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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter	**April 2018**

Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for April 2018. All too soon, spring 2018 is here with us, and the following are events happening over the next few months...

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 10th April 2018, 19:30 - 21:30
The Walkabout: Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

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

AGM and Innovate UK Talk, Wednesday 11th April 2018, 18:30 - 20:30
Holiday Inn, Manor Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 2RA.

The Maidenhead & District Chamber of Commerce invites you to a joint AGM and talk by the Kevin Baughan, Deputy CEO, Innovate UK. Come and find out how Innovate UK, the government agency is powering the UK economy through innovation.

This event is free to attend. For further details and registration, visit - http://mdcc.uk/mdcc-agm-11apr18.

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 8th May 2018, 19:30 - 21:30
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GDPR Conference, Thursday 10th May 2018, 09:00 -17:00
Green Park Conference Centre, Reading.

The BCS Central London branch in conjunction with the Executive Leaders Network is organising a GDPR Conference titled "Compliance and Leveraging Opportunities". The BCS Central London Branch has secured a discount of £30, which is on top of the 35% Early Bird discount. Use code BCS30. Final price for BCS members is £157.85 (standard is £289+ VAT). For registration, visit - http://www.executiveleadersnetwork.co.uk/gdpr-event.

BCS Elite & Institute of Directors – Cloud Computing, Wednesday 23rd May 2018, 19:00 -21:00
Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Building 510, Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.

The BCS Elite in collaboration with Institute of Directors, presents an unconference on Cloud Computing. David Martin, Cloud Customer Success Manager, Oracle UK. will give vendor neutral advice on how cloud computing can help businesses. Members & guests £12 including VAT, Non-members £24 including VAT. Tickets include soft drinks and food. To book, visit: https://eliteiod23may.eventbrite.co.uk.

London Networking Event, Friday 8th June 2018, 18:00 -21:00
BCS, 1st Floor, The Davidson Building, 5 Southampton Street, London, WC2E 7HA.

Networking event to help bridge the gap in equality. Whether you are looking to Build, Strengthen or Develop your IT or Engineering Career, this event is for you. With a range of special guests and workshops, this is an event not to be missed. For further details and to book, visit - www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/59286.

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 12th June 2018, 19:30 - 21:30
The Walkabout: Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

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Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 10th July 2018, 19:30 - 21:30
The Walkabout: Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

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Project Management Event, Thursday 26th July 2018, 18:00 -20:30
Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Building 510, Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.

BCS Berkshire and PROMS-G is organising a talk on PRINCE2 Agile - How can PRINCE2 Agile improve the way you deliver projects? With guest speaker and lead author of PRINCE2 Agile, Keith Richards, followed by Q&A and networking. For further details and to book, visit - http://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/59315.

Young Professionals Group (YPG)

The Berkshire BCS Branch would like to introduce our new Social Media Manager, Oludare Oduale and Communications and Young Professionals lead, Daniel Cope to our committee for 2018. We are always looking to engage with young new talent to develop our committee strategy and make IT Good for Society and here is your chance to contribute and be a part of this exciting future.

If you have suggestions for events, or are a young IT professional looking to engage and communicate with events/talks and businesses around the area, Dan would love to hear from you. To learn how we can promote the excellence of our young IT professionals, email YPGLead.Berkshire@bcs.org.

Schools Work

BCS Berkshire has been working with schools in and around Berkshire. We have been sponsoring Teen Tech (http://www.teentech.com) and the Bucks Skills Show. (https://oppsinbucks.org/event/bucks-skills-show-adams-park-high-wycombe/).

On March 28 Chris and Dan from the BCS Berks committee attended a STEM career event at Howard of Effingham school near Leatherhead, Surrey. Over 6 hours approximately 200 students from years 7, 8 and 10 visited our stand. The CAS careers in IT leaflet, was given out to all. Our two 'hands-on' exhibits were the Haptic Drum Kit and the Sphero toy driven by a smartphone. Pupils, several teachers and other exhibitors enjoyed playing with the drum kit and the Sphero 'circulated' to every part of the gym where the event was held. It was a very full-on day for us and the students had fun. We plan to participate at a similar event at Leighton Park school in Reading on 2nd July.

Extra Bytes

Benefits of BCS Membership

Are you aware that as a member of BCS you get the following Networking Opportunities and Events benefits?

- Over 40 UK based branches and over 15 international sections to visit www.bcs.org/branches.
- Over 50 Specialist Groups covering diverse subjects www.bcs.org/membergroups.
- Many events held by, or in conjunction with, BCS including The Turing Lecture, The Lovelace Lecture, President's Dinner, IM Awards, IT Professional Awards, Grand Challenges in Computing… and many more www.bcs.org/events.
- LinkedIn BCS Members' group.

Watch this space for more tips on other benefits from your BCS membership in our next editions.

Volunteering

Volunteering with CITA

As a volunteer with CITA you will be helping a charity establish a strategic view on IT. This is a great opportunity for you to use your specialist skill set by providing expert advice which will help charities make their resources go further through good use of IT.

Further details at: http://www.bcs.org/category/14685.

Volunteer opportunity – AbilityNet ITCanHelp County Co-ordinator - Surrey

As a County Co-ordinator for our ITCanHelp service you will manage a small team of volunteers in the Surrey region who support older and/or disabled people with their technology at home. Your role would be to manage and allocate client requests within the team, as well as develop and maintain the service within Surrey through the appropriate local promotion and recruitment. The role is voluntary but travel expenses are paid and is likely to take around 3-4 hours a week. There is the opportunity to network with other IT professionals, benefit from training, and attend events. If interested, email volunteers@abilitynet.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.connecttvt.co.uk/events For science, engineering and technology events see the Institution for Engineers & Technology events diary at https://communities.theiet.org/communities/events/258 .

Appreciation

The BCS Berkshire branch would like to extend profound appreciation to our partner organisation for the continuous support for our events and meeting. We particularly grateful to Oracle Thames Valley Park for hosting our events and meetings and offer to host our July event on project management.

Coming Summer Talks

Our future with Blockchain and Bitcoin, an introduction to blockchain technologies and how they work. Date, time and booking link will be provided as soon as available.

Watch out for our summer school, Manager's Masterclass: Collaboration and Teamwork. Date, time and booking link will be provided as soon as available.

We are also planning some events such as cybernetics, "Trailblazer" apprenticeships and professional development in the coming months, in conjunction with the BCS Learning and Development Specialist Group and other associations. Watch this space!

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