



President's Round Up – Mark Longford

Merry Christmas!

It has been quite a year for Sussex! In keeping with television and radio tradition, Susan has produced our own review and I would simply like to thank everyone for their energy and support. From today the days will be getting longer and we will pick up our pace again in January with team meetings and our first CPD event of 2016. And, of course, we have our Annual Dinner to look forward to.

For now may I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, successful New Year.



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



Happy Christmas holiday!

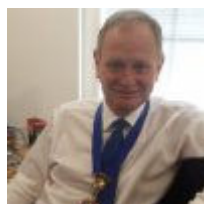
I'm on Christmas countdown now – just issuing some meeting invitations and my alter-ego, Nagalot, is chasing on a few final loose ends.

In readiness for changing my laptop, I've started a massive email housekeeping session. While trawling through my inbox and sent box, it has hit me how far our institute has come over the past 12 months, in its depth, breadth and achievements. I'm reliving 2015 week by week and watching everything unfold, from the last four months of Graham's presidency and through Mark's first eight months.

What a fantastic year we've had! The name change vote on 15 January got this off to a flying start and set the stage for a new era, and we renewed our CPD Accreditation successfully in April.



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A few weeks later, history was made when Graham signed off as last President of the Brighton Institute and Mark became the first President of the Sussex Institute. Mark introduced a new structure and streamlined reporting procedures, which have enabled us to operate and serve our members more efficiently.



During 2015, we have reached out to all segments of our membership, from students to retirees. We are proud that we delivered 26 CPD events, over 10 different Sussex venues, with an average performance score of 91%. The centrepiece in this year's programme was definitely the all-day Learning and Development Conference which we hosted with North Downs Insurance Institute. And let's not forget our 9 successful social events either, including the inaugural Sussex Seniors' Afternoon Tea, another very special occasion.

However statistics only tell part of the story. Keeping the friendly personal and caring touch has remained very close to IIS' heart, both through our Community (CSR) team and the dedication of our council and other team colleagues. We have exciting plans to serve our members and the wider Sussex community during 2016, which will be revealed over the forthcoming weeks and months.

There will always be a warm welcome awaiting you at our events and we are keen to hear from you in between, by email, phone and via our recently-added social media platforms. As we will be posting regularly, do follow us on Twitter @sussex_cii and LinkedIn (Sussex CII). Do keep in touch as we rely on two-way communication to keep growing and remain fresh and relevant.

At the risk of emulating Gwyneth Paltrow at the Oscars, please excuse me while I compose myself and dab my eyes! I would like to thank everybody who has helped make this year's events such a success. Nigel, we would never have managed without your tireless work behind the scenes in creating the excellent flyers and web pages. Also and in no particular order..... cue drum roll..... Phil, Graham, Mark, Richard, Charlotte Roch, Charlotte Penson, Paula, Zoe, Ian Sadler, John and Alasdair, please step forward and take a bow. Thanks too, Sarah Sansom, Daryn Buckley and Robin Wootton for hosting at your venues. You have all been fantastic and teamwork got the show on the road.



If I could ask the Christmas tree fairy to grant IIS one wish, I'd ask that the buzz which has been building all year may continue gathering momentum into 2016, beyond the AGM and through into Richard's presidency. Onwards and upwards as we go into the New Year!

I'll add my own festive greetings to Mark's, in wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and in hoping that 2016 brings you every happiness and good health.

Best wishes.

(Simply Sussex will take a holiday over the Christmas and New Year break returning on 11 January.)



Notes for the Diary:

Year Planner 2015 - 16

December		January		February		March		April	
<i>Minimal bookings due to availability</i>				<i>AMM Review date tba</i>		<i>Possible CSR evening talk tba</i>		<i>Add Notes</i>	
1 Tu	COUNCIL RC to run	1 Fr	New Year's Day	1 Mo		1 Tu	2xNetworking SS	1 Fr	
2 We		2 Sa		2 Tu	Info gathering skills SS	2 We		2 Sa	
3 Th		3 Su		3 We		3 Th	Council reports deadline	3 Su	
4 Fr	Christmas lunch SS	4 Mo		4 Th		4 Fr		4 Mo	
5 Sa		5 Tu		5 Fr		5 Sa		5 Tu	Eastbourne Pier fire AF
6 Su		6 We		6 Sa		6 Su		6 We	
7 Mo		7 Th		7 Su		7 Mo		7 Th	
8 Tu		8 Fr		8 Mo		8 Tu		8 Fr	
9 We		9 Sa		9 Tu		9 We		9 Sa	
10 Th		10 Su		10 We	Clandon fire talk ML	10 Th		10 Su	
11 Fr		11 Mo		11 Th		11 Fr	STRATEGY GROUPGJ	11 Mo	CII Written Exams prep
12 Sa		12 Tu	PROGRAMME PB	12 Fr		12 Sa		12 Tu	CII Written Exams prep
13 Su		13 We		13 Sa		13 Su		13	CII Written Exams prep
14 Mo		14 Th		14 Su		14 Mo		14 Th	
15 Tu	Expenses deadline	15 Fr		15 Mo		15 Tu		15 Fr	
16 We		16 Sa		16 Tu		16 We		16 Sa	
17 Th		17 Su		17 We		17 Th	COUNCIL ML	17 Su	
18 Fr		18 Mo		18 Th		18 Fr		18 Mo	
19 Sa		19 Tu		19 Fr		19 Sa		19 Tu	
20 Su		20 We	Donoghue v Stevenson	20 Sa		20 Su		20 We	
21 Mo		21 Th		21 Su		21 Mo		21 Th	Structural defects PB
22 Tu		22 Fr		22 Mo		22 Tu		22 Fr	
23 We		23 Sa		23 Tu		23 We		23 Sa	
24 Th		24 Su		24 We		24 Th		24 Su	
25 Fr	Christmas Day	25 Mo		25 Th		25 Fr	Good Friday	25 Mo	
26 Sa	Boxing Day	26 Tu	Insurance Act PB	26 Fr	Review IIS H&S policy (SS)	26 Sa		26 Tu	
27 Su		27 We		27 Sa		27 Su		27 We	AGM/Awards Dinner
28 Mo	B/H	28 Th		28 Su		28 Mo	Easter Monday	28 Th	
29 Tu		29 Fr	ANNUAL DINNER	29 Mo		29 Tu		29 Fr	
30 We		30 Sa				30 We		30 Sa	
31 Th		31 Su				31 Th			Network News deadline 2 May