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It has come to our attention that there are companies out there that are purporting to be Corporate Members of The Commissioning Specialists Association when in fact they are NOT!

To ensure you are employing a bonafide CORPORATE MEMBER of the Association please visit our website www.csa.org.uk and click on the Members link where you will find a full list of current members.



New Members *We would like to welcome the following new members to the Association:*

INDIVIDUAL: Andrew Willcox, Gareth Pulman, Nareg Oughourlian, Barry Cullen, Craig Nethercott, Joshua Matcham, Stuart Robertson, David Livesey, Chris Gillbanks, Pasha Tamavev, John Faul, Szymon Kita, Behm Edmons, Phil Richardson, Daniel Bryan, Mohamed Chniba, David Byrne, Robert Lovegrove, Adam McDonagh, Anthony Clements.

INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE: Andrew Collings.



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Jules' News

Welcome to the Summer/Autumn edition of Index and what a great summer we had! If you've been on holiday I hope you had plenty of R & R and are ready for the last few months of 2014.

Uptake for new membership is still buoyant with 51 new members so far this year and also 64 DLCs gone out.

I would like to mention our extremely affordable advertising for members to either place an Ad or sponsor an edition of Index. The members' price to place a 1/6 Ad is £150 and to sponsor an edition is £550 (prices increase for the edition that is also placed in MBSJ). This is a fantastic advertising opportunity for you.

I have also sent out a request to members recently asking for any interesting articles anyone may have for Index that are pertinent to the commissioning industry.

Distance Learning Courses (DLCs) A, B & C

Well done to those listed below who have recently passed the DLC tests:

DLC A Ben Lammas, Mark Walker, George Evans, Neil Myers, John Bean, Barney McQueen.

DLC B Ryan Littlejohns, Dale Milne.

DLC C Gareth Britton.

To enrol on a DLC Course simply download and complete the appropriate enrolment form see CSA website www.csa.org.uk and e-mail it to office@csa.org.uk

GRADE 5 THESIS

Two members passed their Grade 5 thesis recently: David Culshaw of Sellafield Ltd and Shaun Frawley of End Systems Ltd.

Congratulations to you both.

GRADE 4 EXAM RESULTS – MAY

The Grade 4 Technical & Theory exam took place on Saturday 10 May 2014. Congratulations go to:

John Fulthorpe

Graeme Duncan

Joel Duckett

Nathan Tomlinson

Stephen Berry

Callum Jokubaitis

John Williams

Martin Williamson

Richard Little

Shaun Pulman

The next Grade 4 Exam will take place on Saturday 11 October 2014. Anyone wishing to take this exam should e-mail the CSA office (office@csa.org.uk) as soon as possible and we will e-mail you a 'mock' exam paper.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Since the AGM in April of this year I am very pleased to report that we have had 7 volunteers to join one of our Committees.

I would like to thank:

- Neil Burdess, Carlo Gambardella and Gary James who have joined the Training Sub-Committee.
- Ian Woodroffe, Keith Barker and Andrew Castle who have joined the Marketing Sub-Committee
- Elio Galluzzi who has joined the Main Committee.

We are always looking for volunteers to join one of our Committees in order to enable the CSA to keep moving forward.

Julie Parker – CSA Secretary



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LONDON TO BRIGHTON CYCLE RIDE

WELL WE DID IT! I am delighted to confirm that all 8 of our team members completed the course in a little over 4 hours despite one or two hiccups the night before and morning after! As we had a ridiculously early start time of 06.00 (our choice!) we had no alternative but to stay in London the night before and the agreed plan was for an early team-building dinner with a glass of wine or two to relax those pre-race nerves followed by an early night in readiness for the next day's exertions. Then it was announced that England's first game of the World Cup would be played at 23.00 on the Saturday night! Despite my best efforts as self-nominated team leader and Managing Director of course, two members of the team remained in the hotel bar until 02.00 and another two did not go bed until 04.00 bearing in mind we had arranged to meet at 06.00! Upon check-out I discovered that one or two individuals (who shall remain nameless) felt that numerous pints of Stella Artois (other brands are available!) and pizza would be the ideal preparation!



I will leave it to your imagination how the next morning panned out but suffice to say we did not set off until after 07.30 and that was only after nearly breaking the door down to one of our rooms! All that said we had a great couple of days and whilst enjoying ourselves managed to raise in excess of £2,600 for our chosen charities, obliterating our original target of £1,000! I am also proud that seven out of the eight of us managed to cycle all the way up the Ditchling Beacon and surprise, surprise, the person who did not quite make it was in the bar until 04.00! Fail to prepare, prepare to fail as he was told many times whilst rehydrating in a friendly Brighton bar and no, it was not me! I should also report at this juncture that whilst we were enjoying our rehydration therapy our Gary James was cycling all the way back home, an additional 40 miles or so!

