council. The Chairman of the Committee is appointed by BCS and serves as a national delegate to ICA conferences and General Assemblies.

Although the business of the UKCC may not be known to you many of the individuals involved with it and its work for the ICA are well known within BCS. For 21 years (yes 21!) Dr Chris Board has chaired the UKCC. In September 2005 he was succeeded by Dr David Forrest. Not restricted to BCS members, the membership of the Committee reflects the diversity of the UK cartographic community and includes representatives from other cartographic societies.

The International Cartographic Association is ‘the world authoritative body for cartography’ the discipline dealing with the conception, production, dissemination and study of maps’. Its mission is ‘to promote the discipline of cartography in an international context’. At present there are 80 national members and several UK individuals play significant roles – for example, Dr David Fairbairn is currently a Vice-President and Dr Mike Wood is a Past President, recently awarded an Honorary Fellowship for his continuing contribution to the work of the ICA. At this time three commissions are headed by UK representatives; Dr Patrick Weigand of the School of Education, Leeds chairs the Commission on Cartography and Children; Dr Jonathan Rowell of Anglia Polytechnic University, Cambridge chairs the Commission on Maps and Graphics for the Blind and the Partially Sighted; and Dr William Mackness of the School of GeoSciences, Edinburgh is co-chair of the Commission on Generalisation and Multiple Representation. To find out about the work of these and the other commissions go to www.icaci.org/en/commissions.html.

In July 2005 the ICA met for its 22nd International Cartographic Conference in A Coruña, Spain where a technical exhibition of cartographic product from around the world included 74 items from the UK – a copy of each was on display in a special exhibition at the BCS Symposium in September. Thank you to all those who submitted their maps. If you ignored the call for samples this time perhaps this article will prompt you to respond to future calls for samples, and the next time. And if prestige is what you want then notice this – one UK entry, The Fifj Coast Path map by Stirling Surveys, was awarded top prize for Excellence in Cartography at the field of Recreation and Orienteering Maps. Now that is what I call prestige on an international stage. Well done, Stirling Surveys.

The conference programme of technical sessions was arranged into 29 themes with more than twenty papers submitted. The UK authors including Cartography is still supreme by Mike Wood, The role of modern cartography in Ordnance Survey by Bob Lilley, Maps for public information by David Forrest, Unlocking the marine data treasure chest by John Pepper, Educational Cartography by Patrick Weigand, Community Mapping by Chris Perkins and a number of papers on tactile mapping by Jonathan Rowell – to mention a few. See David Fairbairn’s report on the conference on page 6.

A particular favourite of mine is the Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition which was created in 1993 by ICA to ‘ promote children’s creative representation of the world, to enhance their cartographic awareness and to make them more conscious of their environment’. Each national member is invited to submit a maximum of five maps to be considered for the award, organized by the UKCC and promoted by Ordnance Survey through Mapping News. An overall winner this year was Holly Harrison (age 10) from Christ Church CE School, Lichfield. Her entry, A World Free from Hunger, is pictured here. Winners from 2003 can be seen on http://collections.icaci.org/en/children/index.htm.

Notice there the UK winning map by Ben Hanks of Bradon Forest School, Swindon, which was featured in a previous edition of Maplines. A selection of entries for this competition has been collected in a new book by ESRI Press entitled Children’s Map the World which shows one hundred favourite drawings submitted by children from around the world.

I hope that this whistle-stop tour of things UKCC and ICA might begin to explain how the organisations kno together and the huge involvement by BCS members behind the scenes. The UKCC is currently looking for a volunteer to help organise a bid to host the 2011 International Cartographic Conference in UK. If you are interested in this role I’m certain that David Forrest would love to hear from you.

Mary Spence
Vice President

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No, I’ll never have a Saturday night like that again; yes, let’s keep in touch, thank you and see you next year! Once again the Programme Committee had surpassed themselves, the Sunday sessions were intriguing and illuminating and led neatly to the President’s closing remarks.

Plymouth was probably the best Symposium I have been to, to date. OK, you got me, I love them all! So much fun, so much to learn, so many laughs and good conversations, many peppered with advice and shared experience, in a wonderful setting. Roll on Manchester 2006 – see you there! Can’t wait!

Lynda Bailey
BCS Administration Report

Subscriptions for 2006.Fatal reminders have been sent out and the names of all those members who have not paid their 2005 subscription by the end of the year will be removed from the mailing list.

Subscriptions for 2006. Membership renewal forms accompany this issue of Maplines. Please ignore the form if you pay your subscription by Standing Order or have asked for an invoice. Membership subscription rates for 2006 remain at:

Corporate Member £165.00
Fellow £35.00
Ordinary Member £22.00
Associate Member £10.00

Optional air-mail supplement for Overseas members £10.00

Members have a choice of three methods of payment: Personal cheque payable to The British Cartographic Society. (Or for Overseas Members a Sterling Draft payable in London.), Visa, Access, credit card, Standing Order (Forms are available from the Administration Office.)

Receipts will be sent out as usual but please note that your current membership card is permanent and will not normally be replaced unless it has been lost or damaged.

New members: The Society has pleasure in welcoming the following new members who have joined since publication of the August 2005 edition of Maplines.

