



Welcome

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

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 11th April 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](https://twitter.com/RDGGeekNight).

Building High Performance Teams, Tuesday 18th April 2017 - 19:00 -21:30 Building 520, Oracle Parkway, Thames Valley Park, Reading, RG6 1RA.



Join us for a talk and group discussion by Rod Willis of the Agile Group entitled: "The invisible dynamics of collaboration in high performing teams". This is free of charge to members. Format: Groups of 8 around tables.

To attend book via this link: <https://events.bcs.org/book/2412/>.

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



The BCS ELITE and the Institute of Directors present an unconference titled "How to use Communications Media to get your message across". This is a superb opportunity to network with industry leaders. Doors open for networking and refreshments at 6.30.

Booking and more information, <https://events.bcs.org/book/2460/>.

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 13th June 2017 - 19:30 -21:30
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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

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.connectvtv.co.uk/events>

BCS Berkshire Forthcoming Events for 2017

Watch out for the following events:

1) 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 on such as Ada Lovelace Lecture, Coding Workshop, “Trailblazer” apprenticeships and professional development in the new year, in conjunction with the BCS Learning and Development Specialist Group. Watch this space!



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