

## BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter – February 2026



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### Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for February 2026. 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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### Reading Geek Night – Tuesday 10th February 2026; 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 “Odd European Borders” by Richard Stephenson. Everyone is welcome. For details, visit their [website](#) and [Social Tech meetup](#).

### Panel discussion : AI in Film - Tuesday 24 February 2026, 5:15pm – 7:30pm University of Reading, London Road Campus.



TVAI and Reading's Economy & Destination Agency (REDA) are delighted to be hosting an upcoming panel event unpacking AI in Film. Come and join the conversation on “How is AI really shaping the future of film — creatively, ethically, and practically?”

Register here: <https://lnkd.in/e/wm358Wb>

### Great Debate 2026 - Wednesday 11 March 2026, 6:15pm – 9:00pm Henley Business School, The University Of Reading, Whiteknights Campus, Reading RG6 6UR.

**Title: Universities, Professional Training and Apprenticeships: The Future Path to Success.**

Join us for an unmissable debate that tackles one of the most pressing questions in education and career development: What are the best pathways to success in a rapidly changing world? As technology advances and industries evolve, the traditional routes to professional achievement are being challenged.

Universities have long been seen as the gateway to opportunity, but vocational training and apprenticeships are gaining recognition as equally prestigious and practical alternatives. This event brings together thoughts from leaders from higher education, further education, industry, and professional bodies to explore how these pathways can coexist and complement each other.

This event is free of charge, and open to all. Register at: <https://forms.office.com/e/jRPc8RqFfV>.

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### Call for Volunteers for SATRO STEMfest - Monday, 23rd March 2026. ACS International School, Cobham, Heywood, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 1BL

The BCS Berkshire Branch has proudly supported the SATRO STEMfest, and we are thrilled to invite you to join us once again for this landmark 10th anniversary of our participation. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation of innovators and represent the BCS mission of "Making IT Good for Society."

If you are willing to assist or have any questions regarding the day, please reach out directly to Chris Todd-Davies. Email: [chris@todd-davies.co.uk](mailto:chris@todd-davies.co.uk)

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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>.
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