UK Members: Mr M Cowen, Miss A C Green, Mr M Czieszksky. Mrs K N Hayles, Miss S Kirk, Mr M Lewis, Mr P J Markley, Mr H T S Pethers, Mr M Stephens, Mr S Yang

Overseas Members: Mr V Ganabathy (India). Mr K V Shamial (Qatar)

UK Associate Members: Mr A Athaith, Mr R S Dhanjal, Miss E R Farren, Mr J I Haywood, Mr P J Lord, Mr D T Stephens, Miss D J Williams, Mr E H Wony

Overseas Associate Members: Mrs E A McManus (Australia), Mr A Orr (Israel)

Fellow:

Mr P J Lord, Mr D T Stephens, Miss E R Farren, Mr I J Haywood, Alhathaf, Mr R S Dhanjal, Ms E A McManus (Australia), Ms E A McManus (Australia), Mr A Orr (Israel)

Advame Notice

The 10th Annual Fellowship Evening will be held on Tuesday 14 February 2006. The evening promises to be most informative and enjoyable with Guest Speaker Alastair Macdonald recounting his experiences working on boundary disputes, particularly the lengthy dispute between Nigeria and Cameroon, which ended up in the International Court of Justice. Alastair has titled his lecture Maps in Court. The evening will start at 6.15pm with a Wine Reception for Fellows and guests, followed by our Guest Speaker at 7.00pm and end with a superb three-course Supper at 8.00pm. The cost of the Reception, Lecture and Supper will be no more than £38.00 including wine, and £16 for the Reception and Lecture only.

Individual priority invitations will be sent to all Fellows during December and the evening will be open to Ordinary Members who apply to the Administration Office. Numbers for Supper will be limited to 40 so please book early to ensure a place. An evening not to be missed!

And finally…

By the time you read this report the Festive Season will have arrived. May you all, wherever you may be, have a peaceful and prosperous 2006.

Calendar

10th December 2005
New worlds reflected: representations of Utopia, the New World and other worlds, 1500 – 1800 Birbeck College, University of London, UK

17th January 2006

30th January 2006
Art, Cartography and Territorial Power in Ducal and Granducal Florence. The Cambridge History of Cartography Seminar, Cambridge, UK. Graduate Seminar room of 4a Trumpholing Street at 1730. Dr Felicia Elze (Gettysburg College). Information from Tom de Wesselow.

13th – 14th February 2006
The International Lidar Mapping Forum, ILMF2006 Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, USA.

24th – 26th March 2006
The International Map Collectors’ Society. Visit to an exhibition of maps in the Old Library of Trinity College Library and the National Library of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland. Additional information from Valerie Newby, Price’s Cottage, 57 Quainton Road, North Marston, Bucks MK18 3PR, United Kingdom; 01296 670001.

26 January 2006
GEOForum First Annual Lecture Speaker – David Sparkman of MapAction. RICS, Great George Street, London, UK. For more info see www.ukgeoforum.co.uk

24th and 25th February 2006, IMA (EAME) 2006 Cesky Krumlov’s name comes from the old German for crooked river. Dating back to 1253 it is recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. The breathtakingly stunning setting for our conference is the State Castle and Château. The castle looks down on the cobbled-stored compact town centre which is almost surrounded by the River Vitava.

A perfect place to find new customers.

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22nd April 2006
Maps and mapping of 18th century Scotland, Perth, Scotland. Scottish Maps Forum. Contact: Diana Webster maps@nls.uk

18th May 2006
Maps and history. The Oxford Seminar in Cartography, 23rd Annual Series, University of Oxford Centre for the Environment, South Parks Road, Oxford, UK at 1700. Additional information from Nick Milera 01865 287119.

24th – 25th May 2006
The 4th UK National Crime Mapping Conference. Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science, University College London, London, UK. To be held at the Tristle Tower Hotel, London. Call for Papers and Posters

10th – 14th July 2006
GICON 2006 – Geoinformation connecting societies. University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.

6th – 10th August 2006
Drawing and Mapping Europe and the Mediterranean University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel Additional information from Prof. Michael Goodich, Department of General History, University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel 31905; Fax: 00-972-4-8249-195.

7th – 9th September 2006
Mapping the World: Medieval and Early Modern Cartography – International and Interdisciplinary Conference Johann Wolfgang Goethe – Universität, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. For further info contact: http://web.uni-frankfurt.de/ZFN/aarcp_f潞english.doc

7th – 10th September 2006
BCS 43rd Annual Symposium and Map Curators Workshop University of Manchester, UK For more info contact: Bob.Lilley@ordnancesurvey.co.uk For more details see page 14
Seasons Greetings to you all. The Editors hope you are relaxing in a comfy chair with a favourite beverage. In a slight break with recent tradition we do not have a company sponsored prize for this edition. Instead, as the prizewinner will be unveiled in the April issue, just in time for summer days out, the Editors are offering a donated picnic hamper as the prize for your efforts. Of course you will have to get the brain cells out of holiday mode for this one as questions from the same source were asked at the October Design Group meeting in Basingstoke, so if you were there you know what to expect!

We are looking for a bumper entry for this competition, so if you never enter the quiz now is an excellent time to start. If you work in an office with several colleagues please photocopy this page and hand them out.

The August quiz answers

Congratulations to our August winner, Ken Atherton, who correctly answered all of the questions and wins the special AA Road Atlas.

1. Speed Cameras are the new road safety symbol for 2006.
2. Ae has the shortest place name in Britain.
3. Cat’s Eyes are the Percy Shaw invention first seen on 29 April 1935.
4. The Gambia is the country where a car has the nationality plate WAG.
5. At 465m above sea level Flash is Britain’s highest village.
6. Fraserburgh has Britain’s most northerly static speed camera on it’s outskirts.
7. Chimney Bank on the Hutton-le hole road just south of Rosedale Abbey is Britain’s steepest driveable road.
8. Nottingham is where the numberplate FB56 RMS would come from (owing to the question wording, the Editors also allowed Bristol)
9. The Preston Bypass (M6) is where Britain’s first motorway was built.