



### Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for March 2020. The following are events happening in the next few months. See [our website](#) for details and booking links.

*If an event is cancelled, for example because of the coronavirus, those who register will be notified and where applicable refunded.*

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### Forthcoming events

**The Great Debate, Wednesday 11th March 2020, 19:00 – 21:00**  
**Henley Business School Lecture Theatre, Whiteknights Campus, Univ. of Reading, RG6 6UD.**



BCS co-sponsors this event with the Institution of Engineering and Technology, University of Reading and other institutions. This is part of the annual British Science Week. The very topical subject for 2020 is "Smart Cities: Infrastructure for the Future"

Admission is free; early booking is advisable, please visit: <https://www.icheme.org/greatdebate2020-tvmg>.

**Climate Change, Energy and Data Centres, Thursday 30th April 2020, 18:30 – 21:00**  
**Oracle Customer Visit Centre, Building 510, Oracle Parkway, TVP, Reading, RG6 1RA.**



BCS Elite and IoD present an unconference titled "Climate Change, Energy and Data Centres - Reaching Net Zero" by John Booth, Managing Director, Carbon3IT. For further details and registration, visit: <https://www.bcs.org/events/2020/april/climate-change-energy-and-data-centres-reaching-net-zero-bcs-elite-and-iod/>.

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### Sponsoring BCS Berkshire Events



Can you or your company sponsor BCS Berkshire's evening events so we can make full use of Reading's new tech learning venue? £250 would allow us to run an evening event at the Curious Lounge and £2,500 would allow a full year of evening events. Please contact [events.berkshire@bcs.org.uk](mailto:events.berkshire@bcs.org.uk) if you can help. As a charity, we organise events for our members and to make IT good for society.

We have agreed for example to co-sponsor some talks around **AI** in Maidenhead between April and July and hope to confirm them in our next newsletter. Look out for them on our web site.

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### 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 [website](#) for current volunteering

opportunities or email us at [volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk](mailto:volunteering.berkshire@bcs.org.uk) if you represent, or know of an organisation that needs help, or have any other suggestions.

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## 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 annually; and we will be at a career fair in Surrey in March 2020.

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## Other IT Events around Berkshire

The Curious Lounge, Reading's new tech hub, organises different types of events: training, presentations, hackathons, or just getting together in the lounge. Visit The Lounge's web site at <https://www.thecuriouslounge.co.uk/>, where you can sign-up for their newsletter to keep abreast of developments.

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 of Engineering & Technology events diary at <https://communities.theiet.org/communities/events/258>.

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## Future Events

Tour of Amazon, UK – The BCS Berkshire branch is considering a visit to an Amazon UK fulfilment centre in July if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested, please email: [events.berkshire@bcs.org.uk](mailto:events.berkshire@bcs.org.uk).

See our website for more events and details of our upcoming workshops on Insider Threat and Mitigations, and cryptocurrency.



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