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BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for February 2024. We hope to bring you more exciting events in the coming months. Keep an eye on <u>our website</u> for details and other news.

Reading Geek Night – Tuesday 13th February 2024; 7 pm – till late



Come along and grab a beer/food at the downstairs bar 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 networking and discussions about technology, business, and advice. The next event will feature a talk titled "It's 1901 and you need a new car – what about a Locomobile steam car? by Andrew Beggs. Everyone is welcome. For details visit their <u>website</u> and <u>Social Tech meetup</u>.

<u>Great Debate 2024 Artificial Intelligence - Wednesday 13th March 2024; 7 pm – 9 pm</u> Henley Business School, University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus, Reading RG6 6UR



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. At this year's Great Debate, four speakers will address different aspects of AI implementation and the benefits and challenges they entail.

Admission is free and open to all, but early booking is advisable, please visit https://events.theiet.org/events/great-debate-2024-artificial-intelligence-ai-threat-or-

opportunity-1/.

Staying Connected with BCS Berkshire

You are welcome to join our committee and/or attend <u>our committee meetings</u>. We love to see fresh faces and get your ideas! You can contact us in advance of the meeting at - <u>chair.berkshire@bcs.org.uk.</u>

Please like the <u>BCS Berkshire Facebook page</u>, follow us on Twitter @bcsberkshire and join the <u>BCS Berkshire LinkedIn</u> group. You can find our events on our <u>YouTube channel</u> and <u>Past</u> <u>Events page</u>. For the up-to-date list of BCS events please check the <u>BCS Event listing</u>.

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

