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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter	**May 2017**

Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for May 2017. Here are the news and events happening over the next few months….….....

Forthcoming events

"Unconference" on Communications Media, Thursday 25th May 2017 - 18:30 -21:30
Building 510, Oracle Parkway, Thames Valley Park, Reading, RG6 1RA,

BCS ELITE and the Institute of Directors present an unconference entitled "How to use Communications Media to get your message across". This is a superb opportunity to exchange and learn best practices for improving communications within your organisation, and to network with industry leaders. Doors open for networking and refreshments at 6.30.

To book and for more information, visit https://events.bcs.org/book/2460/.

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 13th June 2017 - 19:30 -21:30
The Walkabout: Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

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.

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Volunteering

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP RUN CODE CLUB SESSIONS

"Code Clubs for children aged 7 to 11 are now running in Bracknell and Great Hollands libraries to give children experience in computer coding. Children first learn to programme computer games and animations using Scratch then have the opportunity to create websites using HTML, CSS and Python. We currently need more volunteers to help run our computer coding sessions, either supporting Bracknell Library (meets term time Saturdays 10 am-11 am) or helping us expand in more libraries and at different times. For more information on volunteering at the library visit Bracknell Forest Libraries or find out how to get involved all across the UK on the Code Club web site."

Committee Members Needed

We currently have openings in our committee for the following roles:
- Web Content Manager (Deputy Webmaster)
- Social Media Manager

If you would like to help out or join the Committee every first Tuesday of the month, then please do get in touch by contacting our Chair, Anthony Parker on chair.berkshire@bcs.org.uk

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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

BCS Berkshire Forthcoming Events for 2017

Watch out for the following events:

1) **AGM 2017, Wednesday 13th September 2017 - 19:00 -21:00**

   All BCS Berkshire members are invited to the 2017 BCS Berkshire Annual General Meeting schedule to take place on 13th September, 2017. This will be combined with a talk. The topic for the talk and venue will be communicated to members when available.

2) **"Unconference" on Data Protection, Wednesday 11th October 2017 - 18:30 -21:00**
   Building 510, Oracle Parkway, Thames Valley Park, Reading, RG6 1RA,

   BCS ELITE and the Institute of Directors present an unconference entitled "General Data Protection Regulation". With less than a year before we have to implement the General Data Protection Regulation, what does it mean to you? And will Brexit change it?
   For more information, visit : http://berkshire.bcs.org/?page_id=305

3) **"Google Digital Garage", Thursday 19th October 2017 - 18:30 -21:00**
   Holiday Inn, Manor Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 2RA

   The Maidenhead Chamber of Commerce with sponsorship from the Holiday Inn and BCS Berkshire presents a talk and workshop for SMEs, charities and business owners delivered by Google-certified trainer on how to boost digital skills and harness the power of the internet and Google tools to drive growth for business.
   Click here for event details and booking.

4) **Life Changing Technology, Tuesday 7th November 2017 - 18:30 -21:00**
   Holiday Inn, Manor Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 2RA

The Maidenhead Chamber of Commerce with sponsorship from the Holiday Inn and BCS Berkshire presents a talk by BBC Click reporter Kate Russell, 2015 UK Blog Award winner for best individual digital & technology blog.
Click here for event details and booking, here for the speaker's web site and here for her Wikipedia page.

5) **Talk on "Pre-React JavaScript", Tuesday 14th November 2017 - 19:30 -21:30**
   University of Reading, Reading

A talk by Nicholas Liffen, Technical Analyst at Eli Lilly, where he is the product owner of GitHub and Herok.

Booking link: https://events.bcs.org/book/2564/

6) **BCS Project of the Year 2017**

Do you have a wonderful idea or project? BCS Berkshire would soon open nominations for the project of the year 2017 competition.
Full details including the criteria, eligibility and date of nominations and award will be announced soon.

We are also planning some events such as Ada Lovelace Lecture, Coding Workshop, "Trailblazer" apprenticeships and professional development in the coming months, in conjunction with the BCS Learning and Development Specialist Group. Watch this space!

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