

# sbe newsletter

**DECEMBER 2014**

## **BREAKFAST MEETING**

*Kindly hosted by Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking*

**Thursday 4 December 2014**

**8.30-10.00am, Pewterers' Hall**

**DAVE RAMSDEN CBE, HM Treasury**

*The Autumn Statement*

Dave Ramsden, Chief Economic Adviser at HM Treasury and also, of course, the SBE's President, will discuss key aspects of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement in this early morning seminar. Dave joined the Civil Service in 1986 and the Treasury in 1988. He is currently Head of the Government Economic Service, the largest single employer of economists in the UK.

The meeting will take place at Pewterers' Hall, Oat Lane, London EC2V 7DE Please email the SBE secretariat at [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) if you wish to attend. Light refreshments will be provided on arrival. We are very grateful to **Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking** for hosting this meeting.

## **EVENING MEETING**

**Tuesday 13 January 2015, 6pm, Ashurst**

**DANNY GABAY, Fathom Consulting**

**SAMUEL TOMBS, Capital Economics**

*Outlook for the UK Economy*

Come and join us for the first meeting of the new year with a dual perspective on that ever-topical subject; the UK economy. Danny Gabay is Co-Director of Fathom. Danny was previously a UK and European economist at JP Morgan, which he joined from the Bank of England, where he was one of the authors of the Inflation Report. Samuel Tombs is the Senior UK Economist at Capital Economics. Prior to joining the firm in 2009, Samuel worked as a business strategy consultant at LEK Consulting. Samuel won the SBE Rybczynski Prize for the best piece of business economics writing in 2011.

We are grateful to **Ashurst** for kindly hosting this event. Registration is required, so please contact [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) to reserve your place. Ashurst is at Broadwalk House, 5 Appold Street, London EC2A 2HA - see [www.ashurst.com/office.aspx?id\\_Content=20](http://www.ashurst.com/office.aspx?id_Content=20)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **EVENING MEETING**

**Tuesday 10 February 2015**

**6.00pm**

**PAUL JOHNSON**

**Institute for Fiscal Policy**

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### **EVENING MEETING**

**Tuesday 3 March 2015**

**6.00pm**

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*Season's greetings to*

*all our members!*

*We wish you a  
prosperous and  
peaceful new year*



## **SBE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 24 November 2014**

The Society held its Annual General Meeting on 24 November at Ashurst. Kate Barker, SBE Chairman, gave an overview of the past year and announced changes planned for 2015 including a new Graduate membership class and the launch of the new SBE website. A resolution was passed on changes to the structure of the SBE council, meaning that council members will now serve a maximum of 3 terms, with each term being 3 years. These changes will ensure that the Council has a continuing source of fresh ideas about how to provide the best service to its members.

The Chairman also highlighted the ongoing increase in membership and noted the favourable outcome of efforts to build stronger ties with universities, with student membership rising fivefold. James Lambert, the SBE Treasurer, presented the Society's finances and reported that, excluding exceptional items, the Society generated its first surplus in over five years; a significant improvement of the position in 2012/13. In 2015 the Society will continue its efforts to reduce its costs and seek additional sponsorship and advertising revenue. Efforts to build membership continue apace and additional revenues are expected from the new Affiliate status.

Sandra Curtis, Ian Harwood, James Lambert and Andrew Milligan were re-elected to the SBE Council, their previous terms of office having expired.

Ian Harwood and Bridget Rosewell were congratulated on being made new Fellows of the Society. Both were elected during the year by the Council in recognition of their contributions to business economics and their longstanding support for the Society.

## **SBE STUDENT EVENT, QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

**Thursday 22 January, 6.30pm, Queen Mary, Mile End Rd, London E1 4NS**

The SBE is holding a student event at Queen Mary University of London. Mary Davies will provide an introduction to the SBE, then Achilleas Chrysostomou from Standard Chartered, Eiko Sievert from the Financial Conduct Authority and Liza Ermolenko from Capital Economics will talk about their own roles and professional and the benefits they gain from SBE membership. The event will be open to students from Queen Mary University of London economic society; existing student and recent graduate SBE members who would like to attend this event and meet and speak to potential new student members, would be very welcome. Please email [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) to reserve a place and receive further details on location.

## **RYBCZYNSKI PRIZE 2014**

There is still time to think about entering this year's competition for the Rybczynski Prize. A prize of £5000 is offered, generously sponsored by **KPMG**. Essays, which must be submitted by 8 December 2014, can be written especially for the competition or have been published during the course of 2014. The judges will be looking for around 3000 (with an absolute maximum of 4000) well-written words. An entry form is enclosed.

## **SBE YEARBOOK**

We are currently compiling the 2015 yearbook. Please let the secretariat know of any changes to your contact details, so that we can make sure this important resource – available only to SBE members – is as accurate as possible.

## **2015 NABE ECONOMIC POLICY CONFERENCE, USA**

The National Association for Business Economics is holding its 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on 8-10 March 2015 at Washington DC. For details of NABE events, see <http://www.nabe.com/Meetings>

## **SBE ADVERTISING AND RECRUITMENT SERVICES**

A competitive fee of £250 + VAT is charged for advertising services and job vacancies to SBE members. For more information about the Society's well targeted and cost effective advertising service, please contact Katie or Shirley on 01264 737552.