

# Annual Report – 2015-16

## Introduction

Following the inevitably busy and high profile Centenary Year in 2014/15, the Institute maintained a very high level of activity throughout 2015/16, delivering an extensive and varied programme of Education, Training and Social Networking events for its members.

## Education & CPD Support

We extended our quantity and variety of Education, Training and CPD events during 2015/16, with an emphasis on current high profile topics and by providing more seminars for our PFS members. A mixture of formats were provided; from the standard 1 hour lunch time seminars to half-day and breakfast-time technical briefings. A full day workshop has also been held.

The following topics have been covered: The Insurance Act, Pensions Updates, An Adjusters View of a Major Loss, Environmental Impairment, Offshore Bonds, MGA's, Charity Insurance, Business Interruption – Technical Workshop, The Outlook for the UK Economy, The Riot Damages Act and Impacting and Influencing Client Relationships.

Our 2015/16 programme ended with a Field Trip to the Thatcham Research Centre in Berkshire on Wednesday 20 April.

Encouragingly, membership support to these events increased, with over 60 regularly attending our lunch time seminars at the Mercure Leicester Grand Hotel, and our other events being "Sold Out" on several occasions. If you have not attended one of our events please make a serious commitment to do so going forwards

We are grateful to our sponsors for their help with delivering these events (Brett & Randall Financial Services, Mills & Reeve LLP, Turner Insurance Group, Qdos Broking & Underwriting Services, Ecclesiastical Insurance, Old Mutual Wealth, Arthur J Gallagher, Eastlake & Beachell and BHIB Insurance).

Education and training remains the main priority of local institute activities and we are currently planning our programme for 2016/17. Our website also contains access links to a wide range of webinars and technical briefings to aid your training needs and CPD objectives. If you have any suggestions for future seminar topics please write to our Education Secretary, Laura Bee at: [laura.bee@mills-reeve.com](mailto:laura.bee@mills-reeve.com).

## Qualification Successes

This year we honoured our high achievers at our Inaugural Supper and Awards Evening, held at the University of Leicester in September. 12 High Achievers, from both the General Insurance and Financial Services sectors, received awards and 7 of them attended the event to have their prizes formally presented to them. We also presented our "Young Achiever of the Year Award" (sponsored by Aspects Insurance Recruitment). This was won by Sam Spare (from P F Spare Insurance Brokers). Full details of all Prize-winners can be found on our website.

## Membership

On the 1st of March 2016, the Insurance Institute of Leicester had 1,429 members of which 598 were PFS members (42%). We continue to plan our programme to ensure that we offer an appropriate range of topics to match our membership profile.

Most of our communications are now issued via email and via our new website [www.localinstitutes.cii.co.uk/leicester](http://www.localinstitutes.cii.co.uk/leicester) Please ensure that you are "opted-in" to receive emails from your local institute by updating your email preferences in the "My CII" section of the CII website.

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Check our website for information on recent activities and to view our programme of forthcoming events. For events that require a payment we offer cheque or BACS transfer options, and a card payment facility for some event bookings.

## Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner remains the centrepiece of our social programme and over 160 Insurance and Financial Services people from around the region attended our 2015 Annual Dinner on Friday 6 November at the Mercure Leicester Grand Hotel. The guest speaker was Paul Boardman and it proved to be a very entertaining evening.

We wish to thank our dinner sponsors: Aviva, BHIB Insurance Brokers, AXA PPP Healthcare, Aspects Insurance Recruitment, Cunningham Lindsey, Qdos Underwriting, Fusion insurance, Prism Network and Weightmans.

## Sports & Social Events

Our summer season started with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Treasure Hunt on foot around Leicester's Cultural Quarter on 30 July. The winners of the Treasure Hunt were "Bourne Hunters" from Andrew Bourne & Co.

On 21 August our popular Rural Hostelry Excursion, aboard a 1961 Bristol bus took place, visiting several Leicestershire villages. The Annual General Knowledge Quiz on 19 November, at the University of Leicester, saw a 'record-breaking' 25 teams taking part. The winners were a team from Curtis Banks. We held a Music Quiz on 10 March this year at which the "Badger Islanders" team from Leicester City Council regained their title. A Five-a-Side Soccer Tournament closed the season on Tuesday 12 April (before going to press – see website for detail on this and all of our events).

## Charity Support

Our President's chosen charity this year has been Canine Partners, a remarkable organisation which helps to transform the lives of people with disabilities by partnering them with one of their amazing assistance dogs. During the year we raised £1,850 for the Canine Partners charity including the sum of £1,137 via a table collection at our Annual Dinner. £281 was also raised for Insurance Charities. This organisation provides financial and practical support to past and present insurance industry employees.

The Institute shared the CII National Charity Shield for its fundraising efforts during our Centenary year (2014), and this Shield was presented at our Dinner in November.

## Regional & National

Leicester is part of a regional group of Institutes that also includes Nottingham, Peterborough, Northampton and Lincoln. This forum allows us to share best practice, event promotion and to pool resources for events. Tom Hall (Northampton) is our elected regional delegate to CII National Council.

## Contact Information

If you would like to assist with the organisation of CPD or Social events please email [mary.rogerson@uwclub.net](mailto:mary.rogerson@uwclub.net) or write to us via our secretary Mary Rogerson, 16 Honeycomb Close, Narborough, Leicester LE19 5PS.

We also administer examinations held in the county and welcome help with invigilation duties. We are volunteers, but we benefit from the networking opportunities and we also have some fun.

If you are unable to attend our AGM on Tuesday 26 April 2016 but would like to receive a copy of the Institute's Accounts, please email a request to [malfair@aol.com](mailto:malfair@aol.com)