



'Simply' Simply!

(This final 2015-16 edition is presented jointly by editors 'Team M & S', Mark Longford and Susan Stamp, President and Secretary respectively.)

We launched 'Simply Sussex' at the start of our first year as Sussex CII. Produced weekly with breaks for Christmas and Easter, our aim was to share the energy that has been growing since our Centenary in 2012. Simply soon attracted readers far beyond our council and is regularly read within the CII and other local institutes. CII President Robert Fletcher is a reader and complimented Simply and the whole Sussex team at our Annual Dinner in January.

Unlike other newsletters we decided to go beyond publicising future events and by introducing an Events Planner each week, we were freed up to concentrate on engaging with council, members, speakers and the CII. In short, Simply has been about the many people who make Sussex and helps all readers to be part of our successful team.

Please forgive a little self-indulgence as we pick out some of our favourite editions. All are available on the Sussex CII website, [Simply Sussex](#) and together provide a record of the evolving year.



Brighton is generally agreed to be the unofficial "gay capital" of the UK, and records confirm LGBT history in the city since the 19th century. I saw this poster in Brighton in May and in Simply 13 wrote about how far the CII and Sussex have come in **Embracing Diversity** since Pride was launched in 1990. Thousands of people watch the parade every year and, according to Pride's website, it is the best 'shop window' for community groups and businesses to get their message of support across for Pride and the message of equality and diversity. Corporates like American Express, Domestic & General and Barclays have floats and one day, perhaps IIS?



Jointly with North Downs Insurance Institute, we were finally able to achieve our long-standing dream of hosting a prestige all-day **Learning & Development Conference**. This took place on 8 October and was featured in Simply 24. The day contained a varied programme of technical, regulatory and soft skills CPD seminars and networking for at least 110 general insurance and financial services delegates. Delegates are still enthusing about Mandy Hickson, our

keynote speaker, pictured here with Mark, our Conference Chairman. Mandy's amazing motivational seminar drew on her career in the RAF, as one of the first women to fly a Tornado GR4 operationally.

In early November, Edition 28, we met our **Sussex Seniors**, those men and women who have retired from our profession but who wish to keep in touch. Hosting Afternoon Tea at Borde Hill we shared anecdotes from the past and present. We believe this was the first such local institute event and look forward to repeating it in 2016 when the good weather arrives.



As Edition 29 showed, it wouldn't be November without our **Annual Charity Quiz**. The event has gone from strength to strength and for the first time, our CSR (now Community) team introduced a charities questions round. Organised by Ian Sadler and Charlotte Penson, this evening of fun and cerebral challenges raised £447.97 including gift aid, for the Shoreham Air Show Fund. What an achievement for our CSR team and a fantastic result for this deserving local cause! Congratulations to the winning team, N&G's Young NAGS.



Hours after arriving home from the **Annual Dinner** we captured our impressions of what became our Launch Party! In Edition 38 we used photos to describe the evening but for most readers the sparkling evening will remain in their memories for many years to come. If you weren't there, do have a look and be sure to book early for next January!



'WOW' summed up the message in Edition 39 perfectly. Not just the **Women Of the World Festival** in London but a celebration of our talented female colleagues within Sussex CII who are helping influence its direction through their professionalism and energy. The roll call of names, especially those in senior council positions, says it all and

shows how far our institute has progressed and embraced equal opportunities over the past year. This continues as Zoe Thomas will be seeking election as Deputy President at the AGM on Wednesday.



Edition 40 showcased the fantastic work of our **Company Champions**, led so enthusiastically by Pauline Zahoui. As this was issued around Valentine's Day, it was headed 'We love our Company Champions' and focused on the group's successful 10 February meeting. We're

always keen to welcome more Champions and work closely with as many firms as possible throughout Sussex, so if you're interested or would like any further information, please contact us.



What's next for Simply Sussex in 2016-17?



It's goodbye from Mark and welcome to Richard Cohen, our incoming President and Simply's new Editor in Chief, who will produce future editions jointly with Susan. Those of you attending our AGM and Presidents' Evening on Wednesday will have the opportunity to wish Mark well and also get to know Richard informally over drinks and a buffet.

Simply will move from weekly to monthly. However it will continue to give you all the latest news about our institute and details of what's coming, including the usual handy 'see at a glance' events diary.

We are keen to feature articles from guest contributors, to give added variety and keep things fresh. There are no doubt lots of interesting insurance and financial services stories out there just waiting to be told so please send these to Susan at secretary@sussexcii.org.uk. As Simply is not merely an events guide but a way of reaching out and connecting with our readers, perhaps interviews with some of our council members and Company Champions too?

Our Programme team is preparing a fantastic line-up of CPD events and speakers for the new presidential year. Several familiar faces will be making a return visit by popular demand and we will also be welcoming new ones. A guest slot in Simply would be a perfect way for any of our speakers to introduce themselves to our audiences beforehand and tell us a little about their forthcoming seminars.

Our first guest writer will be Jeff Heasman, who captured our imaginations and challenged our minds with his innovative take on Donoghue v Stevenson, and commonsense approach to plain English and information gathering and questioning techniques. Jeff will be returning to present two new seminars, hopefully early in 2017. Meanwhile, we can look forward to his articles as our very own English language 'agony uncle' and he will start by picking a frequently asked question from his many international lecturing travels.

We aim to publish Simply on our website around the first Monday of each month, starting from June. To ensure you don't miss it, why not sign up to Sussex CII's social media to receive the prompts and links? Our Twitter and LinkedIn details are shown below.

Thank you to all our readers for your support and kind words during the past year. Please keep reading and help us to make 2016-17 another memorable one as we enter our second year as Sussex.

Best wishes.



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April	May	June	July
		<i>EU Referendum & Arundel walk?</i>	
	1 Su	1 We COUNCIL RC	1 Fr
	2 Sa	2 Th	2 Sa
3 Su	3 Tu	3 Fr	3 Su
4 Mo	4 We AGM officer return due	4 Sa	4 Mo Simply Sussex
5 Tu Eastbourne Pier fire AF	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu Croquet Evening
6 We	6 Fr	6 Mo Simply Sussex	6 We
7 Th	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th
8 Fr	8 Su	8 We Technology & the futu	8 Fr
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10 Su	10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Su
11 Mo CII Written Exams	11 We	11 Sa	11 Mo
12 Tu CII Written & PFS Q2	12 Th	12 Su	12 Tu CPD talk? OR
13 We CII Written Exams	13 Fr Annual return target d	13 Mo	13 We CPD talk? OR
14 Th	14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Th CPD talk? OR ABOVE?
15 Fr	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr
16 Sa	16 Mo Jt Conf mtgPB/SS/Glon	16 Th	16 Sa
17 Su	17 Tu	17 Fr	17 Su
18 Mo	18 We CII NC2016	18 Sa	18 Mo
19 Tu	19 Th Jt Network Event Btn U	19 Su	19 Tu
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21 Th Structural defects PB	21 Sa	21 Tu	21 Th
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23 Sa	23 Mo Council reports d'line	23 Th EU REFERENDUM	23 Sa
24 Su	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Su
25 Mo	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo
26 Tu	26 Th D&O talk	26 Su	26 Tu
27 We AGM/Presidents' Eveni	27 Fr	27 Mo	27 We Brighton Sewer tour
28 Th	28 Sa	28 Tu UK Flooding SS	28 Th
29 Fr Network News d'line	29 Su	29 We PFS Q3 Conf	29 Fr
30 Sa	30 Mo Spring Bank Holiday	30 Th	30 Sa
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