



# MCAVA Newsletter

Spring 2024

## Presidents Welcome Letter

Dear Member

### MCAVA Spring Newsletter

I am delighted to write to you setting out the plans and events to be held this year. Firstly, I would like to congratulate William Young on a hugely successful AGM at Kilworth House. It was well attended, efficiently organised, excellent speakers and a thoroughly enjoyable dinner that evening.

### Presidential Team

The new Presidential Team was voted in at the AGM and I am delighted that Guy Banham and James Sealy were appointed in as Senior and Junior Vice Presidents respectively. I am looking forward to working with them, the Council Secretaries and Convenors over the next year.

### MCAVA Events

Our first Council meeting was held on 16 May at Boughton House which was followed by a tour of the Estate. The event proved popular with 50 MCAVA Members having an enjoyable afternoon gaining an insight into the management of the Boughton Estate and the tour of the park and landscape setting.

For information the **Conference** is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 21st November** and the **AGM** on **Thursday 6th February 2025**. Please do make a note of these dates in your diaries.

### Young Valuers

The Young Valuers have events planned throughout the year and I encourage all Young Valuers to support these excellent events. Details of all events will be posted on the MCAVA website [www.mcava.co.uk](http://www.mcava.co.uk)

### Charity

Following the AGM a total of £1,860.00 was raised by MCAVA Members for William Young's chosen charity, EMICS. This was a great result for a very worthwhile charity.

This year the chosen charity is the **Country Trust ([www.countrytrust.org.uk](http://www.countrytrust.org.uk))**. The Country Trust is the UK's leading national educational charity connecting children from areas of high social and economic disadvantage with the land. It is a charity that we support at the Milton Estate showing children from the wider Peterborough area where our food comes from and giving them countryside experiences. The value the children and their teachers gain from the experiences provided by the Country Trust are considerable. At a time of budget constraints many primary schools are unable to offer countryside experiences without the support of a charity and that it is where the Country Trust steps in.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming year and thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Nott  
MCAVA President 2024/25

## Meet your new convenors...

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## Diary of Events 2024/25

Date	Event	Location	Tickets
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	MCAVA Council Meeting	Boughton Estate	Council Members
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	CAAV Council Meeting	TBC	Delegates to Central
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	National Conference & AGM	TBC	Details to follow on CAAV website
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	MCAVA Tutorial	TBC	TBC
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October TBC	Young Valuers Conference	TBC	TBC
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	MCAVA Council Meeting	Kelmarsh Hall	TBC
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	CAAV Council Meeting	TBC	TBC
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	CAAV Examinations	TBC	TBC
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	MCAVA Conference	The Holiday Inn, Rugby & Virtual	TBC
TBC 2024	CAAV Written Board Workshop	Virtual	Details to follow on the CAAV website
TBC 2024	National Tutorial	TBC	Details to follow on the CAAV website
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	MCAVA AGM & Dinner		

### Congratulations to our new Fellows!

<b>Philip Morris</b>	4M Properties Group Ltd, Warwickshire
<b>James Butlin</b>	Fisher German, Market Harborough
<b>Philippa Dewes</b>	Howkins & Harrison, Warwickshire
<b>Lucy Morgan</b>	Bentons, Melton Mowbray
<b>Kit MacDonald</b>	Fisher German, Ashby de la Zouch
<b>Sam Woodhouse</b>	Mather Jamie, Leicestershire
<b>Eleanor Harding</b>	Fisher German, Newark
<b>Lucy Bland</b>	Fisher German, Ashby de la Zouch
<b>Sophie Ward</b>	Fisher German, Ashby de la Zouch
<b>Sophie Mockler</b>	Sheldon Bosley Knight, Warwickshire
<b>Lucy Anthony</b>	Fisher German, Ashby de la Zouch
<b>Francesca Beresford</b>	Dalcour Maclaren, Oxfordshire
<b>Lilly Hives</b>	Fisher German, Market Harborough

### A warm welcome to our new council members...

<b>Seniors</b>	William Craven
	Jason Heath
	Victoria Strickland
	Sophie Fulton
<b>Juniors</b>	Ian Wilkinson
	Philippa Bateman
	Henry King
	Lucy Morgan

