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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter	February 2019

Welcome
Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for February 2019. The following are events happening over the next few months. See our website for details and booking links.

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 12th February 2019, 19:00 - late
The Walkabout, Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.
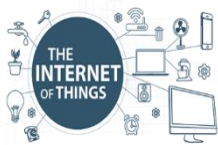

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Check out the Reading Geek Night website for details of the program for the day - https://rdggeeknight.wordpress.com/ or tweet: @RDGGeekNight

Emerging Technologies in IoT & Smart Berkshire, Tuesday 19th February 2019, 19:00 - 21:00
Central Working Reading, Aldwych House, 2 Blagrave Street, Reading, RG1 1AZ

Mark Stanley will explain the latest development in smart city and rural applications using low power long range networks (LoRaWAN, Sigfox, NB-IoT replacing devices connected by Wi-Fi or traditional cellular) in the context of the Smart Berkshire project. In conjunction with IoT Meetup & CoralEdge. For booking, visit https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/60476.

Working Smart with MS Outlook, Thursday 28th February 2019, 19:00 - 21:00

This is a free taster of an online masterclass from Katie Honey, Director of Training at Priority Management. Whilst you may learn some advanced features, this is not an Outlook training course. The principal aim of the class is to show you how you can use Outlook to organise your day efficiently. It has improved the way many people manage their work. Basic knowledge of the product is assumed. The class will be streamed live via GoToMeeting (https://www.gotomeeting.com/en-gb).The exact link will be sent to everyone who has registered nearer the time. For booking, visit https://berks28022019.eventbrite.co.uk.

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The Great Debate, Wednesday 13th March 2019, 19:00 – 21:00
University of Reading, Henley Business School, Room G11, Whiteknights campus, Reading

BCS co-sponsors this event with the Institute of Electrical Engineers, University of Reading and other institutions. This is part of the annual British Science Week. The topic for this year is "Can new technologies transform healthcare? For details and booking links, see our website or visit: http://www.reading.ac.uk/news-and-events/about-event-reg-greatdebate.aspx.

Technology for Business Agility Post-Brexit? Wednesday 3rd April 2019, 19:00 – 21:15
Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Oracle Parkway, Thames Valley Park, RG6 1RA, Reading

How can Technology keep Businesses Agile Post-Brexit? For this, our biannual BCS ELITE / IoD unconference, we are thrilled to have as speakers Jeremy Acklam, founder of thetrainline.com and pioneer of smart technology for transport in Britain and abroad, and Rod Willis, co-founder of Assentire Ltd which specialises in 'Accelerating Collaboration' and 'Advancing Agile Mindsets'. For more details and booking, visit https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/60555 .

Bidding for a Thames Valley Tech Hub

Reading currently has no dedicated space for the digital tech sector - a recognised hub for people to train, meet or attend an event. Other UK digital clusters have access to dedicated space where communities can get together to run both accredited and grassroots training. They "create a sense of place" to attract cutting edge start-ups and new talent. ConnectTVT is at final stages in a Govt bid to open such a hub in the centre of Reading, and BCS Berkshire is delighted to support the bid.

How can Berkshire BCS members help? For the greatest chance of winning the bid ConnectTVT need companies to get involved. They need offers of kit to fit out the training rooms and event space, and letters of support from companies that might want to use the space for innovation sharing their projects with us. If your company can support this initiative and be a part of changing the Reading digital & tech talent scene then please contact Louize Clarke, louize@connecttvt.co.uk or call on 07854 189407.

Schools Work

BCS Berkshire has been working with schools in and around Berkshire. We have been sponsoring Teen Tech (http://www.teentech.com) and the Bucks Skills Show. We were at the Bucks Skills Show at The Gateway, Aylesbury on 12th and 13th October 2018; and TeenTech Surrey at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford on 22nd January 2019.

Volunteering

Promoting a Volunteering Culture

BCS Berkshire would like to encourage members to help make IT good for society by taking up volunteering opportunities available in the region. Have a look at the following opportunities:

Experienced print and web designer needed
IT / Programming volunteer needed for Shift Youth and Community (SYC) in RG2
We are looking for an Ad Creator.
For this role you will create attractive flyers and social media banners for each of our planned events. They will be versatile, reusable, and the designs will be in line with our branding requirements.
We are looking for someone who has experience designing for print and web, and knows how to create something inviting and attractive to readers and viewers
http://rva.org.uk/volop/experienced-print-and-web-designer-needed/

Interactive app developer needed

IT / Programming volunteer needed for Shift Youth and Community (SYC)

Could you create an interactive app?

Are you creative?

Do you have experience of making apps?

We are looking for an app creator who will create an interactive app that will serve our charities members and networks. This volunteering position lasts as long as it takes the person to develop the app and can be flexible around the person's time commitments.

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If you decide to sign unto any of these volunteering opportunities, please direct your responses to RVA, referencing notification from BCS Berks, with separate email to *volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk* to keep us informed. Visit: https://www.bcs.org/category/14685

Other IT Events around Berkshire

ConnectTVT - Connecting Thames Valley Tech is a Reading-based platform bringing together the Thames Valley's fast-growing entrepreneurial ecosystem, tech and digital economy, in Reading. Check out some interesting upcoming events on their website - https://www.connecttvt.co.uk/events For science, engineering and technology events see the Institution for Engineers & Technology events diary at https://communities.theiet.org/communities/events/258.

Later in 2019

Keep an eye on our website for our talk on IT Project Failures and 5G networks later on in the year. We are also planning some events such as cybernetics, and IoT in the coming months, in conjunction with other associations. Watch this space!

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