

10 August 2012

Dear Member

## **APIL SOUTH OF ENGLAND REGIONAL GROUP - AN INVITATION**

We would like to invite you to attend the forthcoming South of England regional group meeting which is taking place at the Jurys Inn Southampton:

Date: Wednesday, 26 September 2012

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Jurys Inn Southampton  
Charlotte Place, Southampton, SO14 0TB

We are pleased to welcome **Jane Toplis** and **Anne Harris** who will both be speaking at the meeting. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details on the speakers and topics and how to register.

This meeting has been accredited with 1CPD hour, reference 2027/APIL. Established practising barristers can count this 1 hour towards their unaccredited CPD allowance.

If you have not yet been to an APIL South of England group meeting, please do try to attend as they are an invaluable source of information and an excellent chance to network. Members wishing to bring along a guest may do so at the cost of £15.00 + VAT per guest. Each guest must be sympathetic to the aims of the association and considering taking up membership themselves. Numbers are limited and therefore members will take precedence.

### **Forthcoming events and training:**

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| Wednesday, 8 August   | <a href="#">Exceptional client care (webinar)</a> , Your computer |
| Tuesday, 11 September | <a href="#">The bankrupt claimant (webinar)</a> , Your computer   |
| Tuesday, 18 September | <a href="#">Personal injury update - autumn 2012</a> , Dorchester |
| Friday, 21 September  | <a href="#">Asbestos conference 2012</a> , London                 |
| Tuesday, 23 October   | <a href="#">Personal injury update - autumn 2012</a> , Gatwick    |
| Tuesday, 20 November  | <a href="#">Regional forum 2012 - South</a> , Oxford              |

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Gavin Lane  
Co-ordinator

Ruth Johnson  
Secretary

**APIL JOINT SOUTH OF ENGLAND REGIONAL GROUP  
WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Speakers:**

***“Building the Quantum Evidence: The Role of the Occupational Therapist & Accommodation Experts”***

**By Jane Toplis, Specialist Architect, Bush & Company**

Jane Toplis is a Registered Architect (ARB) and member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), working as an Accommodation Expert for Bush & Company since 2007. She has acted as an expert on behalf of over 50 claimants and defendants.

Her advice has been sought on medical negligence claims, workplace injury claims and personal injury claims resulting from road traffic accidents. Jane Toplis has specialised in the field of accommodation for a wide range of claimants; including wheelchair users, amputees, claimants with profound learning and physical difficulties, claimants with vision impairments and a range of other permanent disabilities. Some of these claimants have been based outside the UK in France, Germany and the Netherlands. She has also acted as an expert on cases brought under the Disability Discrimination Act (now known as the Equality Act).

Jane is a Consultant Member of National Register of Access Consultants (NRAC) and has acted as a Specialist Access Assessor for the Arts Council, Heritage Lottery Fund and Civic Trust.

**By Anne Harris, Occupational Therapist, Bush & Company**

Anne Harris is an experienced Occupational Therapist, registered with the Health Professions Council and a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists. She qualified in 1976, gaining a Diploma in Occupational Therapy from Dorset House, Oxford. Clinical experience in specialist neurology and spinal injury units provided the foundations for a career specialising in long term, complex disabilities.

On qualifying Anne Harris worked in a large NHS hospital. She planned and delivered rehabilitation programmes, assessed and organised provision of equipment for activities of daily living, social care and minor adaptations to housing prior to discharge and addressed re-integration into work.

She gained valuable experience of amputations and general surgery, cerebral vascular accidents and other neurological and medical conditions, orthopaedics, burns and plastics, geriatrics and rheumatology. Moving into Paediatrics she worked in a Child Development Centre, a special school and a residential unit for children and young adults with complex needs, including those with challenging behaviour, where she facilitated integration into family, school and community life.

**FOLLOWED BY:**

**John Spencer, APIL EC Officer, speaking on: “Current EC activities within APIL”**

**Chaired by:**

**Gavin Lane**, Trethowans LLP, APIL South of England regional group co-ordinator

**Ruth Johnson**, Blake Laphorn, APIL South of England regional group secretary

Teas, coffees and biscuits will be served. Members wishing to bring along a guest may do so at the cost of £15.00 + VAT per guest. Please complete the slip below and return it to the APIL office.

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Please reserve a place at the above meeting for:

Name: ..... Membership number: .....

Firm/chambers: .....

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