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| **BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter** | **May 2018** |

Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for May 2018. The following are events happening over the next few months. They are also on our web site.

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 8th May 2018, 19:30 - 21:30
The Walkabout: Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

READING GEEK NIGHT

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

GDPR Conference, Thursday 10th May 2018, 09:00 -17:00
Green Park Conference Centre, Reading.

GDPR Conference @ Green Park Conference Centre, Reading. Members £157.85 + VAT, non-members £289 + VAT For registration, visit - http://www.executiveleadersnetwork.co.uk/gdpr-event.

BCS Elite & Institute of Directors – Cloud Computing, Wednesday 23rd May 2018, 19:00 -21:00
Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Building 510, Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.

ELITE IoD

BCS ELITE collaboration with the Institute of Directors at Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Thames Valley Park. David Martin, Cloud Customer Success Manager at Oracle, will give vendor neutral advice on how cloud computing can help businesses. Members & guests £12, non-members £24, incl VAT. To book, visit: https://eliteiod23may.eventbrite.co.uk.

London Networking Event, Friday 8th June 2018, 18:00 -21:00
BCS, 1st Floor, The Davidson Building, 5 Southampton Street, London, WC2E 7HA.

London Networking Event to help bridge the gap in equality. If you are looking to build, strengthen or develop your IT or Engineering Career, this event is for you. Includes workshops. Free of charge. For further details and to book, visit - www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/59286.

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 12th June 2018, 19:30 - 21:30
The Walkabout: Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

READING GEEK NIGHT

Talks commence at 8 pm and last 20-25 minutes with breaks for networking and drinks. No booking is required.

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BCS Talk on Blockchain and Bitcoin, Thursday 19th June 2018, 18:30 - 21:00
Henley Business School, Whiteknights Campus, University of Reading, Reading, RG6 6UD.
Our future with Blockchain and Bitcoin. Speaker: Anthony Parker, BCS Berkshire, at Reading University. Free of charge. For booking: https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/59366

Code Club Volunteering, Wednesday 4th July 2018, 19:00 - 21:00
UTC Reading, Crescent Road, Reading, RG1 5RQ
Introduction to Code Club Volunteering, led by Dan Powell of Code Club, a division of Raspberry Pi. Free of charge. For booking: https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/59414

Manager's Masterclass on Collaboration and Teamwork, Saturday 7th July 2018, 11:00 - 16:00
Manager's Masterclass on Collaboration and Teamwork. An exploration of Group Dynamics and its importance. Cross-industry learning and good practice sharing for leaders & managers responsible for teams in any area or function of an organisation. With Anthony Parker and Rod Willis. Members £10 + VAT, non-members £20 + VAT.

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

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.

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 more information and to book, please go to our web site http://www.bcs.org/category/14633.

Top Tips
GDPR are you ready for the largest change in privacy legislation since 1995?

Did you know that the e-privacy laws will be working alongside GDPR to allow third parties to use your data for marketing if they can prove a legitimate business use? All you need to do to stop them is to request them to stop and they are legally responsible to do so - and remember that public authorities will not be able to use this controversial law to process data.

Top tip: For organisations, map the data you hold to an organisational or operational process, to enable you to demonstrate compliance under GDPR and show that you have a business need for the information you hold and store. Remember, if your internal business processes don't have a need for the data, the person who owns it is deemed to have opted out of you holding it.

Remember - 25th May 2018 GDPR Goes Live!

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/).

On March 28 Chris and Dan from the BCS Berks committee attended a STEM career event at Howard of Effingham school near Leatherhead, Surrey. Over 6 hours approximately 200 students

from years 7, 8 and 10 visited our stand. The CAS careers in IT leaflet, was given out to all. Our two 'hands-on' exhibits were the Haptic Drum Kit and the Sphero toy driven by a smartphone. Pupils, several teachers and other exhibitors enjoyed playing with the drum kit and the Sphero 'circulated' to every part of the gym where the event was held. It was a very full-on day for us and the students had fun. We plan to participate at a similar event at Leighton Park school in Reading on 2nd July.

Extra Bytes

Benefits of BCS Membership

Are you aware that as a member of BCS you get the following career services and benefits?
- Access to Springboard; your personal, online career centre for Career advice and support, including a CV Builder, Career pathways and Personal assessments.
- Browse SFIAplus – Free access to the UK recognised framework for IT knowledge, skills and training www.bcs.org/sfiaplus.
- CPD Portal for guidance on improving your competency levels is available within the Members' Secure Area.
- BCSrecruit.com – The official jobsite of BCS, where recruiting employers are specifically targeting BCS Members for IT roles. Visit www.bcsrecruit.com to register so your perfect job finds you.

Watch this space for more tips on other benefits from your BCS membership in our next editions.

Volunteering

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 Summer Talks

Watch out for our summer school. We are also planning some events such as cybernetics, "Trailblazer" apprenticeships and 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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