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| **BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter** | **July 2019** |
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## Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for July 2019. In this issue, we have put together an interesting talk on GDPR for members to attend. The following are events happening in the coming weeks. See our website for details and booking links.

## Forthcoming events

### What's happening - One year after GDPR, Monday 8th July 2019, 18:30 – 21:00
### UTC Reading, Crescent Rd, Reading RG1 5RQ.

Jeremy Holt 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.

Jeremy is a solicitor who has specialised in data protection for the last 35 years. He set up the country's first specialist computer museum (www.museumofcomputing.org.uk) and has written three books on computer law.

### Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 11th June 2019, 19:00 - 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

### Reading Geek Night, Tuesday 9th July 2019, 19:00 - late
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### Anyone can Code, Wednesday 17 July, 19:00 - 21:00
### Central Working, Aldwych House, 2 Blagrave Street, Reading, RG1 1AZ

Dr Edmund Furse, MD of Imitation Ltd, will introduce a powerful new learning method that allows novices to develop applications with no knowledge of programming - in short, the art of coding by imitation. Free of charge. This will be an updated version of a talk given by Dr Furse to BCS Oxfordshire on 11 October 2018. Because the material is new and under strict copyright, the slides will not be available online. For booking, visit: https://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/60635.

## Curious Lounge has found a home in Reading

The Curious Lounge, Reading's new tech hub, now has a home. It will be arriving at the Pinnacle, 20 Tudor Road this Autumn. 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.

If you feel you could use the space or support its operation, contact Louize Clarke at: louize@connecttvt.co.uk.

## 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 TeenTech Surrey at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford on 22nd January and recently at Teen Tech Hampshire in Basingstoke on 20th June.

## 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.

## 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.

### Forthcoming event – 2019

See our website for more events later in the year, picture gallery and much else besides.

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