Welcome
Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for April 2021. Please note that, due to the coronavirus pandemic, all our face-to-face events have been postponed until further notice. There are, however, some online events which may be of interest to you.

Online Events
The following are some online events happening in the next few months. Feel free to join and stay safe:

➢ Reading Geek Night Online Talk & Pub Quiz Evening – Tuesday, April 13th, 7-9 PM. Talk followed by a Pub Quiz. Everyone welcome. For details and the Zoom link for the event please register here or visit their web site and Social Tech meetup pages.
➢ Webinar: Helping to choose the right and legal Cyber Path – Wednesday 28 April, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, For details and registration, visit https://www.bcs.org/events/2021/april/webinar.
➢ Reading Geek Night Online Talk & Pub Quiz Evening – Tuesday, May 11th, 7-9 PM. Talk followed by a Pub Quiz. Everyone welcome. For details and the Zoom link for the event please register here or visit their web site and Social Tech meetup pages.
➢ Webinar: Quantum Computing in the UK today - Thursday, May 13th, 7-8:30 PM. For details and registration, visit https://www.bcs.org/events/2021/may/webinar.
➢ R.U.Hacking? 2021: 24-hour student hackathon – Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th June, 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM. For details and registration, visit: R.U.Hacking? 2021. Join this event and “Learn, Create and Connect”.

Staying Connected with BCS Berkshire
You are reminded that anyone is welcome to attend our committee meetings by contacting us in advance of the meeting. Please remember to like the BCS Berkshire Facebook page, follow us on twitter @bcsberkshire and join the BCS Berkshire LinkedIn group. Since our last newsletter, we have posted some content on our YouTube channel and Past Events page. For the up to date list of BCS events please check the BCS Event listing

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 if you represent, or know of an organisation that needs help, or have any other suggestions.

Can you help an artist-led gallery and studios in Reading?
OpenHand OpenSpace (OHOS) is an artist-led not-for-profit company based in Reading that fosters excellence in contemporary art and provides affordable studio and gallery space for artists. They organise public exhibitions, classes, open-days and workshops to promote public access to visual art.
They need to upgrade their IT hardware, when funds allow and they're looking for help.

If you or your company are able to donate a laptop pc, printer/scanner or make a contribution to their hardware upgrade, they would love to hear from you. Contact Peter Driver - peter@ohos.org.uk.

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 AlHUB, check Meetup.
➢ ISC2 https://isc2tvch.co.uk/events.html
➢ Thames Valley AI Hub https://www.tvaihub.co.uk/
➢ Google Developers’ Group https://www.meetup.com/GDG-Reading-Thames-Valley/

Running own events

BCS Berkshire would like to invite members who want to showcase their projects or run their own events to contact events.berkshire@bcs.org.uk.