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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter	**July 2018**

Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for July 2018. This comes to inform you that Chris Todd-Davies and Liz Cooper, digital volunteers from Berkshire, on 8th June 2018, received a British Computer Society (BCS) Award as Volunteers' Week was celebrated across the country. We would like to congratulate Chris and Liz on this achievement, and to encourage members to join our volunteering drive and together let's make IT good for society. The following are events happening over the next few months. They are also on our web site.

Forthcoming events

Talk on The Future is bright with the Fluid Organisation, Monday 9th July 2018, 18:30 - 21:00
Henley Business School, University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus, Reading RG6 6UR.
The Future is bright with the Fluid Organisation- a talk by Michael Short in conjunction with Professor Keiichi Nakata, Head of Business Informatics, Henley Business School. For event details and booking: https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/59478.

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 10th July 2018, 19:30 - 21:30
The Walkabout: Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

BCS Berkshire's YPG lead Dan Cope will be among tonight's speakers. He will speak on "Data Privacy in the new world" - a review of the regulation that came into force on 25th May.
The talks commence at 8 pm and last 20-25 minutes with breaks for networking and drinks. No booking is required. Check out the Reading Geek Night website for details of the program for the day - https://rdggeeknight.wordpress.com/ or tweet: @RDGGeekNight.

Seminar on Cybersecurity, Thursday 19th July 2018, 18:00 - 19:30
Henley Business School (Room G15), University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus, RG6 6UR.

The BCS Berkshire and in conjunction with Professor Keiichi Nakata, Head of Business Informatics, Henley Business School, present a seminar on "Defending Against Collateral Damage from Cyber Warfare" by Corey Hirsch, a cybersecurity expert from Columbia University in New York. This event is open to the public and it's free. For event details and booking: https://berks1907.eventbrite.co.uk.

Project Management Event, Thursday 26th July 2018, 18:00 - 20:30
Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Building 510, Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.

PRINCE2 Agile - How can PRINCE2 Agile improve the way you deliver projects? With guest speaker and lead author of PRINCE2 Agile Keith Richards. Talk, Q&A and networking.
Free of charge. For event details:
https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/59315

August

Summer Break

AGM 2018 & talk on The Ethics of IT and AI, Thursday 13th September 2018, 18:30-21:00

BCS President Chris Rees will speak on "The Ethics of IT and Artificial Intelligence". The doors will open at 6.30pm for networking and refreshments; followed by our AGM at 7pm. The talk will begin at 7:30pm. For full details and booking, visit our web page http://www.bcs.org/category/14633.

Unconferences, Thursday 11th October 2018, 18:30 - 21:00
Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Building 510, Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.

BCS ELITE and the Institute of Directors are holding the latest of their biennial unconferences at the Oracle Customer Visit Centre. Jacqui Hogan from the BCS and Rod Willis from Assentire Ltd will speak on Best Practices in Collaboration, and we shall learn from each other. Jacqui and Rod are experts in collaboration and teamwork and have published on the subject. The doors will open at 6.30pm for networking and refreshments. The talk will begin at 7pm. For full details and booking, visit our web page http://www.bcs.org/category/14633 . Oracle requests that delegates book before 1 October to assist with badges and catering. Bookings will close on 8 October.

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. (https://oppsinbucks.org/event/bucks-skills-show-adams-park-high-wycombe/). We were at Teen Tech Hants in Basingstoke on 13th June, 2018; and participated in the "BIG BANG" STEM career event at Leighton Park school in Reading on 2nd July, 2018.

Volunteering

Berkshire Branch volunteers receive British Computer Society Awards

Two BCS members of Berkshire Branch were presented with British Computer Society (BCS) Certificates of Appreciation as Volunteers' Week was celebrated across the country.
The certificates were presented to Chris Todd-Davies and Liz Cooper in recognition of their voluntary work for the national employment charity, Shaw Trust. The certificates were presented by Michael Grant, BCS Deputy President, at the Trust's Egham shop, on 8th June.

Shaw Trust Volunteering Development Specialist Gemma McGrath said:

"We are so grateful that Liz and Chris joined us as volunteers. Using their computer skills, they have been invaluable in supporting a handful of our shops and by enabling our shop managers to develop their IT skills and develop in their roles. This includes Egham shop manager Jan Welman, who has gained so much from the volunteers support.

"Liz and Chris are now helping with database development and later this year will be supporting with the rollout of Salesforce (CRM software) training to shop managers."

L to R - Michael Grant, Deputy President, BCS; Gemma McGrath, Shaw Trust Volunteering Development Specialist; Jan Welman, Manager, Shaw Trust Egham shop; Chris; Liz; Anthony Parker, Chair, BCS Berkshire Branch; Tony Levene, Volunteering Coordinator, BCS Berkshire Branch

In line with BCS's aim of making IT good for society, the Berkshire Branch acts as a go-between to put volunteers in touch with local organisations and individuals who need help. For current volunteering opportunities, see: http://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.

Coming Autumn Talks

We are also planning some events such as cybernetics, professional development in the coming months, in conjunction with the BCS Learning and Development Specialist Group and other associations. Watch this space!

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