BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter – January 2026

Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for January 2026. On behalf of the BCS Berkshire Branch Committee, we would like to wish our members a Happy New year. We hope to bring you more exciting events in 2026. Keep an eye on our website for details and other news.

Reading STEAM Meetup Groups New Year Social – Tuesday 13th January 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 the Reading STEAM New Year Social. Everyone is welcome. For details, visit their website and Social Tech meetup.

AI Talk on "Myths and Realities of AI" - Thursday 22nd January 2026; 7:30 pm
Braywick Leisure Centre, Braywick Rd, Maidenhead SL6 1BN

"Artificial Intelligence, at least AI as it currently exists is neither artificial nor intelligent. It is, however, extremely clever and certainly capable of doing some tasks better than humans. Equally, it is incapable of doing some tasks at all, but because it has no intelligence, it wants to make up the wrong answer when it is incapable, a phenomenal know as confabulation. Dai will explain why Artificial Intelligence has knowledge gaps and in what areas those gaps are particularly prevalent. Equal"

Full details and registration are available here: https://localevents.theiet.org/register.php?event=350ade

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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