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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter

December 2016

Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for December 2016. Here are the news and events happening over the festive season and in the new year.....

Forthcoming events

External event, Tuesday 13th December 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](https://twitter.com/RDGGEEKnight).

Public event, Tuesday 20th December 2016 – 18:30 -21:00 BCS Berkshire Christmas Party at The Griffin, 10-12 Church Road, Caversham RG4 7AD



Come to our Xmas Party and experience a reality you've never experienced before.

We are very lucky to have Jay, the mobile tech expert on hand to let you experience the HTC Vive, Google Daydream, Gear VR and a whole lot more. He will be on hand to discuss your mobile technology needs whilst giving some fun demonstrations. An event not to be missed if you feel like transporting yourself to another world this Christmas!

All are welcome. Free entry. Refreshments will be served. Meet the committee and network with fellow members in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. No booking is necessary, just turn up.

A full write-up of the event is on the Social Tech Group page:
<https://www.meetup.com/socialtechgroup/events/235744772/>

Public event, Friday 16th December 2016 – 18:30 -23:00 BCS and IET Young Professionals Christmas party at IET Savoy Place, London, C2R 0BL



The BCS Young Professionals, DevSecOps & Entrepreneurs Groups have teamed up with the IET Young Professionals to put on a joint Christmas party at the stunning IET home, Savoy Place. Please do join in the fun and festivities for only £55 per ticket for BCS & IET members and £75 per ticket for non-BCS members.

Booking is essential : <http://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/57100>

Public event, Tuesday 10th January 2017 – 19:30 -21:30

Committee Meeting at The Outlook, 76-78 King's Rd, Reading RG1 3BJ



The BCS Berkshire Committee Meeting is held the first or second Tuesday of every month at one of the listed locations. In January, the committee meeting is at The Outlook, 76-78 King's Rd, Reading RG1 3BJ.

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

Public event, Tuesday 17th January 2017 – 19:30 -21:00

Talk – “Operational Intelligence and Intelligent Condition-Based Asset Management” at University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus, Reading



BCS Berkshire in collaboration with Reading University Computing and Engineering Society presents:

“Operational Intelligence and Intelligent Condition-Based Asset Management”

Speaker: Michael Gribble

Venue: Room 106, Palmer Building, Whiteknights Campus, Reading University, RG6 6UA.

The event is free to attend but booking is essential: <https://events.bcs.org/book/2290/>.

Public event, Saturday 25th February 2017, 10:00 – 16:00

Hackathon: University Technical College Reading, Crescent Road, Reading, RG1 5RQ.



Code an app in 6 hours! Enter in teams of up to 6 and bring your own devices. The BCS will judge each entry and award a prize to the winner.

Watch this space for a booking link.

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 in Reading area

Voluntary organisations in the Reading area are often looking for help with their IT systems. if you think that you may be able to help please check out the requirements at <http://rva.org.uk/search-volunteering-opportunities/>. Just click on "what kind of task" and click on IT/programming.

The requirements are changing all the time, so please revisit that site from time to time. If you do follow up on any of these please let the relevant organisation know that you saw the opportunity on BCS Berks website and let us know too.

Committee Member Needed

We currently have an opening in our committee for the role of:

- 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

Other IT Events around Berkshire

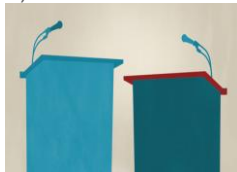
ConnectTVT - Connecting Thames Valley Tech is a Reading-based platform bringing together the Thames Valley's fast-growing entrepreneurial ecosystem, tech and digital economy, in Reading. Check out some interesting upcoming events on their website - <https://www.connectvt.co.uk/events>

BCS Berkshire Forthcoming Events for 2017

Watch out for the following events:

1) BCS Project of the Year 2017 - Do you have a wonderful idea or project? BCS Berkshire would soon open nominations for the project of the year 2017 competition. Full details including the criteria, eligibility and date of nominations and award will be announced soon.

2) Great Debate - 15 March, 7-9 pm



The BCS is proud to participate with other institutions in this major annual event
Venue: Main Lecture Theatre, Palmer Building G01, Whiteknights Campus, Reading University
Sat Nav RG6 6UR For Main Gate - RG6 7BE For Earley Gate
Free entry

3) BCS ELITE and the Institute of Directors "Unconference", April 2017



A superb opportunity to network with industry leaders

Venue: Building 510, Oracle Parkway, Thames Valley Park, RG6 1RA

Full details including date and theme will be announced nearer the time.

We are also planning some events on "Trailblazer" apprenticeships and professional development in the new year, in conjunction with the BCS Learning and Development Specialist Group. Watch this space!

See our Website for further event information - <http://berkshire.bcs.org/>