



President's Round Up – Mark Longford

Simply Sparkling!



They say a picture paints a thousand words! So here are a few and you can find more by following the Annual Dinner link on our website's home page.

Thank you to everyone who came and made our first Sussex Annual Dinner a spectacular event. I have many special memories and perhaps the proudest moment was when Robert Fletcher described what we are doing in Sussex as leading the way for the Local Institutes' network.

Congratulations to the Community (CSR) Team for raising £ 2, 148.40 in the Raffle and thank you Pauline and the Company Champs team for raising our profile with your stand in the Pavilion Bar.

May I thank our sponsors, [Bennett Christmas](#) , [Total Systems](#) and [Pavilion Recruitment](#) for their very generous support.

Paula and Colin will be collecting feedback shortly as they begin to make plans for 2017 with Richard. Tickets sold out for this year last November so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment!



**Secretary's Soundbites ('Susan's Stamp!')**

**Keep the buzz!**

Last week must have been a record as I don't normally have the pleasure of meeting so many members and their guests during just two events! Not only did we attract over 250 people in total, but there was a discernible buzz and vibrancy in the air.

Tuesday's seminar on the Insurance Act 2015 drew a large audience to hear this informative and topical presentation from Bruce Hepburn, CEO of Mactavish. For those of us brought up on the Marine Insurance Act 1906, the incoming Act is a major departure - one of the most important changes to the principles of insurance in over 100 years and impacting on all areas of the industry.



To set the scene, Bruce explained the reasons behind the Law Commission's proposed changes, which will come into force in August 2016. He then described the key principles of the changes and discussed their implications. It will be interesting to keep a watching brief and review the effectiveness of the Act next year, perhaps as the subject for a further seminar.



The Annual Dinner was our Sussex name launch flagship event and the culmination of much creative planning and attention to stylish detail by Paula Cook and her team. It was very fitting that Mark's presidential speech told the story of our exciting transformation from Brighton to Sussex Institute, and how this evolved from the seeds of our '2020 Vision' group back in 2012, as well as showcasing recent and current activities. Here are some of the highlights.

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Several of our 2020 Graduates now serve on our institute council and play important roles within the teams that sit under it. We are especially proud that Richard Cohen, our

preferred candidate at the AGM elections was one of our first Graduates. We are now more inclusive too, as our council is balanced male, female, young and more experienced.

As 'Sussex' we have modernised and streamlined our structure and processes. However our focus as the primary insurance and financial services professional educational body remains unchanged. This year we have hosted an average of one event every two weeks and co-hosted a regional conference with our colleagues from North Downs. Feedback from attendees is consistently above 90% and there is a definite ripple effect as our footprint widens across Sussex.

As well as a Secretariat and a Programme team, we have two new teams. Membership Engagement supports employers and within this, we have set up a group of Company Champions to spread the word about IIS within their companies. Our Corporate Social Responsibility (now Community) team brings together our charity work and outreach into the community.

Thanks to the support of our Regional Membership Manager, Victoria Rees-Price, we have reached out to other institutes, supported the CII centrally and seen our name in The Journal on several occasions.

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We have so much to celebrate and the sparkling firework display after Mark's speech captured the exhilaration perfectly. An unexpected surprise - just look at the delighted smiles on everybody's faces, Mark's included!

As we continue our Sussex journey, I invite you to take up Mark's invitation to join us at our many and varied events during the year, visit our website, connect and follow us on social media and tell us how we can continue improving, as **your** institute. We have so much to offer and we welcome support in any areas of our activities. Please help us to keep the buzz alive and ensure that Sussex continues to sparkle!

Best wishes.



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February		March		April		May	
<i>Review date tba</i>		<i>possible extra talk &amp; Prog team mtg dates tba</i>		<i>Add Notes</i>		<i>CSR Fraud talk? May or June</i>	
1 Mo		1 Tu	2xNetworking SS	1 Fr		1 Su	
2 Tu	Info gathering skills SS	2 We		2 Sa		2 Mo	May Bank Holiday
3 We	PFS Officers' Conf/Jt mtg	3 Th	Council reports deadline	3 Su		3 Tu	
4 Th	PFS Officers' Conf	4 Fr		4 Mo		4 We	
5 Fr		5 Sa		5 Tu	Eastbourne Pier fire AF	5 Th	
6 Sa		6 Su		6 We		6 Fr	
7 Su		7 Mo		7 Th		7 Sa	
8 Mo		8 Tu		8 Fr		8 Su	
9 Tu	Company Champs PZ	9 We	Jt Conf mtg PB/SS/(Jones)	9 Sa		9 Mo	
10 We	FS CPD talk SS	10 Th	Kent Conference	10 Su		10 Tu	
11 Th		11 Fr	STRATEGY GROUPGJ	11 Mo	CII Written Exams	11 We	
12 Fr		12 Sa		12 Tu	CII Written & PFS Q2	12 Th	
13 Sa		13 Su		13 We	CII Written Exams	13 Fr	
14 Su		14 Mo		14 Th		14 Sa	
15 Mo		15 Tu		15 Fr		15 Su	
16 Tu		16 We		16 Sa		16 Mo	
17 We		17 Th	COUNCIL ML	17 Su		17 Tu	
18 Th		18 Fr		18 Mo		18 We	CII NC2016
19 Fr		19 Sa		19 Tu		19 Th	Jt Network Event Btn U
20 Sa		20 Su		20 We		20 Fr	
21 Su		21 Mo		21 Th	Structural defects PB	21 Sa	
22 Mo		22 Tu		22 Fr		22 Su	
23 Tu		23 We		23 Sa		23 Mo	
24 We		24 Th		24 Su		24 Tu	
25 Th		25 Fr	Good Friday	25 Mo		25 We	
26 Fr	Review IIS H&S policy (SS)	26 Sa		26 Tu		26 Th	
27 Sa		27 Su		27 We	AGM/Awards Evening	27 Fr	
28 Su		28 Mo	Easter Monday	28 Th		28 Sa	
29 Mo		29 Tu		29 Fr		29 Su	
		30 We		30 Sa		30 Mo	Spring Bank Holiday
		31 Th		Network News deadline 2 May		31 Tu	