



Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for April 2016. Here are the news and events happening over the next month...

Forthcoming events

External event, Tuesday 12th April 2016 – 19:30 -21:00

Reading Geek Night at The Bowery District Reading



The Reading Geek Night! A friendly and welcoming community for enthusiasts. We meet 2nd Tuesday of the month. Come and listen to talks and meet new people over beer. There is also an opportunity for any short announcements etc.

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

External event, Tuesday 19th April 2016 – 18:30 -21:00

Neuroleadership seminar – Real business change with the neuroscience of leadership- Is there a science behind leadership? at UTC Reading



The internationally acclaimed seminar where you'll discover how the latest insights from neuroscience and positive psychology are equipping business leaders across the globe with new techniques to improve their leadership practices, change management, innovation and employee engagement - with astonishing results!

For more information and booking, visit : <http://berkshire.bcs.org/?event=real-business-change-with-the-neuroscience-of-leadership-tom-flatau>

Public event, Wednesday 20th April 2016 - 19:00 -21:00

Growlab tour - Open evening + lab tour at Green Park, Reading



Starting and growing a business can be hard but not when you are part of the GROW community; where there is a thriving peer network and access to lots of mentors to help you. Come for an open evening and a lab tour led by the manager Louise Clarke our "hub mum".

This tour is organized by BCS Berkshire in association with Reading University Technical College and Connect TVT, and is free to attend. The event is open to both members and non-BCS members. For booking, visit: <https://events.bcs.org/book/2023/>

Public event, Tuesday 3rd May 2016 - 19:30 -21:30
Committee Meeting at Fruition Partners Bracknell



The BCS Berkshire Committee Meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month at one of the listed locations. In May the committee meeting is at Fruition Partners, 7 Bracknell Beeches, RG12 7BW, Bracknell.

Attendance is by invitation only. If you want to attend a meeting then please contact the [chair](#).

External event, Tuesday 10th May 2016 2016 – 19:30 -21:00

Reading Geek Night at The Walkabout Reading



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Public event, Thursday 12th May 2016 - 19:00 -21:00

Innovations in Retail IT - Tom Fuller & Gavin Jones (Waitrose) at Waitrose



Retail is changing; it's no longer as simple as displaying your goods in a shop and waiting for customers to pass by. Customers increasingly expect a more convenient, relevant and joined-up experience in-store and online, and Retail organisations are responding through innovative approaches to beat the competition. Come and listen to some of the principles by which new technologies are deployed in a modern retail environment. Booking for this event is essential at [:https://events.bcs.org/book/2005/](https://events.bcs.org/book/2005/)

Public event, Tuesday 17th May 2016 - 19:00 -21:00

360° Virtual Reality Films: Creating the ultimate experience at Henley Business School, University of Reading, Whiteknights



This is a talk by Richard Cambridge on the future of Virtual Reality in the film industry. Come along and find out about the emerging hardware and IT considerations for high end devices and the standalone solutions for truly Virtual Reality experience. The event is free to attend but booking is essential: <https://events.bcs.org/book/2010/>

Volunteering

Volunteering with organisations and individuals

The BCS Berkshire Branch acts as a go-between to put volunteers in touch with organisations and individuals who need help. If you want to help then fill out a [skills sheet \(xls\)](#), change its file name to your name, and email it to: volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk. Please also register with [IT Can Help](#)

[\(ITCH\)](#).... If you represent an organisation that needs help, or have any other suggestions at all, please email: volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk.

IT / Programming volunteers needed for Shaw Trust

Shaw Trust is seeking for volunteers in the Thames Valley region with strong IT skills to help their charity shops get online and become more digitally connected. If you can help then please visit the BCS Berkshire volunteering page for more information - <http://berkshire.bcs.org/?p=2701>.

Brilliant that we had such a prompt response to call for Shaw Trust Digital Support Volunteer. More volunteers may be needed.

Web Developer Volunteer Needed

The BCS Berkshire committee is looking for an experienced member to refresh the branch website. Previous experience in developing templates for WordPress is preferred. Expenses will be covered. A detailed breakdown of the specifications and a requirements document is available upon request from our web master Kurien Philip. Please send an email to web.berkshire@bcs.org.uk.

Summer Work Placement - UTC Reading Calling

UTC Reading computer science students are seeking summer work experience this year, from 4th to 8th July 2016. We need your help in enriching the education of our students, and giving them exposure to the real world of work. If you can provide a stimulating experience for a week in an IT department close to Reading this year, please complete this online form

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WEX2016>. Visit www.utcreading.co.uk to find out more about our school.

Committee Member Needed

We currently have an opening in our committee for the role of Communications Manager. If you would like to help out then please do get in touch by contacting our Chair, Anthony Parker on antgparker@bcs.org.uk

Other IT Events in 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>

BCS Berkshire Forthcoming Events for 2016

June 29th - Project Management Talk, Joint event with PROMS-G (Project Management Specialist Group)

- Venue: Waitrose HQ Atrium, Jubilee House, Bracknell RG12 8YAI
- Title: "Successful projects through energised project organisation"
- Time: 6.30pm networking and refreshments; 7.30pm for talk, 9pm close
- Speaker: Dr. Liz Lee-Kelley, FCMA FRSA MAPM MBA PhD

Liz is an experienced practitioner and a respected academic who has worked in a senior management capacity in engineering, distribution and clinical research organisations; receiving the

Freedom of the City of London just before she assumed an academic career. Liz retired recently from her full-time Senior Lecturer and Director, International Centre for Programme Management roles at Cranfield University, to concentrate on her research and consultancy. She remains a Visiting Fellow at Cranfield and the UK Defence Academy. Booking is essential.

Book here – <https://events.bcs.org/book/2011/>

Any changes to the programme will be published on the website and included in the monthly email newsletter. Please check your inbox and the website regularly to be sure you do not miss out.

See Website for further event information
