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ACCESS USER GROUP

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To be held at Gordon Associates, Suite G1, Montpellier House, Montpellier Drive, Cheltenham, Glos.
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AGENDA

- 10.00 – 10.30 **Registration, Tea and Coffee**
- 10.30 – 10.45 **Introduction** – by Rod Gordon, Chairman of the Access User Group
- 10.45 – 11.30 **Alpha Anywhere For Access Developers**, presented by Julian Baker, The Access Man
Starting with a brief overview of the Alpha Anywhere development platform, this presentation will look at how it can be used to develop web and mobile applications rapidly and flexibly. In particular we will look at similarities and differences with Microsoft Access and talk about some of the challenges involved from the perspective of a seasoned MS Access developer. The presentation will demonstrate how to build a simple mobile app on top of an existing Access or SQL database.
- 11.30 – 11.50 **Break for Tea/Coffee and refreshments**
- 11.50 – 12.45 **Data Obfuscation – OR Updating Real Data So It's Still Usable But Not Recognisable** presented by Adrian Bell, Microsoft Access MVP
Adrian will take you through his thinking and what he did when he had to show his database project without exposing any of the individuals' data that the project was built around. Two or three different techniques were involved but the main focus will be on the random reassigning of data across records within a dataset or table (similar to shuffling a pack of cards).
- 12.45 – 13.45 **Break for Lunch**
- 13.45 – 15.00 **PowerApps – Extending Your Access And/Or SQL System Beyond The Desktop To Handheld Devices** presented by Peter Bryant, Corylus Business Systems
Based on a joint project with Judith Mills of Compitrain, Peter will demonstrate, using an Office 365 tenant, how you can extend your Access App beyond the Windows desktop and provide elements of the system to field engineers, shop floor staff and others to enable them to directly participate in the system. This doesn't rebuild your app on a tablet but instead provides useful subsets on the tablet.
Engineers would previously receive paperwork but would often fail to complete it fully or correctly. For this project a PowerApps app is in continuous development (and is currently being deployed) to deliver the information needed to undertake the job along with the means to feedback the necessary data enabling staff to fully complete their records and manage stock.
Note: As this project is ongoing at the time of writing, this presentation may change slightly. However it is intended that the session will show attendees everything from

creating the O365 Tenant, setting up data (SharePoint lists) through to demonstrating how the app could do the same thing for their systems.

15.00 – 15.15 **Closing** by Rod Gordon

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£35.00 + VAT (£42.00 inc. VAT) for non-members

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Annual membership of the Access User Group costs £70.00 + VAT (£84.00 including VAT) for an individual membership and £225.00 + VAT (£270.00 including VAT) for corporate membership (up to 5 named employees). Payment for membership should be made to: Access User Group.

For further details on membership and the seminar contact Margaret Chamberlain at: Margaret@gordonassociates.co.uk , telephone: 01242 256549.

SPEAKER PROFILES

Julian Baker, julian@theaccessman.co.uk

Julian has been working with Microsoft Access since the mid 90's and set up his own business specialising in Access development in 2003.

His clients range from small businesses to large multi-nationals covering a wide range of industries across the UK.

In addition to Access development, Julian does a lot of work with SQL Server, Azure, web services integration and very occasionally .Net.

With a background in the legal sector, Julian held a number of consultancy, team and project manager roles before deciding to concentrate on database development.

Adrian Bell

Adrian has been working in IT since leaving school during which time he's had five 'proper' jobs and three stints at working for himself. His most recent job prior to working as a consultant was with Stat Plus Limited where he found himself responsible for, and increasingly working with, various Access databases. By the time he left in 2010, Stat Plus had been bought out by and merged with Office Team, and Adrian had been involved with migrating all the Stat Plus data into the OfficeTeam system - a massive job that was, uniquely, fully successful and completed by the due date.

Since leaving Office Team in September 2010, Adrian has managed to set up a small but successful company consulting to SME businesses that need help with Access and data generally. His main claim to fame as an MVP is his contribution to the Access support forum on Bytes.com. - (<http://bytes.com/profile/51203/neopa/>). Currently he has just over 31,000 posts out there since October 2006, which is a clear indication of how much interest there still is in Access.

Adrian is married to Carolyn and they have two children, Christopher (28) and Sarah (25) and they live in Shirley near Croydon.

Peter Bryant, pbryant@corylus-business.co.uk

Peter has run his own consultancy since 2004 and (after a fashion) specialises in not specialising; he's worked in almost every sector ranging from automotive to hi-fi, from reseller to print, and financial services to charity. He has used Microsoft Access since the early beta program two decades ago and his projects are now more about data analysis, function and business problem solving rather than the most amazing code writing. Projects are nearly always lengthy prototyping/agile projects where the client starts out quite unsure of their expected final outcome. As well as Access/SQL development he gets involved in general IT Management for SME's as well as project management for resellers and enterprise.