

## Weekend Update 12 Up, Up and Away!

19 July 2015



I'm still kicking myself! I had to pull out of the visit to Shoreham Airport last weekend for family reasons. I have heard what a fabulous event it was and this photo brought back memories of flying from RAF Manston aged 13 in a de Havilland Chipmunk. It was 40 or so! years ago so to discover that a 'Chippy' was still airworthy was a big surprise. I learnt to take off, circuit (but never mastered landing)!

Being your President has some comparisons. Lots of pre-flight checks, the pilot, Graham, handed over control; we tried a few new manoeuvres and are now setting out on our course. Ground Control (Susan and Victoria) are in contact and ensuring we reach our destination in good shape. Weekend News is our Log Book. The AGM will be my landing.

Susan reports that our **PO5 Study Day** was extremely successful and that it was fantastic to see attendees gain confidence as the day went on. This was a very interactive session and several people commented that the key topics now make sense thanks to Alison's explanations and guidance on how to plan study time around the syllabus. Alison's fun approach and use of a traffic light knowledge grading system and coloured study notes went down well. Susan had 3 entirely unsolicited thank you emails, which was lovely. The attendees were a really friendly group, including several newcomers and two very welcome guests from North Downs Institute. There is a real appetite for student support and Richard is on the case.



A new seminar is now open for bookings on the website – '**Personal Impact**' led by Janie van Hool, an Executive Coach, who will help you learn the art of brevity and simplicity as you control your nerves and exercise emotional self-control. This is a development event arranged by 2020 (Charlotte Roch) and will be of particular benefit to our younger members (but all are welcome of course). Book early as I am sure that this will be fully subscribed and is one not to miss.

Nigel has been working closely with Victoria to tailor the new website to meet our members' needs. Victoria and I have a catch-up in the diary this week to review a number of initiatives and I will have some updates in the next News. Having a close relationship with the central CII is vital to our Local Institute and through Victoria I have invited Grant Scott, CII Vice President, to join our Council Meeting in September together with Victoria. If this goes ahead I hope to share the energy that Richard and Zoe experienced with me at the recent Network Conference. It will also give Council Members the opportunity to ask questions on the CII's future plans.

Plans for Membership Engagement include an autumn reception for employers. Graham has asked for nominations of influential people in companies he can invite and who would support Pauline in growing a Company Champions network. Please contact Graham direct.

## CII New Generation Programme 2015/16

Are you, or do you know, a CII member with 5-10 years' experience and a minimum designation of Dip CII? If so it is worth finding out about the 2015/16 New Generation programme which is open for applications until 7 August. Designed to complement existing company talent programmes, the year-long CPD programme will provide group members with a range of learning opportunities, including:

- An interactive session with key personnel from the FCA
- Talks from Members of Parliament and trade bodies in the insurance sector, and a tour of the Houses of Parliament
- Training on subjects such as leadership and handling the media
- A variety of informal networking opportunities

For further details and to apply for your place, visit [www.cii.co.uk/events/new-generation-programme](http://www.cii.co.uk/events/new-generation-programme).

*This is an excellent programme and places are extremely limited. The IIS also offers fantastic opportunities through participation on Council, attending and helping at events, and CSR. By getting involved we can all develop together. Make the most! (Thought – Phil and Richard, can we arrange a trip to Lloyds and the Houses of Parliament?)*

Finally, although I introduced this Update as a personal catch up I have received several contributions and suggestions from recipients. Please continue to let Susan or me have your ideas and items to promote. We will then produce what has become **your** Weekend Update.

Have a good week!



Coming soon (extract from Planner) /Overleaf.

| July      |                            | August                                      |                    | September |                           |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Add Notes |                            | <i>Minimal bookings due to availability</i> |                    |           |                           |
| 1 We      | PFS Conference & WJ        | 1 Sa  |                    | 1 Tu      |                           |
| 2 Th      |                            | 2 Su  |                    | 2 We      | Personal Impact - CI      |
| 3 Fr      |                            | 3 Mo  | Wk 32              | 3 Th      | Council reports deadline  |
| 4 Sa      |                            | 4 Tu  |                    | 4 Fr      | STRATEGY GROUP GI         |
| 5 Su      |                            | 5 We  | Leaves walk (1) GI | 5 Sa      |                           |
| 6 Mo      | Wk 28                      | 6 Th  | Leaves walk (2) GI | 6 Su      |                           |
| 7 Tu      |                            | 7 Fr  |                    | 7 Mo      | Wk 37                     |
| 8 We      |                            | 8 Sa  |                    | 8 Tu      |                           |
| 9 Th      | Croquet - SS/Robin         | 9 Su  |                    | 9 We      | PROGRAMME PB              |
| 10 Fr     |                            | 10 Mo                                       | Wk 33              | 10 Th     | CPD Conf ring PB/SS/TT    |
| 11 Sa     | Shoreham Airport Tour -SS  | 11 Tu                                       |                    | 11 Fr     |                           |
| 12 Su     |                            | 12 We                                       |                    | 12 Sa     |                           |
| 13 Mo     | Wk 29                      | 13 Th                                       |                    | 13 Su     |                           |
| 14 Tu     |                            | 14 Fr                                       |                    | 14 Mo     | Wk 38                     |
| 15 We     |                            | 15 Sa                                       |                    | 15 Tu     |                           |
| 16 Th     | Study Day Alison Cooper/WC | 16 Su                                       |                    | 16 We     |                           |
| 17 Fr     |                            | 17 Mo                                       | Wk 34              | 17 Th     | COUNCIL ML                |
| 18 Sa     |                            | 18 Tu                                       |                    | 18 Fr     |                           |
| 19 Su     |                            | 19 We                                       |                    | 19 Sa     |                           |
| 20 Mo     | Wk 30                      | 20 Th                                       |                    | 20 Su     |                           |
| 21 Tu     |                            | 21 Fr                                       |                    | 21 Mo     | Wk 39                     |
| 22 We     | CI Rep Council             | 22 Sa                                       |                    | 22 Tu     |                           |
| 23 Th     |                            | 23 Su                                       |                    | 23 We     |                           |
| 24 Fr     |                            | 24 Mo                                       | Wk 35              | 24 Th     |                           |
| 25 Sa     |                            | 25 Tu                                       |                    | 25 Fr     |                           |
| 26 Su     |                            | 26 We                                       |                    | 26 Sa     |                           |
| 27 Mo     | Wk 31                      | 27 Th                                       |                    | 27 Su     |                           |
| 28 Tu     |                            | 28 Fr                                       |                    | 28 Mo     | Wk 40                     |
| 29 We     |                            | 29 Sa                                       |                    | 29 Tu     | Professional indemnity GI |
| 30 Th     |                            | 30 Su                                       |                    | 30 We     |                           |
| 31 Fr     |                            | 31 Mo August Bank Hol.                      | Wk 36              |           |                           |