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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter	March 2016

Welcome

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

Forthcoming events

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 Institute of Directors 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/

External event, Tuesday 8th March 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 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.

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

Public event, Monday 21st March 2016 - 18:00 -20:00

IT Recruitment Talk at The Greyfriar Reading

The BCS Berkshire branch is organising a talk on 'IT Recruitment', titled "The Thinkshop" at Waitrose HQ. A buffet will be provided @ £4 a head. Come along and find about current trends in the IT job market and how to apply for your next IT jobs. The event is free to attend but booking is essential. Visit https://events.bcs.org/book/1978/

Public event, Tuesday 5th April 2016 - 19:30 -21:30

Committee Meeting at Pink Elephant Reading

The BCS Berkshire Committee Meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month at one of the listed locations. In April the committee meeting is at Pink Elephant at 9 Castle Street in Reading.

Attendance is by invitation only. If you want to attend a meeting then please contact the chair.

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

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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

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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. Thank you to Liz Cooper.
 <<Hi,
 This is to let you know that I have followed up on the request in the February Newsletter and applied to become a Shaw Trust Digital Support Volunteer. This has reached the stage where I have had a preliminary telephone interview with Gemma McGrath, and my details will be passed on to their Retail department.

It is an ideal opportunity for me as I am retiring at the end of March and have been looking for a voluntary activity where I can use my IT skills (I am an IT Business Analyst).

I will keep you posted on progress.

FYI - the roles are working with their charity shops, to support and encourage them in using IT. We discussed me supporting the shops in Basingstoke, Egham and Reading (which are nearest to me). They also have the following shops in the area - Beaconsfield, Chalfont St Peter, Chesham, Didcot, Gerrards Cross, Maidenhead, Marlow, Princes Risborough, Wantage.

Cheers
    Liz>>
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

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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.connecttvt.co.uk/events

BCS Berkshire Forthcoming Events for 2016

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

- Venue: Bracknell
- Title: "Successful projects through energised project organisation"
- 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

- **Please put the date in your diary - more information and booking details will be available shortly**

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.