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## Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for September 2025. We hope to bring you more exciting events in the coming months. Keep an eye on [our website](#) for details and other news.

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## Notice of AGM 2025

We are pleased to invite you to the Annual General Meeting of the Berkshire Branch of BCS, which will take place on Wednesday 17 September 2025.

The AGM will be held in person at The Reading Biscuit Factory, Unit 1A, Queen's Walk, Reading, RG1 7QE, and will start at 7 pm. It is expected to last for around 30 minutes, leaving the remainder of the evening for networking.

The AGM will, as usual, include the election of next year's chair and treasurer. If you would like to stand for either of these positions, or as a general member of the branch committee, please let the secretary and the branch chair know at least two working days before the AGM by emailing [secretary.berkshire@bcs.org.uk](mailto:secretary.berkshire@bcs.org.uk) and [chair.berkshire@bcs.org.uk](mailto:chair.berkshire@bcs.org.uk).

We are looking for speakers to talk about "Blockchain Lightning Network". Also, if there are any topics (AI or other) that our members would like to suggest we will be happy to facilitate talks on those topics.

**AI Summit – Tuesday 16th September 2025; 08:30 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Henley Business School, Whiteknights, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 6UD, UK.**



Thames Valley AI Hub is thrilled to announce the launch of the Thames Valley AI Summit – a free, one-day event bringing together businesses, creatives, researchers, policymakers, and curious minds from across the region to explore the real-world impact of artificial intelligence.

Registration is essential. Save your spot and be part of the conversation: <https://forms.office.com/e/6jSpfPV0Cu>  
Let's shape the future of AI in the Thames Valley together.

## Reading STEAM Summer Social– Tuesday 14th October 2025; 7 pm – till late



Every second Tuesday of the month Reading Geek Night has talks on various topics about science, tech, design & geekery. The usual format is to gather from 7:00 pm and commence the talks at 7:30 pm, + Q&A with a break of 20 mins for networking and beer. We meet upstairs at [Zero Degrees](#) (9 Bridge St, Reading RG1 2LR)

It is a great opportunity for networking and discussions about technology, business, and advice. The next event is a talk on "Reading's Digital Revolution" by Brendan Carr – Reading Museum, Peter Doyle & Stuart Ward. Everyone is welcome. For details visit their [website](#) and [Social Tech meetup](#).

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## Links to our partners' events

The following are links to our partner technology groups within the Berkshire area, feel free to check their events page for other interesting events happening in the region:

- Thames Valley AI Hub: <https://www.tvaihub.co.uk/>
- ISC2: <https://isc2tvch.co.uk/events.html>.
- Google Developers' Group: <https://gdgreading.dev/go/meet>



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