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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for March 2022. Please note that, due to the coronavirus pandemic, all our face-to-face events have been postponed until further notice. We hope to share news of our face-to-face events with you in the next editions of the newsletter. The following are events being organised by some of our partner organisations.

Events

Reading Geek Night and Pub Quiz – Tuesday 8th March 2022; 7- 9 pm.



Come along and grab a beer/food at the downstairs bar (the mango beer and wood fired pizza are epic) and come share your geekery and enjoy a relaxed evening of talks + networking + beers at Zero Degrees (9 Bridge St, Reading RG1 2LR). It's a great opportunity for food, drinks, networking and discussions about IT, technology, business, and advice. Everyone is welcome.

For details visit their [website](#) and Social Tech [meetup](#) pages.

Great Debate 2022: The Future for Residential Heating – Wednesday 16th March 2022; 7- 9 pm.



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The BCS Berkshire Branch together with the University of Reading, Institution of Civil Engineers, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Institution of Engineering & Technology and Institution of Chemical Engineers, present the Great Debate 2022 titled “The Future for Residential Heating”. Come and listen to presentations on issues relevant to the future of domestic heating. It will be online: <https://www.ice.org.uk/events/great-debate-2022-online>.

Appeal to all BCS Berkshire members

BCS Berks are supporting four STEM events aimed at inspiring young people to take up IT/Computer Science careers.

Can you spare one day to attend an event with me and engage with students aged 11 to 19?

Please respond to Chris Todd-Davies (contact details below) if you can make it on any of the dates below. Details of the events can be found in the links for each event. BCS Berks will reimburse all travel expenses and lunch is provided.

The event details are:

- **Bucks Skill Show** in Aylesbury, Bucks. This takes place Wed & Thurs 9th & 10th March. This is a general careers event offering access to students aged 11-19 and their parents. For more information, visit: <https://bbf.uk.com/event/bucks-skills-show-2022>
- **SATROfest** in Cobham ACS, Surrey. This takes place Wed 23rd March. This is a STEM specific event for years 8/9. For more information, visit: <https://www.satro.org.uk/satrofest>
- **Get Inspired** Basingstoke which takes place on Wed 4th May. This is a STEM event for 11 to 16 year-olds. For more information, visit: <https://www.ebpsouth.co.uk/Event/exhibitgib22>
- **TeenTech Hampshire Festival** in Basingstoke, Hampshire. This takes place Wed 29th June. This is a STEM event for students aged 12-14. For more information, visit: <https://www.ebpsouth.co.uk/Event/schoolsteentechhampshire22>

For those working for a company, these events provide an opportunity to showcase your employer and give back to the community. We hope some of you can find the time to help out.

Contact: Chris Todd-Davies, STEM coordinator, BCS Berkshire, chris@todd-davies.co.uk, +44 7973 806 281, +44 118 327 2597.

Staying Connected with BCS Berkshire

You are welcome to join our committee and/or attend [our committee meetings](#). We love to see fresh faces and get your ideas!. You can contact 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. You can find our events 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.

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.

Appeal for information on Neurodiversity

The Diversity and Inclusion Officer for the BCS Berkshire, Pete Self has been approached by Reading Geek Night about supporting a week on diversity in their workplace. If anyone has anything relating to Neurodiversity that they are happy to share, please contact us at: chair.berkshire@bcs.org.uk.



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