



Welcome

Welcome to the BCS Berkshire branch newsletter for June 2024. 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 June 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 "*Why your security team will never solve the problem of ransomware*" by Peter Fagan. Everyone is welcome. For details visit their [website](#) and [Social Tech meetup](#).

Cybersecurity talk – Thursday 27th June 2024; 7 pm

The Thames Valley Chapter of (ISC)² invites you to a talk on "Government's Secure By Design initiative, why modern risk-based security is essential in the age of AI and how to measure your risk maturity" by George Bathurst. This is a hybrid event. You can join in-person at CGI Offices - 350 Brook Dr, Reading RG2 6UH or Virtual (Teams link is in the Eventbrite invite). For details visit: <https://isc2tvch.co.uk/events.html>.

"Machine Learning Decoded"

On 14 May, we hosted a crash course titled "Machine Learning Decoded: A 20-Minute Crash Course" presented by Paul Leroy. The event aimed to demystify machine learning, providing attendees with a foundational understanding of this transformative technology.

The session was well-attended, with 60 participants. The audience's engagement was notable, with insightful questions and discussions that fueled a dynamic learning environment. The session's interactive nature led to an enriching 30-minute overrun, indicating the audience's interest in the content. Explanations on the complex concepts made the session accessible to both newcomers and those with prior knowledge of machine learning. The positive feedback from participants underscores the event's success. Attendees expressed their appreciation for the clarity of the presentation and the relevance of the topics covered. Due to the high demand and the evident interest in the subject matter, we are exploring the possibility of hosting future sessions on machine learning. These sessions could potentially delve deeper into specific aspects of AI, building upon the foundational knowledge established in this crash course.

Staying Connected with BCS Berkshire

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

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

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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