



Welcome

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

Forthcoming events

Public event, Saturday 6th February 2016 – 09:00 -18:00

BCS Berkshire Branch – Codathon (Workshop) at UTC Reading BCS Berkshire is conducting a Coding Workshop aimed primarily but not exclusively at younger BCS members. All ages welcome. The event is will be held at the Main Hall of the University Technical College in Reading. Mixed teams are allowed. For more information visit the BCS Berkshire events page. [🔗](#)



External event, Tuesday 9th February 2016 – 19:30 -21:00



Reading Geek Night at The Walkabout Reading

The Reading Geek Night! A friendly and welcoming community for enthusiasts. We meet 2nd Tuesday of every 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/](https://rdggeeknight.wordpress.com/) or tweet: @RDGGeekNight.

Public event, Tuesday 1st March 2016- 19:30 -21:30



Committee Meeting at UTC Reading

The BCS Berkshire Committee Meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month at one of the listed locations. In March the committee meeting is at UTC on Crescent Road in Reading. Attendance is by invitation only. If you want to attend a meeting then please contact the [chair](#).

External event, Tuesday 8th March 2016 - 19:00 -21:00

Business Impact of Technology Evening: Agile Business – What’s Left for Managers to do? at Oracle Customer Visit Centre

This is the fifth of the Business Impact of Technology Evenings that bring together members of BCS ELITE and IoD to network, hear from topic experts, and discuss the business opportunities created by the latest technologies.



Registration for this event is essential. Registration Link: <https://events.bcs.org/book/1893/>

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Public event, Monday 14th March 2016 - 19:00 -21:00

Great Debate 2016 - Can renewables meet our electricity needs? at University of Reading Palmer Building, Whiteknights Campus

Can renewables provide an even greater share of our electricity needs over the coming years and if so at what cost and how do we need to adapt to make the most efficient use of them? This event is designed to provide answers to these questions. For more information and booking (essential) visit: <http://www.reading.ac.uk/news-and-events/about-event-reg-greatdebate.aspx>



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>.


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.

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. 

BCS Berkshire Forthcoming Events for 2016

See Website for further event information 

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.

