



## Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for August 2016. We hope everyone is having a restful summer break. This is just a quick reminder to appeal to members to endeavour to complete our events survey and to look forward to some new and exciting events in September and the coming months. Stay tuned!

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## Forthcoming events

### BCS Berkshire Branch - Events Survey 2016

#### Member Survey



The BCS Berkshire branch is conducting a survey on potential events for members. The survey is very short (only 6 questions) and should not take more than 2 minutes to complete. We value your opinion and would appreciate your participation at <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=147015070968>.

The survey is open from now.

### Public event, Wednesday 31st August 2016 – 19:30 -21:30

#### Committee Meeting at The Griffin, Reading



The BCS Berkshire Committee Meeting is held the first Tuesday or Wednesday of every month at one of the listed locations. Our September committee meeting is being held on 31<sup>st</sup> August, at The Griffin, 10-12 Church Rd, Reading, Berkshire RG4 7AD.

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

### Public event, Wednesday 21st September 2016 – 19:30 -21:30

#### Talk - "Almost VR" at UTC Reading, Crescent Road



VR is a fascinating technology experience where unimaginable technology driven activities are made to seem real and close to life. VR technologies have been described as ubiquitous, but have you wondered how VR is used in HR activities, especially for delivery exciting personnel training and organisational learning activities? Come and join us for the talk on "Almost VR" and find out more about VR systems; and how these are changing the way we experience technology. The talk is free to attend.

## **External event, Tuesday 13th September 2016 - 19:30 -21:30**

### **Reading Geek Night at The Walkabout 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.

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## **Volunteering**

### **Committee Members Needed**

We currently have an opening in our committee for the following roles:

- Communications Manager
- Web Content Manager (Deputy Webmaster)

If you would like to help out then please do get in touch by contacting our Chair, Anthony Parker on [antgparker@bcs.org.uk](mailto:antgparker@bcs.org.uk)

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## **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**

Watch out for our forthcoming events on entrepreneurship, learning and development, modern trends in software testing, change management, think shop, data privacy and many others.

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.

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**See Website for further event information**

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