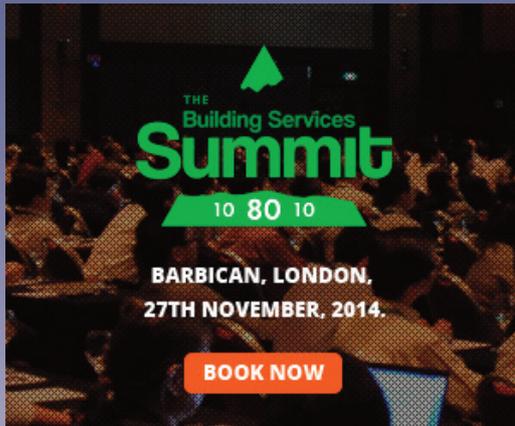


Thank you to everybody who sponsored us and sent messages of support and advice and finally I would like to personally thank our Carl Smith who gave up his weekend freely and willingly to drive our support vehicle and act as personal trainer to his uncle, Jeff Riley, bearing in mind that it was Father's Day and Carl is a proud Father of 3! London to Paris next year?



Neil F. White—Managing Director—Crosscount Limited

10-80-10 THE BUILDING SERVICES SUMMIT



The Barbican, London 27 November 20-14

As one of the supporting bodies behind the inaugural Building Services Summit, we have great pleasure in providing you and your colleagues with full details on this important cross-industry event.

As the title suggests, this conference base 'networking' event will address the all-important life cycle of a building, which comprises 10% construction, 80% operation and 10% disposal. The focus will be on ensuring that building engineering services operate as effectively and efficiently as possible during the whole life of a building.

The event is being brought to market as a joint initiative between the BCIA and B&ES, although it is fully supported by CIBSE, CSA and FETA, all of whom have a vested interest in its core subject area.

The conference will address the common goals that members of these various organisations endeavour to achieve in the industry of their daily business activities. As such it will offer practical advice and real information transfer to building owners, their operators and their respective service providers.

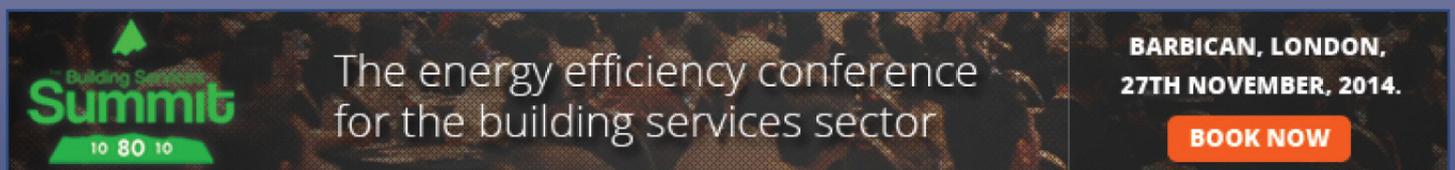
The dedicated event website – <http://building.servicessummit.co.uk> – provides full details on the schedule of papers and the respective

speakers, along with information on why this event has been brought to market.

Aimed at **Property Owners, Facilities Managers, Maintenance Managers, Energy Managers, Sustainability Managers** and **Building Services Engineers**, this event provides a superb 'networking' opportunity for those looking to target these key functions with their promotional message.

As such, we have created a limited number of Event Partner opportunities, allowing an excellent package of promotion to be achieved prior to, during and after the event. Full details are contained within the document on page 5 and should you wish to be one of the select number of companies with a strong promotional presence within the 'networking lounge', please click on the link below for the booking form and complete and return the form as a matter of some urgency.

I trust you find this information, and the overall opportunity of some interest, but should you wish to learn more or discuss your participation in greater detail, please contact the Event Organiser Andrew Castle at Touchwave Media by email via andrew@touchwavemedia.co.uk or telephone 07785 290034.





UK GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

Commissioning for Success: “Fine Tuning for Handover” 29 April 2014



David Cocksedge of Banyard Consultants Ltd represented the CSA and undertook speaking in two sessions, one on the Commissioning Specialists’ viewpoint in the industry and secondly on how to deliver a successful commissioning project.

He reiterated the point that anyone employing commissioning

companies should always check that the company they use are CSA members. He also explained what the CSA was all about and the benefits of the association and what it is trying to achieve.

Delegates attending included the likes of Canary Wharf, Broadgate Estates, Turner & Townsend, Whitbreads, WSP etc.

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Vice Chairman's Say

As is common within our industry I have just received the "I need another 20 commissioning engineers on site by tomorrow or else" phone call, but this time in the form of "can you please write something for Index by the end of the week!"

