

United Kingdom Branch Newsletter

JULY 2013

From the Chair

I am pleased to write to you as the new Chairman of IPENZ UK, following my appointment at the recent Branch AGM and technical talk on Crossrail London development. It will be a tough act to follow the excellent leadership that Kelvin Smith has given the Branch for many years, but I am up for the challenge. A big thank you to Kelvin, and we look forward to his continued involvement as a committee member. Overall we have a very strong committee elected to serve the Branch, and have been successful in filling the newsletter editor position – welcome on board Emma Houghton.



The summer has finally started, and if the recent New Zealand summer is anything to go by it could be a late start but a long finish – fingers crossed. To top it off, Andy Murray has just achieved that long fought for Wimbledon Victory.

We have an exciting number of events coming up through the second half of 2013, leading into 2014 which is the centenary year for IPENZ. The UK Branch is looking to mark this occasion with an event at NZ House in London, celebrating the strong links in engineering between NZ and UK. Any thoughts or ideas for this event will be very welcome, so please get in touch with me via email at chair@ipenz.org.uk

Best Wishes

Andrew Delugar

Chair@ipenz.org.uk / www.ipenz.org.uk

IPENZ UK Branch Committee 2013/14

At the recent AGM the IPENZ UK Branch Committee was elected and confirmed, as follows:

Chair@an: Andrew Delugar Chair@ipenz.org.uk

Honorary Secretary: Liam Duff HonSec@ipenz.org.uk

Honorary Treasurer: Kamal Patel HonTres@ipenz.org.uk

Committee Members: Judy Henderson

Graham Barber Ian Kirker David Bigwood Jonathan Gammon Kelvin Smith

Emma Houghton <u>Editor@ipenz.org.uk</u>

Other contact details for specific enquiries:

Competency Assessment & Graduate Training: John Matthews Webmaster: Selwyn Aickin CACoordinator@ipenz.org.uk Webmaster@ipenz.org.uk

Welcome to New Members

A warm welcome to Kirstin Stevens and Bradley Yates, IPENZ Members who recently moved to the UK.



http://www.linkedin.com/groups/IPENZ-UK-Branch-2232787

Open to non-members too...

Please join our IPENZ UK LinkedIn group. It is an open group, so encourage your non-member colleagues to join as well. You can connect with other IPENZ members, learn of job opportunities, and keep up to date with Branch news and activities.

Upcoming Events

Summer Family Barbecue

When: Sunday 8 September, commencing at 1pm

Where: Henley Rowing Club, Henley on Thames.

Wargrave Rd, Henley-On-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 3JD

The Henley Rowing Club has been a Branch favourite location for many years and is a must see for members both old and new. A barbecue lunch and non-alcoholic drinks are provided. We invite attendees to bring a salad or a dessert to share and ask that you indicate what you will bring when you register.

Henley-on-Thames in South Oxfordshire was first settled in 1179. The town has a population of ~10,000 people and is the home of the Henley Royal Regatta. The historic event became Royal in 1851 when Prince Albert became patron of the regatta. The town is noted for its historic five arched bridge crossing the river, constructed in 1786, which you will walk over if you come by rail.

£8/adult (Members and partners) Cost:

£12/adult (Non-members)

Free for children under 12 years old

BYO: Attendees are welcome to bring alcoholic beverages.

(Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided)

Bring: Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. Please also bring outdoor tables and chairs.

Gettina Train from Paddington Station to Henley-on-Thames Station (1 hour, 6 minutes).

there: Henley Rowing Club is a ten minute stroll from the Railway Station.

RSVP: By Saturday 17 August

Online Reply Form Register: www.ipenz.org.uk

Payment: Your Name Reference:

> Sort Code: 40-07-13 Account No. 90829870

or send a cheque with the postal reply form at the end of this newsletter:

Graduates Evening

October - Are you thinking about applying for MIPENZ and CPEng, or just wondering what it is all about? Then the graduate's night is for you.

No cost to attend. Please get in touch with Liam Duff (HonSec@ipenz.org.uk) if you are interested in attending this evening. Last year's event was very successful, with several graduates now chartered.

