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**INSTITUTE OF HIGHWAY  
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– SOUTHERN BRANCH –

## NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2005

### – INTRODUCTION –

“Welcome to the first edition of the IHIE Southern Branch Committee Newsletter. We have for some time been looking to improve the way in which we communicate news, events and activities with our Members and the recent sponsorship arrangement with The Stilwell Partnership LLP has enabled us to produce this newsletter.

This is the first edition of what I hope will become a regular publication. It is our intention to circulate a similar newsletter three times a year to all branch Members. This will be nominally in April / May, August / September and December / January.

I am sure that the format of the newsletter will evolve and with sufficient input from Members, I hope it will become a useful reference point for what is happening locally within the Institute.

Regular features will include write-ups on events that have taken place and a diary of events for the coming months. Any comments on this initial newsletter and ideas for future editions should be directed to the Branch Secretary, Tony Suter at [tony.suter@spitfireuk.net](mailto:tony.suter@spitfireuk.net) and would be most welcome.

I hope you find the newsletter an interesting and informative read and a catalyst towards improved communication between the branch and all of our members.”

**Billy Gooch**  
Branch Chairman



### – BRANCH SPONSORSHIP –

We are delighted to announce a sponsorship arrangement with The Stilwell Partnership LLP, a Road Safety, Traffic and Highway Engineering Consultancy located in Farnborough, Hampshire and long-term supporter of the Branch, in its various ventures.

The main thrust of the sponsorship is to assist with improving communication between the committee and its members throughout the Branch area. This will include preparation and posting of these newsletters and other information.

This type of professional support is something we have been looking to achieve for a long time and should help to enhance regular contact with members.



### – BRANCH WEBSITE –

Those who use the Branch's website will have seen that it had become somewhat out of date. The site has now been replaced with a single “Website under Construction” page and the contact details for our Chairman and Secretary.

It is our intention that over the coming weeks the site, including the new IHIE corporate colours and logo, will be re-launched to become an up-to-date facility for our members.

[www.ihie-southern.org.uk](http://www.ihie-southern.org.uk)

## – PAST EVENTS –

### 26<sup>th</sup> November 2004 – “Wine and Wisdom” Charity Quiz Night

Each year, the Branch organises a “Wine and Wisdom” Quiz Night to raise funds for local charities. Last year’s event followed the success of previous years and raised an impressive sum of £1,500 for the Shooting Stars Children’s Hospice.



The picture shows Billy Gooch handing over a cheque to Sue Jewell and Joanna Swatridge from the Hospice.

### 16<sup>th</sup> February 2005 – Visit to Ordnance Survey Headquarters, Southampton

Southern Branch Members visited the Ordnance Survey headquarters in Southampton, where David Baldwin, the Local Government & Emergency Services Sales Manager and his colleagues treated us to a preview of OS's new Integrated Transport Network system.

This is a data layer in the existing MasterMap digital map data and we were given examples of how this data will benefit transport professionals, local government and the general public alike.



### 8<sup>th</sup> April 2005 – Environment Agency Presentation – Chichester Flood Alleviation Scheme

Mr Andrew Gilham the Project Manager for the implementation of the Chichester Flood Alleviation Scheme came to West Sussex County Council's offices in Chichester to present a fascinating history to the recently completed works in this area.

We all remember the devastation caused throughout Chichester by the flooding in 1994 and over thirty members and their guests attended the presentation to find out how the Environment Agency have constructed flood water by-pass measures to ensure that it cannot happen again.

### 21<sup>st</sup> April 2005 – Site Visit to Salt Union's De-Icing Centre, Winsford, Cheshire

A visit to the Salt Union's De-Icing Centre in Winsford Cheshire proved to be most interesting. In addition to a most impressive luncheon, the group visiting from the Southern Branch were treated to an extended trip deep inside the salt mine.

Almost all of the salt used for de-icing our Country's roads comes from this one mine. The world's largest underground excavator (a CAT 990 named Diana) was at work during our visit.

The scale of the mine was beyond comprehension. We were taken on an open-top bus ride for the nine mile journey from the lift, to the working area, at a depth of over 500 feet underground!!!!



## – FUTURE EVENTS –

### 19<sup>th</sup> May 2005 – Winchester Seminar

This year's Winchester Seminar is titled "RISK IT OR GET COURT" and will take place on Thursday 19 May 2005 at the Winchester Guildhall. Copies of leaflets advertising the event are included and we would be most appreciative if you would circulate these amongst your colleagues.

We operate in a litigious age with thriving 'no-win no-fee' practices, attribution of blame and corporate prosecutions. It is, therefore, understandable that Highway Engineers (amongst many other professionals) feel that they have countless hurdles to overcome when developing schemes designed to improve transportation.

The seminar has been formulated to provide relevant information from Legal Experts, the Police, Clients and Contractors. We have obtained eminent speakers who are specialists in their field and you can be assured of interesting presentations and topical debate. In keeping with our ethos of education over profit, we have kept our price trimmed and delegate fees will be £145.00, including morning and afternoon refreshments and a buffet luncheon.

