



Dear Member,

At last, it seems like spring is finally here - and it definitely feels good to be able to type this with the window open and the heating off! However, the arrival of better weather is also a reminder that time is moving on; and so, with plenty of exciting events already in the calendar for my presidential year, I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you an update about what's coming up over the next few months, so you can be sure to get the most out of your membership.

Many of you will already know that, following on from the great work put in place by my predecessor, Colin Low, I have committed to concentrating on two key issues during my time in office: women and young people. Hopefully you will start to see this theme coming through in the educational and social events that we have planned so far. Again, you may be aware that my chosen charity is the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, and I am looking forward to raising as much money as possible for this extremely worthy cause, together. You can read more about my focus for the year, and the reason for my chosen charity, in my 'President's Message' on our website here.



Your Local Council

In my speech at the annual dinner, as well as in my welcome message, I talked a little about your local council and what it means to be a part of it - but do you know who your local council members are? There are currently 21 of us, representing at least seven different local companies:

President & Dinner Secretary - Johanna Mulley, Crawford and Company Immediate Past President - Colin Low, Kingsfleet Wealth Ltd Education Secretary & Vice President - Mark Harris, AXA Insurance Secretary & Vice President - Paul Sturges, Crawford and Company Vice President - Sally Bramall, Willis Towers Watson Treasurer - Jessica Addison, Willis Towers Watson Sports & Social Secretary - Oliver Mark, Willis Towers Watson Exam Invigilation Co-ordinator - Mike Farrer Communications Secretary - Charlotte Miles, Kingsfleet Wealth Ltd Charities Representative - Phil Rawlings, AXA Insurance

Careers Officer - Naomi Stuart, AXA Insurance

Prize Secretary - Sarah Deacon, Willis Towers Watson

Deputy Education Secretary - Ed Hance, Arc Legal Assistance Ltd

Membership Secretary - Laura Blythe, Woodward Markwell

Golf Secretary - Andrew Donald, Seven Investment Management

Council Member - Steve Welch, Willis Towers Watson Council Member - Richard Brame, Willis Towers Watson

Council Member - George Hinds, Kingsfleet Wealth Ltd

Council Member - James Waddy, Arc Legal Assistance Ltd

Council Member - Rhiannon Shave

Council Member - Jennie Scannell, AXA Insurance

We are a friendly group of individuals with a common desire to want to get the best out of the local institute for our members. Maybe joining us might be something you are interested in? If so, please drop us an email at ipswichinstitute@cii.co.uk and let us know; we'd love to hear from you.

Mike's Bike Ride – Paris to the UK

On the topic of council members, I'd like to let you know about an amazing feat that one of the abovementioned individuals is undertaking soon. Mike Farrer (who will be celebrating an incredible half-century as a member of your local council next year!) is going to cycle home to the UK from Paris starting on the 27th May 2017 – a total distance of around 350 miles. Mike is hoping to raise a tidy sum for the East Anglian Air Ambulance through his efforts; it's a hugely important cause, so if you feel you would like to sponsor him, please visit his JustGiving page here.





Student Mentoring

We were really pleased when the mentoring scheme that our Careers Officer, Naomi Stuart of AXA Insurance, has been working really hard to put together, was featured in The Journal this month. Naomi spent a lot of time collaborating with Suffolk One to put together a series of mentoring sessions in the latter part of 2016. Supported by members of our Young Professional Group, the team were able to offer business and economics students in years 12 and 13 an opportunity to gain an insight into the profession, while improving their job application skills. We have had great feedback following the sessions. Well done, Naomi!

Annual Dinner 2018!

We aren't advertising this yet, so keep it under your hat - but we are moving to a new venue for our Annual Dinner 2018, and it's going to be spectacular! Watch out for more news soon...



For Young Professionals.....

A Pukka Event! - 9th June 2017 from 6:30pm

On the 9th June 2017 we will be holding an event open to all members, but aimed particularly at our Young Professionals. We are really lucky to have secured Sam White, CEO of Action365 and Pukka Insure, to come and talk



to us. Sam is a serial entrepreneur with a habit of not taking no for an answer. She set up her first business at 24 and hasn't sat still since. If you want to gain an insight into what this evening might be like, look up Sam on YouTube, at the BIBA conference last year. This is going to be an after work event at our venue at Quay Place in Ipswich. Sam will be talking from 6pm and this will be followed by a chance to network with complimentary wine and nibbles until 9:30pm. It's a unique opportunity you won't want to miss! Click here to book your place now.

Greene King Brewery Tour

Tentatively booked for the evening of 22nd June, this is an event arranged by our Young Professionals Group, in conjunction with Cambridge CII, solely for Young Professional CII members. The evening will start with a tour of the Greene King Brewery in Bury St Edmunds and will finish up in the Greene King Beer Café where plenty of food will be provided to mop up the beer! More details will follow soon - book early, as places will be very limited.



Pre-General Election Tours - free for 18-24 year olds

With the general election looming, here is something that might be of interest to our younger members: The Houses of Parliament remains open to visitors in the period running up to June 8th and all UK 'young voters' - i.e. those currently aged 18 to 24 - can book a free place on one of the guided tours that are available. Click here for more details

CII Regional Conference – Thursday 14th September 2017

We are hugely excited to announce that this year, for the first time, we will be holding a full day conference, which will take place at Ipswich Town Football Club in September. Topics will include driverless cars, business interruption, digital transformation, ethical hacking, data protection reforms and the importance of listening, from a former hostage negotiator. Lunch and regular refreshments will be provided.

It's shaping up to be a really interesting day, and will be worth five hours of CPD. Booking is open now and places will be limited. More information, including the programme for the day, will be issued very shortly but in the meantime, you can pre-book your ticket/s here.

That's all for now - thanks for reading, I hope the weather holds... and I will be back in touch with another update next month!

Johanna Mulley

President at the Insurance Institute of Ipswich, Suffolk and North Essex.

