



Welcome

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

Forthcoming events

External event, Tuesday 10th May 2016 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, 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/>

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/>

Public event, Tuesday 7th June 2016 - 19:30 -21:30
Committee Meeting at The Griffin Reading



The BCS Berkshire Committee Meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month at one of the listed locations. In June the committee meeting is 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](#).

External event, Tuesday 14th June 2016 2016 – 19:30 -21:00

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Public event, Wednesday 29th June 2016 - 18:30 -21:00

Project Management Talk – Successful projects through energised project organisation, a joint event with PROMS-G (Project Management Specialist Group) at Waitrose, Bracknell



This talk by Dr. Liz Lee-Kelly is titled “Thinking differently – Introducing the concept of the energised projects organisation”. The need to accept that projects are not done in isolation but within a certain context is emphasised. The speaker discusses how the organisational environment and interfaces affect the way people act and react; ultimately affecting project delivery. Come along and find out about how to deliver successful projects through energised project organisation.

For full details of the event, and how to book your place, please click here

<http://berkshire.bcs.org/?event=successful-projects-through-energised-project-organisation>"

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. “from

Liz Cooper". More volunteers may be needed.

Web Developer Volunteer

The BCS Berkshire committee thanks Michael Gbadebo for providing support to refresh the branch website by developing WordPress templates.

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

Watch out for our forthcoming events on entrepreneurship, learning and development, modern trends in software testing, change management, 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.

See Website for further event information