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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter	October 2019

Welcome
Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for October 2019. We wish to say a big thank you to members who attended our 2019 AGM and to those who have volunteered to serve in various capacities on the Committee. The following are events happening in the next few months. See our website for details and booking links.

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 8th October 2019, 19:00 - late
The Walkabout, Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

READING GEEK NIGHT

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

Break the People, Break the Organisation, Wednesday 16 October, 18:30 - 21:15
Oracle Customer Visit Centre, 510 Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.

The BCS Berkshire branch, BCS Elite and the Institute of Directors present the latest in their long-running series of joint biennial unconferences at Oracle's offices in Reading. Come and take part in an open exchange of current best practices in collaboration and teamwork.

For booking, visit: https://www.break-the-people-break-the-org.

Data protection - one year after GDPR , Wednesday 30 October, 18:30 - 21:15
CGIT UK Ltd, 250 Brook Drive, Green Park, Reading, RG2 6UA

The BCS Berkshire branch invites you to a talk by Jeremy Holt. He will explain what has happened in relation to data protection in the year since GDPR came into force. He will concentrate on the practical side of how to deal with subject access requests and data breach reports within the mandatory 72 hours. This is something every business needs to know. For booking, visit: https://www.bcs.org/category/14631.

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 10th November 2019, 19:00 - late
The Walkabout, Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.

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Alan Turing: "The Founder of Computer Science" Wednesday 27 November, 18:30 - 21:00
The Curious Lounge, The Pinnacle, 20 Tudor Road, Reading, RG1 1NH.

This talk explores Alan Turing's life, achievements and legacy. Turing was instrumental in developing and influencing computing devices that have been said to have shortened the war by up to two years, by decoding encrypted enemy messages that were believed by others to be unbreakable. For booking, visit: https://www.alan-turing-the-founder-of-computer-sci.

Curious Lounge opening 4th November in Reading

The Curious Lounge, Reading's new tech hub, will be opening on 4th November at the Pinnacle, 20 Tudor Road. There you will find a flexible space to cater for different types of events: training, presentations, hackathons, or just getting together in the lounge. The Lounge's web site can be found at https://www.thecuriouslounge.co.uk/, where you can sign-up for their newsletter to keep abreast of developments.

Volunteering

Promoting a Volunteering Culture

BCS Berkshire would like to encourage members to help make IT good for society by taking up volunteering opportunities available in the region. Have a look at our our website for current volunteering opportunities or email us at *volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk* if you represent, or know of an organisation that needs help, or have any other suggestions.

Schools

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 TeenTech Surrey at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford on 22nd January and Teen Tech Hampshire in Basingstoke on 20th June. We will also be at Bucks Skills Show in Aylesbury from 18-19 October 2019

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.

Future Events

See our website for more events and details of our workshop on Progressive Web App, Christmas social networking; picture gallery and much else besides.

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