

**OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY**  
**Short Courses in Information Technology**  
**SPRING TERM 2001**

We are now taking bookings for our Spring programme of short courses, covering a range of introductory and advanced sessions in information technology and programming applications.

Whether you're looking for personal or professional development improving your skills or starting from scratch, we can help.

Courses run on Saturdays and evenings through February and March, varying in length from 6-12 hours (prices £60 – £150).

**Introductory:** Access – Internet – C – C++ – Building a Web Presence – Basic IT Skills – Java – PowerPoint Presentations – Desktop Publishing – Visual Basic – Excel – Word

**Advanced:** C – Java .

Teaching is by Brookes tutors from our School of Computing & Mathematical Sciences, and is delivered in the University's own PC labs at Gipsy Lane, Headington.

For more information, and a copy of the Short Course Directory, please contact Lindsay Wells on 01865 484749 or email [Iwells@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:Iwells@brookes.ac.uk)

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**EVER BEEN 'HAD'?**

One subject which is of major concern to every resident of 'Planet Earth' is where to find the energy to satisfy the ever increasing demands for power for the near, and more importantly, distant, future.

The nuclear source was once hailed as the answer, but that has become ever more unpopular because of the hazards involved, and the problem of waste disposal. There are a few wind generators scattered about, but they are unpopular because of the huge quantity required, and the inability to store the output when a fair breeze is blowing, to utilise when all is calm. The sea is being actively researched, but where are the generators?

I once looked into the possibility of solar energy for household use after driving into Woodstock and noticing a house with solar panels on its roof, but it seemed far too inefficient and expensive. However, I have recently been convinced (??) that modern solar panels are highly efficient and have agreed to an installation supplying an endless (?) supply of hot water. Installation is due in February or March – pig in a poke? Watch this space.

Don Salter.