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shadowing could shape their entire future. I am pleasantly surprised to hear a student I once had on work experience is now actively seeking employment in a OS role.

I am pleased to inform that we have the following events lined up in the not too distant future:

- 22nd March 2007 – Pub Golf kindly sponsored by Judd Farris Property Recruitment. Arranged jointly by Judd Farris and Kate Simpson of GVA Grimley. If you wish to attend please contact Kate Simpson of GVA Grimley on kate.simpson@gvagrimley.co.uk
- 3rd May 2007 – Annual matrices AGM with meal to follow at Bar Orient in Cardiff Bay. Again please contact Kate Simpson. Numbers are limited and this will be on a first come first served basis so don't miss out!
- 1st June 2007 – Our annual matrices Golf Competition is to be held at Llanishen Golf Club. All enquires should be sent to Nick Golunski of Cook and Arkwright at nick.golunski@coark.com.

This year again in July will see the return of our annual conference and the provisional theme for our conference this year will be "How Green is My Valley", which will once again be tailored to a local perspective throughout South Wales. So watch this space!

As with all our events flyers will be sent out via our RICS email mailing list. So please inform RICS Wales if you are not receiving information.

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IMPORTANT! Clarification on Conferences

From Autumn 2006 the RICS Wales Council resolved to handle all the conferences in house. These include the National Property Conference in March, the Commercial Property Conference in November and the Building Surveying Conference in January. Members may receive information from CPT, who are still holding conferences in Wales that will provide you with CPD.

However the Council have asked Cathy McLean to point out that all receipts go to that company (which is based outside of Wales). As ever profits generated by RICS Wales remain for member services in the reserves, and are ploughed back into the regional delivery.

RICS Wales events are being produced for members in Wales and we would ask for your support in the transition.

APC/ATC SURGERIES AND ONE TO ONES

Following the success of the APC/ATC Surgeries in South Wales we will now be holding similar sessions (to be known as One to Ones) each month in North Wales. The sessions will be held with Christina Hirst.

The next dates for North Wales Surgeries will be:	The next dates for South Wales Surgeries will be:
9 March	30 March
20 April	27 April
18 May	25 May
22 June	29 June

If you would like to book an appointment for a One to One in North Wales please contact Neil Morrison, Chair matrices North Wales.

If you would like to book an appointment for a Surgery in South Wales please contact Christina Hirst.

Members Success and Recognition

Richard Wilson



Richard received his honours – both OBE and QVRM from Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Richard Essex

Richard has been invited to join the Editorial Board of the new quarterly publication Journal of Urban Regeneration and Renewal joining a very elite group of professionals including Sir Peter Hall.

Gareth Hall

The latest edition of 'Who's Who' sees Gareth Hall included for the first time, Gareth is the Director General of the Department of Enterprise, Innovation and Networks, joins 33,000 other entries in the UK publication.

Andrew Dakin

Andrew was awarded 'Ambassador of the Year' at the Pride in Barry awards with the citation 'the person responsible for kick-starting the regeneration of Barry'.

Edward Perkins

Edward has been elected President of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show for 2007, he has been a Life Governor of the RWAS since 1975 and for the past 20 years has been responsible for the preparation of the main ring cattle parade commentary.

Tim Vaughan

Tim won the Young Property Personality of the Year at the 2006 People in Property Awards Wales.

Richard Keeves



Richard, a senior valuer in the Bangor Valuation Office received an MBE in Queens New Year Honours list.

Many congratulations from all at RICS Wales.

If you have any news that needs sharing, please contact the office on 029 2022 4414.