So, apologies in advance for my first official column as Vice Chairman! As I write this we are now approaching the end of a great summer! However, as the evenings are now drawing in and the temperatures are starting to drop, we can at least look forward to the recent reported growth in the construction industry.

This was recently quoted in the news as:-

"The construction sector expanded at its fastest pace for seven months in August, despite supply shortages holding back growth, a survey suggests".

As a result, it said there had also been a record rise in the rates charged by sub-contractors.

"The sector is struggling to find enough skilled tradesmen to keep pace with new work and the labour market will continue to put pressure on costs until the next wave of apprentices begin to enter the jobs market," said David Noble, Group Chief Executive at the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply.

This underlines the importance of training in our industry – and so far we have sent out 64 Distance Learning Courses (DLCs) which is really positive.

As seen on page 2 – it is also really encouraging to see the successful results posted by the candidates taking the DLC courses, Grade 4 exam and also the Grade 5 thesis.

As our industry is continually evolving with new technologies and systems, the Association is continually working behind the scenes to ensure we are kept up to date with these systems and are at the forefront of helping to develop current guides and practices.

"The construction sector expanded at its fastest pace for seven months in August, despite supply shortages holding back growth."

This is particularly highlighted by all of the hard work of the sub-committees:- the training sub-committee have been busy updating the DLCs and investigating online training; the technical committee have been working hard in their continued efforts to re-write and update the Commissioning Engineers Compendium and the marketing committee have been working on refreshing our brand.

As Julie mentioned we have recently welcomed some new members on to our committees – and if anyone else is interested in joining or just coming along to see what we do – then you are more than welcome!

On another positive note – we have now been in our new "home" for approximately 5 months – and although there are still a few boxes left – Julie and Michelle have settled in well.

It is a great achievement that we now own these premises and is a testament to the hard work Julie, Michelle and Matt have put in to make this dream a reality – thank you!

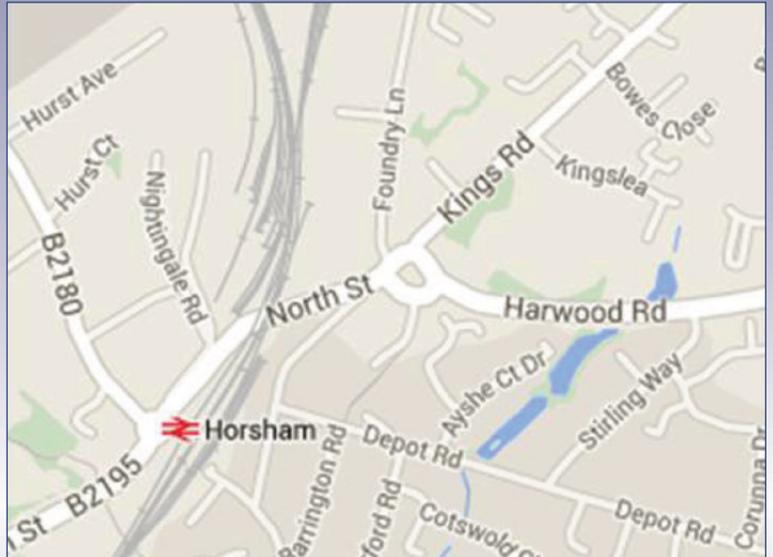
Speaking of great achievements – well done to Neil White and Team Crosscount for completing the London to Brighton cycle ride and for raising a great amount of money for their chosen charities.

**Andrew Watkin— Director
Airtech Premier Ltd**

CSA MEETING ROOM FOR HIRE FOR CSA MEMBERS

We are pleased to be able to offer CSA members the use of our meeting room at our new office in Kings Court, Harwood Road, Horsham, at exceptionally discounted rates. Our meeting room easily accommodates 15 people and we have 2 on site parking spaces available with other parking only 5 minutes walk away.

MEMBERS PRICE: Full day £150, 1/2 day £80 which includes Tea & Coffee and light refreshments
NON MEMBERS PRICE: Full day £300, 1/2 day £160)



If you are thinking of organising a meeting but are fed up with London rates, please e-mail or call Michelle or Julie at CSA office for more information or to book your meeting.

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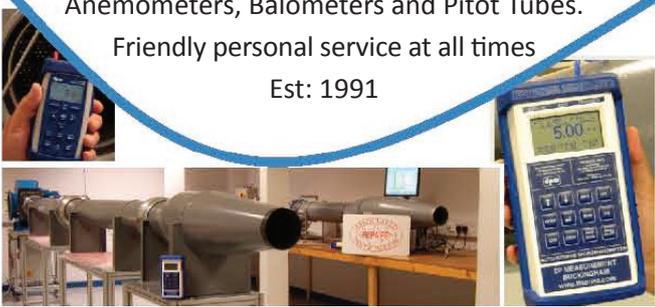
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