



President's Round Up – Mark Longford

Monkey Business!



A very Happy New Year and for those members born in 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992 it is extra special as the Chinese will be celebrating 'The Year of the Monkey'. Those born under the sign of the Monkey are likely to view life as a series of quick events. If something is exciting, then they are likely to act upon it and see what comes their way. This largely reflects our own,

IIS, character as we continue to make progress and prepare for Richard's presidency in April.

This year will be one of change for the CII. National President, Robert Fletcher, today announced the appointment of Sian Fisher as CEO of the CII (that's a mouthful!). Sian succeeds Dr Sandy Scott who retires this month and she currently sits on the Insurance Institute of London Council. I very much hope we have an early opportunity to meet Sian and share some of our experiences and ideas as the CII plans for the future.



Over the next few weeks we have a number of events planned, the major one being the Annual Dinner on 29th January celebrating our name change. Paula and Colin listened to suggestions and have put together what I know will be a very special evening with friends and colleagues old and new, music and dancing, (shortened) speeches, Prize Winner presentations, a 'Sussex' Charity Raffle introduced by Zoe and, 'the world's first interactive comedian', John Martin. No wonder tickets were sold out in November!

We are extremely grateful to our Annual Dinner sponsors Total Systems, Pavilion Recruitment and Bennett Christmas. Their generous support has enabled us to celebrate in style whilst capping ticket prices.



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

Sussex is in The Journal – twice in one issue!



Sussex & North Downs Institutes join forces

We've got 2016 off to a great start with not just one but two IIS appearances in the latest Journal. On page 12, there is a short article about the all-day Learning and Development Conference which we co-hosted with North Downs Institute in October. You can't miss it as there is a photo of Mark shaking hands with Mandy



Hickson, our keynote speaker - one of the first women to fly the GR4 Tornado operationally.

As this event was the special highlight of our year, it's exciting to see it showcased nationally. I'm thrilled that there is demand for a similar Conference in 2016 and I'm looking forward to being part of the planning team again.



My tweet of 9 December 2015 about the CII's soft skills e-books, features in 'From the CII Twitterati' on page 7.

Have you seen these books yet? The set of 'useful guides' is an expanding series of free downloadable e-books on a wide variety of soft skills topics, from PRINCE 2 to mentoring. Some of these are directly work-related and others are more holistic, addressing emotive personal issues such as facing redundancy, restful nights for working parents and for being resilient. I was particularly impressed with the latter; 250 pages of realistic and practical advice that can be dipped into selectively when needed, thanks to the comprehensive index.

All of the guides are written in plain English, by authors with considerable experience in their fields, and are easy to follow. To access and download, just follow the on-screen links from my twitter page (Susan Stamp@susan_stamp) and sign in to the members' only section of the CII website using your PIN and password. Happy reading!

Online booking (<http://www.localinstitutes.cii.co.uk/sussex/home/events>) is now open for our first CPD event of 2016. This alternative and highly intriguing review of 'Donoghue v Stevenson' will be presented by Jeff Heasman on Wednesday 20 January, 5.30pm at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath.



A warm welcome to Jeff, our guest writer for this week, who has given us a sneak preview of his seminar.

'Not many cases in the law textbooks and insurance manuals are immortalised in a town with a memorial park and monument. However, that's the case when it comes to Donoghue v Stevenson. You'll find them in Paisley, if you happen to be passing through. In fact, as I have lectured law in various parts of the world over the years, I have come to realise that it's also the only case that is immortalised in the memory of students and insurance professionals. Well, occasionally Rylands v Fletcher also finds a space in the memory, though I'm not aware of a memorial park or monument.

Everyone remembers at least the very basic facts of Donoghue v Stevenson but could it really be that there was no snail in a bottle of ginger beer, or even that May Donoghue was complicit in a 1920s fraudulent claim?



Everyone remembers the neighbourhood principle (some line by line from burning the midnight revision oil) from Lord Atkin's judgment but it couldn't possibly be that Lord Atkin's neighbourhood principle wasn't actually as ground-breaking as the law books lead us to believe, could it?

I appreciate that telling someone who has studied law that all is not what it seems when it comes to Donoghue v Stevenson is like telling someone Santa doesn't really exist. So, I apologise now that I am some sort of modern-day legal Scrooge.

Be prepared, this seminar is likely to raise more questions than it answers as we delve into extracts from the original medical records and pleadings. Every good story also requires some curious characters – we'll learn more about the main protagonists, including the tenacious solicitor who acted for May Donoghue. We'll explore why it might be that Lord Atkin's neighbourhood principle caught the imagination when in fact it wasn't as ground-breaking at the time as some books would have you believe.

Be warned, if you are still in denial after Christmas that Santa doesn't really exist, and you're not ready for more bad news, you may want to cover your ears during this talk. The curious case of the snail in the bottle of ginger beer is about to become even more curious. '

Best wishes.



2016



January	February	March	April	May
	<i>AMM Review date tba</i>	<i>Possible CSR talk & Prog team mtg dates tba</i>	<i>Add Notes</i>	<i>CSR Fraud talk? May or June</i>
1 Fr New Year's Day	1 Mo	1 Tu 2xNetworking SS	1 Fr	1 Su
2 Sa	2 Tu Info gathering skills SS	2 We	2 Sa	2 Mo May Bank Holiday
3 Su	3 We	3 Th Council reports deadline	3 Su	3 Tu
4 Mo	4 Th	4 Fr	4 Mo	4 We
5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Sa	5 Tu Eastbourne Pier fire AF	5 Th
6 We	6 Sa	6 Su	6 We	6 Fr
7 Th	7 Su	7 Mo	7 Th	7 Sa
8 Fr	8 Mo	8 Tu	8 Fr	8 Su
9 Sa	9 Tu	9 We	9 Sa	9 Mo
10 Su	10 We Clandon fire talk ML	10 Th	10 Su	10 Tu
11 Mo	11 Th	11 Fr STRATEGY GROUPGJ	11 Mo CII Written Exams prop	11 We
12 Tu PROGRAMME PB	12 Fr	12 Sa	12 Tu CII Written Exams prop	12 Th
13 We	13 Sa	13 Su	13 We CII Written Exams prop	13 Fr
14 Th	14 Su	14 Mo	14 Th	14 Sa
15 Fr	15 Mo	15 Tu	15 Fr	15 Su
16 Sa	16 Tu	16 We	16 Sa	16 Mo
17 Su	17 We	17 Th COUNCIL ML	17 Su	17 Tu
18 Mo	18 Th	18 Fr	18 Mo	18 We
19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Sa	19 Tu	19 Th Jt Network Event Btn U
20 We Donoghue v Stevenson	20 Sa	20 Su	20 We	20 Fr
21 Th	21 Su	21 Mo	21 Th Structural defects PB	21 Sa
22 Fr	22 Mo	22 Tu	22 Fr	22 Su
23 Sa	23 Tu	23 We	23 Sa	23 Mo
24 Su	24 We	24 Th	24 Su	24 Tu
25 Mo	25 Th	25 Fr Good Friday	25 Mo	25 We
26 Tu Insurance Act. PB	26 Fr Review IIS H&S policy (SS)	26 Sa	26 Tu	26 Th
27 We	27 Sa	27 Su	27 We AGM/Awards Evening	27 Fr
28 Th	28 Su	28 Mo Easter Monday	28 Th	28 Sa
29 Fr ANNUAL DINNER	29 Mo	29 Tu	29 Fr	29 Su
30 Sa		30 We	30 Sa	30 Mo Spring Bank Holiday
31 Su		31 Th	Network News deadline 2 May	31 Tu