Christmas Soirée

Friday 6 December

This year we will host the Soirée in the NZ House penthouse – great food, NZ beers and wines, great views over London, and a bit of banter with the Aussies. Put the date in your diaries now!





Technical Talks

Other technical talks will be arranged during the year as suitable speakers and venues become available. If you would like to suggest a topic or project, please let us know and we'll make the arrangements - email Andrew at chair@ipenz.org.uk





Recent Events

Prestige Lecture – Christchurch Earthquakes Response

We were privileged to have Dr Nicki Crauford, IPENZ Deputy Chief Executive, visiting London in April and able to present the findings of the Royal Commissions of inquiry into the Pike River mining incident and the Canterbury earthquakes to our members plus guests. The event was jointly hosted by IPENZ and Sam Atkins of Hays Recruitment at their offices on Cheapside which worked well given their current focus on recruiting Engineers for roles in Christchurch.





ANZAC Day Test – Tenpin bowling

The ANZAC Test this year was again tenpin bowling at Rowan's, against our counterparts from Engineers Australia. Tenpin bowling is proving to be a popular choice for the sporting challenge as it's not weather dependent and all the equipment is provided by the venue. The highest score in the first round of games was posted by IPENZ (myself), and EA (Clinton McHenry) levelled by posting the highest score in the second round. Rather than try to work out averages or go to a penalty shoot-out, we decided that it was a win-win result!

Crossrail Canary Wharf Station/TBM site visit

It was a great to get out to site to visit the Crossrail Canary Wharf Station with two tunnel boring machines inside (Elizabeth and Victoria) as they traverse the platform level to recommence tunnelling. Thanks go to Alasdair Kinnaird, Canary Wharf Station Project Manager, and to Gwyn Williams of Dragados Sisk JV for hosting the site tour.

AGM and Technical Talk – Crossrail Paddington Station

After a short AGM on 19 June, we received a presentation on the construction of Crossrail Paddington Station from Kiwi Engineers and station project manager, Ben Hardy and Andrew Nelson, at the Paddington Station project offices overlooking the construction site. Ben and Andrew's presentation covered the scope and purpose of Crossrail, progress thus far and how far there is to go. The specific technical and local challenges at Paddington Station were covered, with Andrew flowering us with architectural speak. The location of the office provided a great view down into the construction site below.

Other NZ Related Event

Rugby 7's at Twickenham

We are working on the first ever Rugby World Club 7s to be played at Twickenham Stadium on Aug 17th & 18th. New Zealand is represented by Auckland and we would very much like to communicate the event to the New Zealand Community in London so they can come along, have fun, be noisy and cheer them on!

This is an important continuation in the rising popularity of Rugby 7s in the build-up to its Olympic debut at Rio 2016, when New Zealand will be competing with other great rugby nations for a coveted medal.

Although World Club 7's is a club tournament, we feel that it is also an opportunity to instil National pride and that each country should be supported vociferously by its countrymen and women living in the UK, regardless of their knowledge of rugby, World Club 7's is a great day out with a family friendly, carnival atmosphere.

<u>www.worldclub7srugby.com</u> - Like us on <u>www.facebook.com/WorldClub7s</u> for all the latest updates.

IPENZ UK Branch Family Day and Barbecue - Reply Slip

Please fill in the details on the form below and post it, along with your cheque, to:

IPENZ UK Branch c/o Ian & Melissa Kirker Hill Cottage 8 Silverdale Road Wargrave Berkshire RG10 8EA

Make cheques payable to 'IPENZ UK Branch'.

We need to receive this form by Saturday 17 August at the very latest.



Please include me in your barbecue arrangements on Sunday 8th September.
Name:
Telephone: Email:
There will be adults and children in my party, including myself. • £8 - adult (Members and partners) • £12 - adult (Non-members) • Free for children under 12 years old My cheque for £ is enclosed
I will be providing a (please specify type): Salad / Dessert.
I am able to bring(qty) outdoor tables and(qty) outdoor chairs.
I am able to bring a barbecue: Yes / No