### ...and a fond farewell to our retiring council members.

<b>Louise Duffin</b>	<b>James Sealy</b>	<b>Ian Denton</b>
<b>Sam Skinner</b>	<b>Mary McKenzie</b>	<b>Ellie-May Craddock</b>
<b>Nick Curnock</b>	<b>Alice Sharlot</b>	<b>John Ikin (Past President)</b>
<b>Philippa Dalby</b> (Chair of the Young Valuers)		<b>Ruth Ofield</b> (Examinations Convenor, stepping down after a number of years)

## Lilly Hives – Winner of the Gavel and Willoughby Garten Cup 2023

*“I was delighted to have received both the gavel and the Willoughby Garten Cup for the 2023 exams. Whilst this did come as a slight surprise, I am grateful for the recognition of all the hard work that goes into passing these prestigious exams. It is by no means an easy task and a lot of hours by way of mocks, tutorials and training days are crucial in building up your knowledge. I am pleased to be part of such a great organisation within our industry and I look forward to what the future holds.”*

*~ Lilly Hives, Fisher German*



## Annual General Meeting & Dinner

The 153rd AGM of MCAVA was held at Kilworth House on Thursday 8th February 2024

The AGM was well attended by over 70 delegates and we were pleased to welcome our National President Malcolm Gale and Jeremy Moody our Secretariat, who updated us on the ongoing work from Central. We were pleased to elect our new presidential team:

- President (invested at Dinner) (IAIN NOTT)
- The Senior Vice President (GUY BANHAM)
- The Junior Vice President (JAMES SEALY)
- The Honorary Secretary (SOPHIE NOTT & LAURA HIGSON)
- The Honorary Treasurer (NICK BOWMAN)
- The Honorary Auditor (JOHN HALL)

As well as all over the other officers making the association the success that provides such valuable support to our young valuers to enable them to obtain their qualification. We thanked Ruth Ofield for her work as Exam Convenor over the years as she stepped down to be replaced by Helen Frampton.





Nick Bowman updated us on the ongoing healthy finances of the association. Jeremy Moody gave us another full and insightful update of the work going on that will shape our daily lives over the next few years.

Following all the official AGM business we delighted to present our new fellows with their membership certificate awarded by National President Malcolm Gale to those of 12 successful candidates who attended on the day. We were also delighted to award another Golden Membership Certificate to Robert Leivers marking his 50 years with the association.

Our guest Speaker was Fay Johnson of Rectory Farm and Eyebrook Bird Feeds based in Great Easton in Leicestershire, She is a partner within the family farm and has developed Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds as part of the family business. Fay is a 3rd generation tenant farmer on an arable and sheep farm in the heart of the Welland Valley. The farm surrounds the picturesque Eyebrook Reservoir, leading to a farm diversification into producing wild bird feed. Fay and her family are passionate about

farming, conservation and promoting British food and farming to the public and has been involved in a significant amount of media work promoting these objectives. This was a very inspiring and thought provoking presentation showing how the farm has evolved over three generations and what can be achieved with positivity and creativity.

We then broke for our drinks reception in the hotel lounge, before an extremely enjoyable dinner for over 70 members and guests, in our new venue. The dinner itself was excellent and we were delighted to invest our new President Iain Nott, who gave a brief resume of his career to date, and I have no doubt that he will have a brilliant year. We were delighted to present both The MCAVA Gavel and Willoughby Garton Cup for obtaining the highest mark I both the Written and Practical Exam to Lily Hives. We ended the evening with a small charity auction, with James Sealy doing the honours, to raise money for our chosen charity EMICS, which together with the raffle raised £1,860, which were delighted to support their ongoing life saving work.

The day was masterminded by AGM Convenor Emily Wood and our Hon. Secretary Sophie Nott and ran extremely well, was an enjoyable day and the new venue appeared to work well. I have really enjoyed my presidential year and would like to thank all members for their support.

Will Young

Immediate Past President



**If anyone has any stories to tell, news to share, good causes they are raising money for etc do please drop Robyn an email for the next Newsletter. [robyn.dearden@fishergerman.co.uk](mailto:robyn.dearden@fishergerman.co.uk)**