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– SOUTHERN BRANCH –

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2005

– INTRODUCTION –

“Welcome to the second edition of the IHIE Southern Branch Newsletter and I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer.

Since our last newsletter we have held several successful events. I believe that our Winchester seminar in May, on the subject of Corporate Manslaughter and Risk Management, was one of the best that the branch has organised and, the feedback received from the delegates overwhelmingly endorsed this view. Headquarters were so impressed that they are planning a national seminar, based on the same theme, for later this year.

I am delighted to announce that our updated website is now live and urge all members to visit the site and explore the information that it contains. Within the “Future Events” area, there will be up-to-date details of forthcoming presentations and visits, so I recommend that you check this regularly.

Your committee has developed a very exciting programme of presentations for the autumn months and further details of these events are included within this newsletter and on the website. Please make a note in your diary of the dates and, when possible, make time to support the branch and hence satisfy your own CPD requirements.

In order to try and promote the Branch's activities and further develop the service we provide to our members, we are keen to circulate emails with details of forthcoming events. Should you wish to receive these electronic updates, please send an email from the address you would like to register, with a subject of 'IHIE Southern Branch Registration' to tony.suter@spitfireuk.net.

Please also feedback any suggestions and ideas you may have about this newsletter and branch activities in general, as they will be gratefully received.”

Billy Gooch
Branch Chairman



– SOUTHERN BRANCH WEBSITE –

You will recall in our last newsletter that we outlined our intention to re-launch the Southern Branch website. We wanted to include the new IHIE corporate logo and to provide up-to-date information on who we are and what we do.

We are now pleased to confirm that the re-designed site has been uploaded and we urge members to visit the site and familiarise themselves with it. Any constructive feedback and suggested improvements would be very much appreciated.

The website address is:-

www.ihie-southern.org.uk

Features of the new site include:-

“**About Us**” Providing details of the Institute as a whole, including a link to the HQ website and, in particular, information about the Southern Branch and its various activities.

“**News & Events**” Including reports from past events, information about future events, copies of previous Branch Newsletters and minutes from recent Annual General Meetings.

“**Committee**” Providing details and contact points for Elected Officers and names of all other members of the committee.

“**Sponsorship**” Details of the ongoing branch sponsorship by The Stilwell Partnership – Safety, Traffic and Highway Engineering Consultants.

“**Links**” Useful links to other professional bodies.

The information contained within the ‘News and Events’ area is key, so we hope you will review this regularly. Should you have any suggestions for improvement, or requests for additional features, please contact Tony Suter at tony.suter@spitfireuk.net.

– PAST EVENTS –

19th May 2005 – Winchester Seminar

Corporate Manslaughter and Risk Management was the theme for this year's Winchester Seminar. It was an overwhelming success with 95 members and delegates in attendance.

The Keynote speech was given by Gerard Forlin (a legal expert in this field) and was based upon the current Corporate Manslaughter Bill. The remainder of the day developed this theme and looked at aspects of Corporate Liability, mitigation and insurance measures to reduce risk. It covered both the public and private sector aspects, with a view to providing best practice – something we must all strive to achieve if we are to avoid litigation.

Health and Safety is a vital part in managing risk and the advances made in this respect were humorously highlighted in a staged sketch acted out by Billy Gooch and Helen Currie at the close of the event. They enacted a hypothetical conversation between Admiral Lord Nelson and Captain Hardy at the Battle of Trafalgar discussing Health and Safety on board HMS Victory in 1805. How times have changed – permit the use of a rope ladder I hear you say! Mutiny looms!!



We are always looking for inspiration on interesting topics and themes for future seminars. If you have any ideas on a subject for the 2006 event, please contact Tony Suter at tony.suter@spitfireuk.net.

9th June 2005 – Annual General Meeting Weald and Downland Open Air Museum

Having suffered appalling weather at our AGMs in the past, we were delighted to hold our 2005 AGM in magnificent Sussex sunshine, at the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum, set in the South Downs just north of Chichester.

Gerry Harvey, the IHIE President attended the meeting and paid tribute to the Branch's vitality, which was appreciated by the Institute's Council.

Billy Gooch summarised the past year's activities which were numerous and, generally, well supported. Financially, the Branch is in good shape through careful management and efficient organisation of our Annual Seminars.

As a result, Billy was able to make a 'donation' from Southern Branch to the main HQ account of £5,000, which, the President said "*would be put to good use in promoting the Institute and the work it does for Incorporated Engineers*". See picture below.



The business of the day was followed by a guided tour lasting some 2 hours and probably we walked about 2 miles in open countryside

14th July 2005 – Technical Visit – Bournemouth Aviation Museum, Dorset

A Technical Visit to the Bournemouth Aviation Museum based at the International Airport at Hurn, proved to be most interesting.

Many of the Southern Branch members and their guests experienced a second childhood, operating the controls, while hearing the many anecdotes about specific aircraft and associated equipment.

The volunteer staff, all passionate about aviation, treated us to a short presentation on the museum's history and its aims. Then we were taken on a personal tour of the exhibits.

