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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter

June 2018

Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for June 2018. The following are events happening over the next few months. They are also on [our web site](#).

Forthcoming events

Reading Geek Night Special Event, Tuesday 12th June 2018, 19:30 - 21:00

The Museum of English Rural Life, University of Reading, Redlands Road, Reading, RG1 5EX.



This month [The Museum of English Rural Life](#) has kindly offered to host our event and we'll be partnering with the [Missing Maps](#) project to assist them in their quest to help the most vulnerable communities around the globe.

BCS Talk on Blockchain and Bitcoin, Thursday 19th June 2018, 18:30 - 21:00

Henley Business School, University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus, Reading RG6 6UR.

Our future with Blockchain and Bitcoin. Speaker: Anthony Parker, BCS Berkshire, at Reading University. Free of charge. For booking: <https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/59366>

BCS Wiltshire Talk on The Space Shuttle, Monday 25th June 2018, 18:30 - 20:30

South Wiltshire UTC, Wilton Road, Salisbury, SP2 7EU.

The Space Shuttle Case - Stephen Carver from the Cranfield School of Management will speak about the issues and actions arising as a result of the losses of the Space Shuttles Challenger (1986) and Columbia (2003). For event details and booking: <https://wiltshire25062018.eventbrite.co.uk>

Deloitte Housing Datathon, 2nd July 2018, 10:30-18:00; and 3rd July 2018, 09:00-18:00

Deloitte, Abbots House, Abbey Street, Reading RG1 3BD

A 2-day event led by Chris Major from Deloitte. Participants are invited to enter a competition to apply big data to housing challenges in the South East of England. The competition will be followed by a seminar on the afternoon of Day 2 with notable speakers on housing challenges in the South East and the application of data to address them. The seminar will also share the findings from the Datathon event. Registration is by email: [Register - Datathon participant!](#)

Code Club Volunteering, Wednesday 4th July 2018, 19:00 - 21:00

UTC Reading, Crescent Road, Reading, RG1 5RQ

Introduction to Code Club Volunteering, led by Dan Powell of Code Club, a division of Raspberry Pi. Free of charge. For booking: <https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/59414>

Manager's Masterclass on Collaboration and Teamwork, Saturday 7th July 2018, 11:00 - 16:00

UTC Reading, Crescent Road, Reading, RG1 5RQ

Manager's Masterclass on Collaboration and Teamwork. An exploration of Group Dynamics and its importance. Cross-industry learning and good practice sharing for leaders & managers responsible for teams in any area or function of an organisation. With Anthony Parker and Rod Willis. Members £10 + VAT, non-members £20 + VAT. A booking link will be provided on our web site nearer the time: berkshire.bcs.org.uk.

BCS Talk on The Fluid Organisation, Monday 9th July 2018, 18:30 - 21:00

Henley Business School, University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus, Reading RG6 6UR.

The Fluid Organisation - a talk by Michael Short in conjunction with Professor Keiichi Nakata, Head of Business Informatics, Henley Business School. A booking link will be provided on our web site nearer the time: berkshire.bcs.org.uk.

Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 10th July 2018, 19:30 - 21:30

The Walkabout: Wiston Terrace (off Friar Street), Reading, RG1 1DG.



Talks commence at 8 pm and last 20-25 minutes with breaks for networking and drinks. No booking is required.

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).

Project Management Event, Thursday 26th July 2018, 18:00 -20:30

Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Building 510, Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.



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Project Management
Specialist Group

PRINCE2 Agile - How can PRINCE2 Agile improve the way you deliver projects? With guest speaker and lead author of PRINCE2 Agile Keith Richards. Talk, Q&A and networking. Free of charge. For more information and to book, please go to our web site <http://www.bcs.org/category/14633>.

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/>). We will be at Teen Tech Hants in Basingstoke on 13th June, 2018; and plan to participate in the "BIG BANG" STEM career event at Leighton Park school in Reading on 2nd July, 2018.

Volunteering

In line with BCS's aim of making IT good for society, the Berkshire Branch acts as a go-between to put volunteers in touch with local organisations and individuals who need help. For current volunteering opportunities, see: <http://www.bcs.org/category/14685>.

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.connectvt.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> .

Coming Summer Talks

We are also planning some events such as cybernetics, 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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