Inaugural ‘Roger Cobley Memorial Lecture’

Briefings



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The Mid-Anglia branch was extremely fortunate to secure the hugely entertaining and informative Giles Mooney FCA CTA, partner of The Professional Training Partnership, MD of PTP Ltd and a director of Absolute Software Ltd, to deliver the first ‘Roger Cobley Memorial Lecture’.

The lecture, which will become a firm annual fixture for the branch, celebrated the late Roger Cobley’s long serving work and dedicated commitment to the branch – and Giles delivered it with his customary infectious enthusiasm and humour.

Giles provided us with an excellent insight into the main changes announced in the 2025 Budget, which had been delivered by Rachel Reeves only the day before! He covered a wide range of topics, including the ‘freezing’ of many allowances, increases in the dividend and rental income tax, changes to the capital allowance and the so-called ‘mansion tax’.

Giles’ superb talk once again demonstrated that face-to-face lectures really do touch parts that online lectures cannot. We all benefit from the ‘social nourishment’ in so many ways. Our dear friend Roger would certainly have loved it!

Peter Rayney, Chair, Mid-Anglia Branch