



Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for December 2019. On behalf of the BCS Berkshire Branch Committee, we would like to wish all our members a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. The following are events happening in the next few months. See [our website](#) for details and booking links.

Forthcoming events

Christmas Social Networking Event, Wednesday 11th December 2019, 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.**



Aiming to get that dream job? Do you need help with writing your curriculum vitae? An opportunity to get ideas and help with the aid of BCS Berkshire Branch Committee at this free CV Clinic. Registration and refreshment starts at 18:30, and clinic 19:00-21:00.

This event is free to attend. but booking is essential. Please visit: <https://www.bcs.org/events/2020/january/cv-clinic-bcs-berkshire-branch>.

The Great Debate, Wednesday 11th March 2020, 19:00 – 21:00 **Henley Business School Lecture Theatre, Whiteknights Campus, Univ. of Reading, RG6 6UD.**



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 very topical subject for 2020 is " Smart Cities: Infrastructure for the Future"

Admission is free; early booking is advisable, please visit: <https://www.icheme.org/greatdebate2020-tvmg>.

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.

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

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; TeenTech Hampshire in Basingstoke on 20th June; Bucks Skills Show in Aylesbury from 18-19 October; and TeenTech Surrey on 20th November 2019 at ACS School Cobham.

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>.

Future Events

See our website for more events and details of our upcoming workshop on Progressive Web App, Insider Threat and Mitigations, Neuroscience of Mental Toughness, picture gallery and much else besides.



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