



**Welcome**

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for November 2019. The following are events happening in the next few months. See [our website](#) for details and booking links.

**Forthcoming events**

**Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 12th November 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](#)

**Alan Turing: "The Founder of Computer Science" Wednesday 27 November, 18:30 - 21:00**  
**The Curious Lounge, The Pinnacle, 20 Tudor Road, Reading, RG1 1NH.**



This talk explores Alan Turing's life, achievements and legacy. Turing was instrumental in developing and influencing computing devices that have been said to have shortened the war by up to two years, by decoding encrypted enemy messages that were believed by others to be unbreakable.

For booking, visit: <https://www.alan-turing-the-founder-of-computer-sci>.

**Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 10th December 2019, 19:00 - late**  
**The Walkabout, Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.**



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**Christmas Social Networking Event, Tuesday 17th December, 18:30 - 21:30**  
**The Griffin, 10-12 Church Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7AD.**



This is an opportunity to engage and network with your fellow Branch Members and the BCS Berkshire Branch Committee in a social atmosphere. A light buffet and drinks will be provided. This event is free to attend but booking is essential.

Please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-social>.

**CV Clinic, Tuesday 21st January 2020, 18:30 - 21:00**  
**The Griffin, 10-12 Church Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7AD.**



Come and get free help with writing curriculum vitae. 18:30 registration & refreshments, clinic 19:00-21:00.  
This event is free to attend.

Watch this space or see [our website](#) for booking.

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## **Curious Lounge Opened on 4th November in Reading**

The Curious Lounge, Reading's new tech hub, opened on 4th November at the Pinnacle, 20 Tudor Road. There you will find a flexible space to cater for different types of events: training, presentations, hackathons, or just getting together in the lounge. The Lounge's web site can be found at <https://www.thecuriouslounge.co.uk/>, where you can sign-up for their newsletter to keep abreast of developments.

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## **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 our [our website](#) for current volunteering opportunities or email us at [volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk](mailto:volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk) if you represent, or know of an organisation that needs help, or have any other suggestions.

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## **Schools**

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 Teen Tech Hampshire in Basingstoke on 20th June and the Bucks Skills Show in Aylesbury from 18-19 October 2019.

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## **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>.

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## **Future Events**

See our website for more events and details of our upcoming workshop on Progressive Web App, picture gallery and much else besides.



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