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| **BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter** | **December 2018** |

Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for December 2018. The following are events happening over the festive season and in the new year. See our website for details and booking links.

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 11th December 2018, 19:30 - late
The Walkabout, Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

Tech Talks on 2nd Tuesday of every month. Free of charge, no booking required. Talks commence at 8.00pm and last 20-25 mins with breaks of 15 mins for networking and beer.

Check out the Reading Geek Night website for details of the program for the day - https://rdggeeknight.wordpress.com/ or tweet: @RDGGeekNight

Christmas Social & Mindsets talk, Monday 17th December 2018, 18:30 - 21:30
The Griffin, 10-12 Church Rd, Caversham, RG4 7AD

BCS Berkshire Chairman Anthony Parker will deliver this year's Christmas talk entitled "Mindsets - Deciding to be who you really are". Rod Willis will then introduce us to 'Agility Magic', a new professional collaboration intervention to enhance organisational agility by understanding mindset. These will be preceded by informal chat over food & drinks. Free of charge, but booking is required: https://berkshire17122018.eventbrite.co.uk.

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 8th January 2018, 19:00 - late
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CV Clinic, Tuesday 15th January 2019, 19:00 - 21:00
Free help with writing curriculum vitae. 18:30 registration & refreshments, clinic 19:00-21:00. Venue: TBA

Transport Data and Innovation, talk & tour, Wednesday 16th January 2019, 18:30 - 21:00
UTC Reading, Crescent Road, RG1 5RQ & Reading Bus Depot, RG1 7HH.

Talk on a new smart system for our buses, by John Bickerton of Reading Buses, followed by bus trip to Great Knolly's Street depot. Host: Michael Halliday, UTC Reading.

For booking, visit https://berkshire16012019.eventbrite.co.uk.

Emerging Technologies in IoT & Smart Berkshire, Tuesday 19th February 2019, 19:00 - 21:00 Venue: TBA.

Mark Stanley will explain the latest development in smart city and rural applications using low power long range networks (LoRaWAN, Sigfox, NB-IoT replacing devices connected by Wi-Fi or traditional cellular) in the context of the Smart Berkshire project. In conjunction with IoT Meetup & CoralEdge. Watch this space or see our website for details and booking links.

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. We were at the Bucks Skills Show at The Gateway, Aylesbury on 12th and 13th October 2018; and we will be at TeenTech Surrey at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford on 22nd January 2019.

Volunteering

Volunteers Needed in West Berkshire– Ability Net

Our volunteers provide free technology support to older people and disabled people of all ages. We are looking for people in West Berkshire to join our nationwide team of volunteers who offer free technology help and support over the phone and in people's homes.
As one of our volunteers, you can...
• use your IT skills to help change the lives of older people and disabled people of all ages
• have the opportunity to become a Digital Champion and gain industry recognised training
• benefit from regular training and technology updates
• network with a nationwide team of other IT volunteers
• plan your volunteering time around your home life and other commitments.
Find out how you can get involved today: https://www.abilitynet.org.uk/support-us/join-our-volunteers.

Other News

Our BCS Berkshire Chair has written a great piece on bitcoin! It will also appear in the ITNow magazine! Give it a read and let us know what you think.

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.

Later in 2019

Keep an eye on our website for our talk on IT Project Failures and 5G networks in March 2019. We are also planning some events such as cybernetics, IoT, 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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