Should you have any questions, or wish to reserve a place, please contact Nia Griffiths (Treasurer) at [nia.griffiths@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:nia.griffiths@surreycc.gov.uk)

### 9<sup>th</sup> June 2005 – AGM – Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, West Sussex

This year's Annual General Meeting is being held at the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, near Singleton in West Sussex. This is the leading museum of historic buildings in England, is designated by the Government for its outstanding collections of national importance and was the winner of the Museum of the Year Award.

We will meet at 12.30 hrs for lunch prior to the business of the day at 13.15 hrs. This will include a brief address by the President. A guided tour has been arranged to take place after the AGM.

Reserving a place is essential, for catering purposes. Should you have any questions, or wish to reserve a place, please contact Tony Suter (Secretary) at [tony.suter@spitfireuk.net](mailto:tony.suter@spitfireuk.net).

### 14<sup>th</sup> July 2005 – Technical Visit – Bournemouth Aviation Museum, Dorset

The sky's the limit for a visit to this very popular museum. Enjoying a subsidised entry fee of just £2.00, we will benefit from a presentation on the history of the museum and its many projects.

Numbers are limited so booking is essential. All enquiries should be directed to Grahame Bath at Email address – [grahame.bath@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:grahame.bath@surreycc.gov.uk)

For details – check out the website at "<http://www.aviation-museum.co.uk>"



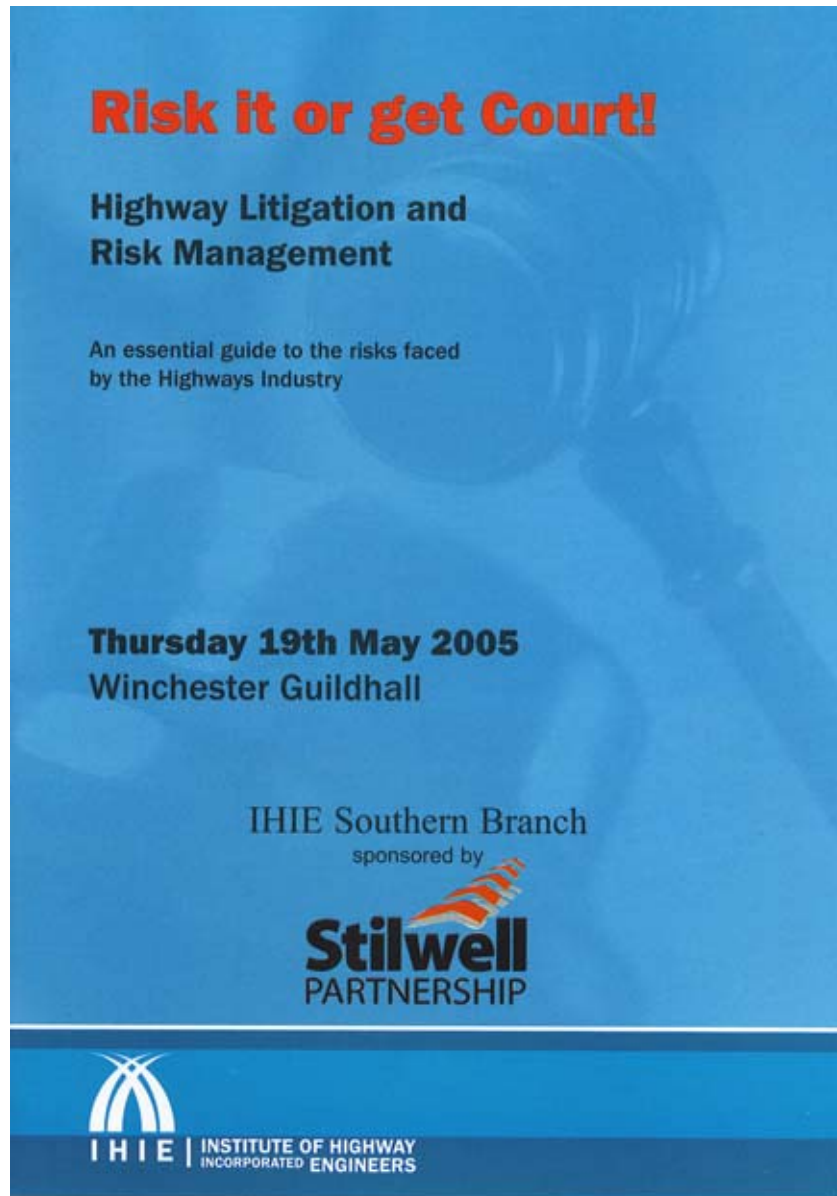
### 25<sup>th</sup> November 2005 – "Wine and Wisdom" Charity Quiz Night

The date for this year's "Wine and Wisdom" Charity Quiz Night has been confirmed and if you wish to attend, please fix the date in your diary. As in previous years, we will distribute details on how to enter a team following the summer break.

This year, to help celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute, we will be supporting the IHIE's central charity (building bridges to assist remote communities in Nepal), to the tune of £1,500 (to fund the construction of one new bridge). Any additional funds raised will be distributed locally.



**REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT OUR WINCHESTER SEMINAR!!!!!!**



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