Bournemouth Aviation Museum is the only UK Charitable Museum dedicated to preserving and displaying operational examples of historic aircraft.

They have a website at www.aviation-museum.co.uk and can be found at Hanger 600 within Bournemouth International Airport.

The museum is well worth a visit and our thanks go to the team who looked after us so well.

- FUTURE EVENTS -

September 2005 – Site Visit Terminal 5 at Heathrow Airport

In July 2004 the Branch had a presentation by Balfour Beatty on the widening of the M25 and the construction of the new Terminal 5 link roads. Now we have been given the opportunity to see some of the actual T5 works.

The visit is being co-ordinated through AMEC, who are constructing the stands, apron and taxiway works for the new terminal. The visit will focus on these areas and will include a site tour.



The visit will be held at the end of September, although the actual date is yet to be confirmed - please keep an eye on our website for confirmation. Expressions of interest can be sent now to Nia Griffiths at nia.griffiths@surreycc.gov.uk and you will then be e-mailed as soon as a date is confirmed. Please note that numbers will be strictly limited (to about 18), and places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

13th October 2005 – Technical Presentation Highways Agency Traffic Officers (HATOs)



The New Traffic Officer Service introduced by the Highways Agency (HA) in the West Midlands in 2004 is now operating on the Motorways in the South East.

At first you may be forgiven for mistaking them for the Police, but in fact they are Officers employed by the HA to support the Police, in the Traffic Manager role brought about by the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Their role will enable them to adopt no less than 18 previous Police duties and share a further 9, giving the Police the opportunity to devote more time to criminal activities.

If you would like to know more about this new service, please come to this meeting which will be hosted at Surrey County Council's Network Management Information Centre in Leatherhead starting at 2.30pm.

The presentation will be given by Peter Morgan of the HA who has been instrumental in the setting up of the service. In addition, a serving Officer from the South East HATO Team will be present to give a first-hand appraisal of the operation.

To reserve a place, please contact Grahame Bath by Email at grahame.bath@surreycc.gov.uk. Please also keep an eye on the website for further details.

8th November 2005 – Technical Presentation Bus Gates and Rising Bollard Systems

This presentation, by ATG, a leading supplier of rising bollard systems within the UK, will look in detail at the design, implementation and maintenance of access control systems which incorporate rising bollards and the associated technology.

The meeting is being held at the Methodist Church in Knaphill, Woking Surrey and will include a visit to a "bus gate" that is located in the village.

This will be an afternoon presentation and commence with light refreshments at 2.15pm with the presentation / visit from 2.30pm.



For more information, or to reserve a place, please contact Phillip Herring at philliph@stilwell-llp.co.uk and keep an eye on the website for further details.

– FUTURE EVENTS CONTINUED.... –

25th November 2005 – Social Event “Wine and Wisdom” Charity Quiz Night

Southern Branch will be holding their annual ‘Wine & Wisdom’ Charity Quiz Night on Friday 25 November at Ripley Village Hall, Surrey.

Teams of 8 are invited to enter this hotly contested, (but friendly!) competition, to become the winner of the much coveted challenge shield. Entry is £80 per team (teams of 8) and this includes free wine, soft drinks, nibbles and a hot fish and chip supper.

The main beneficiary in this, the Institute’s 40th Anniversary Year, will be the *River Crossings for Nepal Campaign*’ and the organisers are confident that sufficient income will be raised to fund an entire crossing (£1000). Any funds raised in addition to this will be distributed to local children’s charities.



Bookings are on a first come first served basis and further details can be obtained from Phillip Herring at philliph@stilwell-llp.co.uk.

Even if you are unable to attend, but would like to donate to the charity, all financial donations and items that can be raffled, would be most welcome.

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7th December 2005 – Technical Presentation “Automotive Power – Controlling the Fallout” The Burdette Room, The Grange, Midhurst

Protecting the environment is something for which we all have a responsibility and this presentation, by Paul Etheridge, will detail current research and development to reduce air pollution and to preserve the world’s resources. In addition, Paul will illustrate progress related to solutions associated with our industry such as alternative fuels, hybrid vehicles and fuel cells.

Paul Etheridge is the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Motorcycle/Small Engine Group of Ricardo Consulting Engineers based in Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex. Ricardo are a world leading, independent engineering provider, undertaking research, design and development to the world’s automotive and associated component manufacturers.

Paul has worked at Ricardo for 27 years and his experience covers both diesel and petrol engine design and development. For the past 15 years he has focused on petrol engines and his particular area of expertise covers exhaust emissions reduction.

The presentation will outline Ricardo’s international activities and the history of international effort and legislation aimed at reducing regulated exhaust emissions (Hydrocarbons, Oxides of Nitrogen and Carbon Monoxide) and fuel consumption reduction. The technology and control measures developed (and under development) to meet these ever stricter requirements will be described.

This will be an afternoon presentation and commence at 2.15pm when light refreshments will be served.

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