

BCS Berkshire Branch Newsletter



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Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for March 2025. We hope to bring you more exciting events in the coming months. Keep an eye on [our website](#) for details and other news.

Reading Geek Night – Tuesday 11th March 2025; 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 is a great opportunity for networking and discussions about technology, business, and advice. The next event will be a talk titled “Coding with Elan” by Richard Pawson). Everyone is welcome. For details visit their [website](#) and [Social Tech meetup](#).

The Great Debate - Wednesday 12th March 2025; 6:15 – 9:00 pm

The Henley Business School, University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus, Reading, RG6 6UR



The BCS Berkshire Branch in collaboration with the Institution of Engineering and Technology, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, University of Reading, and Institution of Chemical Engineering brings you the 2025 Great Debate. At this year’s Great Debate event, four speakers will address different aspects of key skills needed and global challenges which lie ahead, while safeguarding the future of both people and the planet.

The event is open to all - members and non-members can attend but registration is essential. For details visit : [Great Debate 2025: rethinking engineering and technology](#)

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Launch of TV AI Hub - Thursday 27th March 2025; 6:15 – 8:30 pm

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Join us at Henley Business School on 27th March for the highly anticipated relaunch of Thames Valley Artificial Intelligence! Come and contribute to TVAI Hub’s mission to enhance public understanding of AI, promote responsible adoption, and develop the talent and businesses needed to drive the UK’s AI revolution. The event is open to the public and free to attend but registration is essential. Register here [👉 https://lnkd.in/eAxaENt2](#)

Request for Volunteers – BCS Berkshire Members

The BCS Berkshire Branch Committee would like to request volunteers from our members to support our school outreach programmes on the following dates and venues:

- 24 Mar 2025 - SATRO STEMFEST, Cobham, Surrey
- 25 Apr 2025 - TeenTech, Roehampton University
- 9 July 2025 - Garth Hill School, Bracknell.

If you would like to help at any of these events, please get in touch with Chris Todd-Davies, BCS Berkshire STEM coordinator - chris@todd-davies.co.uk.

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>.
- Google Developers' Group: <https://gdgreading.dev/go/meet>



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