



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – TONY KERNON

One year into my two-year term and I have yet to shake hands with any Members! Obviously this last year has had its challenges, but thank you for your continued membership and support of BIAC.

I hope that you have found your BIAC membership worthwhile despite our world-wide disruption. One of BIAC's strengths is the CPD events that we organise, and one of BIAC's benefits is the fellowship and sharing of ideas. We moved rapidly from face-to-face to online events and I hope that you have found them useful.

There have certainly been plenty of events over the last year, with well-attended national conferences from the Business Management, Rural Planning, Technology and Wales Event teams. These educate and provide useful CPD. They also showcase BIAC and all have been very professionally thought-out, structured and delivered. A huge thank you is deserved for the many who have volunteered time to organise, chair or speak at these events, and to Victoria and Alex for their organisational skills and for very slick technical skills in running these events.

We also ran a series of monthly Members' Forums from September to March, usually for an hour at the end of the day, with a short topical presentation and then break-out technical or purely social discussions. If you have not yet joined one, please do! They will start again in September and a programme will be circulated soon.

This summer and early autumn we have a number of training days for members, with agricultural dwellings (27/05), Class Q (01/07), report writing (07/07) and Net Zero (15/09) all to look forward to (at the time of writing).

BIAC is a members' organisation run by members and relies heavily on voluntary inputs. We will continue with our main conferences (Rural Planning is next on 7th October) and will return to face-to-face meetings when it is safe to do so. On behalf of all members, I give thanks to the many volunteers who have helped with events, served on committees, and those who serve on Council.

Thanks are also due to our Chief Executive Mike Greetham for his continued considerable input and assistance, and to Cooksley and Co for keeping the ship not only floating but shipshape.

Over the next year we hope to continue with as many CPD events as possible and, with the new website now operational, to have a drive to increase membership.

I look forward to chairing this organisation for another 12 months and hopefully I will have an opportunity to shake some of your hands at an event near you, sometime soon!