

BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter – March 2026



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Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for March 2026. We hope to bring you more exciting events in the coming months. Keep an eye on [our website](#) for details and other news.

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/jRPe8RqFfV>.

Reading Geek Night – Tuesday 10th March 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 “What is AI Safety” by Phil Lunn. Everyone is welcome. For details, visit their [website](#) and [Social Tech meetup](#).

AI & Recruitment Panel Event - Wednesday 18 March 2026, 6:15pm – 8:30pm

Henley Business School, University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus.



Join TVAI for an evening panel discussion exploring the impact of AI on the recruitment industry, from efficiency-boosting tools to the rise of AI agents that could fundamentally change how hiring works - kindly supported by [GCS](#). This event is free of charge, and open to all.

Register here: <https://lnkd.in/eZpK98rg>

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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