



Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for May 2019. In this issue, we have secured an exclusive discount for members to attend a Data Protection conference plus an update on exciting changes in the Thames Valley Tech hub. The following are events happening in the coming weeks. See [our website](#) for details and booking links.

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 14th May 2019, 19:00 - late The Walkabout, Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.



Tech Talks on 2nd Tuesday of every month. Free of charge, no booking required. Talks commence at 8.00pm and last 20-25 mins with breaks of 15 mins for networking and beer.

Check out the Reading Geek Night website for details of the program for the day - <https://rdggeeknight.wordpress.com/> or tweet: [@RDGGeekNight](#)

Data Protection Conference (GDPR & ePrivacy, Thursday 16th May 2019, 08:30 - 16:00 Madejski Stadium, Reading, RG2 0FL

Data Protection Conference, Including: GDPR one year on, Brexit implications, latest on ePrivacy Regulation, Best practices by department focusing on IT, Security & Compliance. With input from the ICO. BCS member discount. For booking visit: <https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/60600>

The State of JavaScript & future of App development? Tuesday 21st May 2019, 18:30 - 21:00 Central Working Reading, Aldwych House, 2 Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1AZ



This talk will explore the past and current state of JavaScript, what can it be used for and some useful tools to help you get your applications up and running faster.

For booking, visit: <https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/60574>

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Talk on 5G Networks, Thursday 20th June 2019, 18:30 – 21:00
CGI IT UK Ltd, 250 Brook Drive, Green Park, Reading, RG2 6UA

5G - Connected Communities & its impact on Industry & IT, 5G has been forecast to have an impact as profound as electricity. Whilst there is a degree of hype within that statement, the attention and investment focused on 5G, globally and in the UK, indicates the level of transformation that 5G development will facilitate across business and industry. For booking, visit:

<https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/60661>.

“GDPR – one year on”, Thursday 26th June 2019, 19:00 – 21:00

Curious Lounge coming to Reading

Curious about tech? Then watch out for the Curious Lounge arriving in Reading town centre this Autumn. It will be a **tech hub for the Thames Valley** where people who are curious about tech and digital can get together and learn. It will be flexible space to cater for different types of events: training, presentations, hackathons, or just getting together in the lounge – take a look here <https://www.instagram.com/p/BtxigUjgcxo/> to get a feel for the space.

If you want to learn more about it, feel you could use the space or support its operation, then contact Louize Clarke as louize@connectvt.co.uk.

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 TeenTech Surrey at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford on 22nd January and will be at Teen Tech Hampshire in Basingstoke on 13th June.

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.

<http://rva.org.uk/volop/could-you-create-an-interactive-app/>

If you decide to sign onto 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.connectvt.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

See our website for more events in July, picture gallery and much else besides.



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