

## Weekly Update 9 Bought to you by the Deputy

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Don't worry, there hasn't been a coup, Mark is on holiday and so it's been left to me to prepare the weekly news in his absence.

The CSR team, led by Charlotte Roch, had its very first meeting last Monday and covered a lot of exciting ground. The team has some great innovative plans and no doubt we will be hearing more shortly.

Whilst it has been a relatively quiet week on the events and meetings front I have been reminded how well the structure of local institutes works for the CII and PFS and how fortunate our members are. Two days of my time have been spent taking exams with another body – The Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI). Unlike the CII with its network of local institutes and exam centres the closest centre for their written exams is in London.

Some of you may recall last year when we wanted to continue to run two exam centres in Sussex, something that ultimately the central CII would not allow us to do. At the time I know there were some disappointed individuals but the norm with other professional bodies does now seem to be fewer, larger centralised exam centres. It puts into perspective how fortunate we are to have a CII exam centre in the county. Plus, CISI's exam centre didn't have Diana there to welcome you.

### Coming up...

Next week we have the third quarterly regional PFS conference of the year, this time being held at the American Express Community Stadium. On the same day, Southern Regional Forum will have its first meeting with Victoria Rees-Price.

The Croquet Evening is on 9<sup>th</sup> July, with a chance to compete for the Centenary Trophy. Bookings close on 3<sup>rd</sup> July so don't forget to book your place soon if you want to join in the fun. I wonder if we will have a new winning pair this year or whether the winners for the last two years will complete the hat trick?

Two weeks today is the tour of Shoreham Airport. This is a repeat of the event we ran last year which was full and we only have one space left for this year's tour.

On 16<sup>th</sup> July we have Alison Cooper coming down again for a study day on P05. As one of the compulsory exams for the Diploma in Insurance please ask any CII colleagues who are planning to take the Diploma to have a look at the website. There are only 20 places available and almost half have been taken already, so early booking is recommended.

Bye for now

*Richard*