

All aboard for Bristol

CAB is delighted to be returning to the iconic SS Great Britain in Bristol for our second regional members' meeting of 2018 on Wednesday 17 October, some 13 years after our first event there in 2005. Launched in 1843 as the world's first luxury liner, the ship lies in the heart of Bristol's thriving harbour side and is the city's No. 1 visitor attraction. To tie in with this, we are also holding a contractual awareness seminar, entitled *20 Contractual Nightmares*, on the morning of the event at the Mercure Holland House Hotel, Bristol.

CAB mini-conference

Our mini-conference which is free for members to attend, takes place in the Great Eastern Hall, a new addition to the venue located on the harbour side adjacent to the ship. The conference theme is: *Standards, Testing, Certification and Compliance post Brexit* which was recently identified in member research as being a topic of key concern.

Our keynote Speaker is Kevin Frewin, technical development manager, BSI. His presentation *CE marking post EuExit* will cover the following areas:

- The present process
- CEN and CENELECT involvement
- No deal challenges
- The divorce papers
- Implications for manufacturers

Our second confirmed speaker is Mark Swanborough, associate director of certification, Wintech Engineering.

Under the title, *Curtain Walling and Rainscreen Cladding Certification*, he will highlight the new WinMark Performance of curtain walling and rainscreen cladding Systems. In particular he will discuss the scope of the scheme in relation to a curtain wall or rainscreen cladding system sample that has been tested.

While these points may pose more questions than answers, we feel it is imperative for members to know where their industry currently stands.

Contractual awareness seminar 17 October (am)

We are delighted to confirm the details of our third CAB contractual awareness seminar of 2018 entitled *20 Contractual Nightmares* to be presented by Geraldine Fleming, executive director, Knowles. The seminar is relevant to both suppliers and subcontractors and will take place at the Mecure Holland House Hotel, Bristol.

Fleming, who is well known to CAB members, will address many vital issues for both parties and the information will enable those attending to ensure that the contracts they enter are appropriate and do not expose their businesses to unnecessary risk. Her seminar will



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include contractual nightmares concerning: design, tenders, extensions of time, programme, payment, variations and loss and expense. All CAB members receive two complimentary places for the seminar.

Training and FIT Show 2019

CAB will also be taking the opportunity to update members on a raft of current activities and initiatives. CAB has recently established a formal training committee which amongst other things has inputted into various new Trailblazer Apprenticeship standards. On the marketing front there will be an update on the CAB Pavilion at the FIT Show 2019 which is attracting growing interest from members involved in systems, hardware manufacturer, powder coating, fabrication, shading devices and weatherproofing. The interest generated to date, in addition to members who have booked their own stands (see <https://www.fitshow.co.uk/exhibit/floorplan>) underlines the confidence in the FIT Show itself but also the confidence in strong sales growth and capital investment forecast in the recent Q2 CAB State of Market Survey. □

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