



NEWSLETTER

**RETIRED CHARTERED
ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION
WORTHING**

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

30th Oct	Thursday	Coffee - with Partners at Beach Hotel, Worthing
5th Nov	Wednesday	Coffee - at Albion Inn, 110 Church Road, Hove
5th Nov	Wednesday	Talk - "Code breaking and its effect on World War II" by J. Steel, guest 2.30 p.m. Durrington C.C.
12th Nov	Wednesday	Visit - Southern Water, Hardham, 2.30 p.m. see pages 6 & 7 for information and application form
20th Nov	Thursday	Coffee - at Three Crowns, East Preston
27th Nov	Thursday	Coffee - with Partners at Beach Hotel, Worthing
28th Nov	Friday	Cooch Memorial Lecture 2.30 p.m. Worthing Library "The digital computer - the early days" by Prof. R. Grimdsdale
3rd Dec	Wednesday	Coffee - at Albion Inn, 110 Church Road, Hove
10th Dec	Wednesday	Talk - "Recent problems in water supply" by A.C. Twort, member and H. Speight, guest 2.30 p.m. Durrington C.C.
15th Dec	Monday	Copy date for next Newsletter
18th Dec	Thursday	Coffee - at Three Crowns, East Preston
25th Dec	Thursday	No coffee morning at Beach Hotel

Every Monday Coffee at Laing's Arcade Cafe, Montague Street, Worthing

Coffee mornings commence at 10.30 a.m., except at The Beach, which is from 10.45 a.m.

Annual Subscriptions

These are now due. Please send your cheques for £8 to the Hon. Treasurer, D.R. Collard, 9 Meadway, Rustington, Littlehampton, BN16 2DD. If you are not sure whether you have already paid, and to save sending out reminders, please contact the Hon. Treasurer on 01903 785580.

We welcome the following new members to the Association:

<p>1997 STUDD, P.J. M.A., F.I.E.E., 20 Chatsworth Rd, Brighton, BN1 5DB (01273 500943)</p> <p>1955-75 East African Posts & Telecommunications service in Uganda, Kenya & Tanzania. 1975-83 Preece Cardew & Rider, 1983-90 Ewbank Preece, Telecoms Eng. mainly projects in Africa. 1991-97 Dar Al-Hardasah, domestic satellite project in Angola.</p> <p><i>Interests:</i> Current Affairs, Military History, Walking</p>	<p>1997 RUMMELI, H.A. Dip.Eng. H.T.L. 3 Woodbridge Park, East Preston, Littlehampton, BN16 1NL (01903 770264)</p> <p>1971-96 Posts overseas in generation, transmission & distribution for Electrovolt Engineering, Zurich, Switzerland.</p> <p><i>Interests:</i> Walking, Skiing, Music, Travel</p>
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Change of Venue for General Meetings

Over the last few years the secretary has received several comments from members about the limited space at Durrington, particularly when around 40 members are present, making it difficult to "socialise" during the tea break. We have tried to obtain the larger room at Durrington but this has always been fully booked, so we have been searching elsewhere for suitable accommodation. Finally this has been found at Field Place, but only available on a Tuesday. Consequently the committee approved the reservation. It should be noted that rooms are reserved 1.5 years in advance and this was done last last August. Full details including a map will be included in the December Newsletter

46th Annual General Meeting - 10th September 1997

Due to the controversial nature of some of the subjects discussed at the AGM, the complete minutes are reproduced. These, of course, have to be approved at the next AGM.

MINUTES OF 46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD AT DURREINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1997, AT 2.30 p.m.

1. The president, K.J. Wheeler, opened the meeting in the presence of 31 members. He reminded the meeting that a principal objective of the Association was "to maintain links with development in technology".
2. Apologies for absence: Messrs Forster, Morley, Lear, Middlemass, Newberry, Harvey, Thomas, Lambert.
3. The minutes of AGM No.45, held on 11th September, 1996 were approved.
4. Matters arising from above meeting. None recorded.
5. The Treasurer's report was adopted unanimously. Proposed by L.C. Taverner and seconded by R.P. Marshall.
6. The Secretary, commenting on his report, advised that the membership now numbered 101.
7. The retiring President, K.J. Wheeler, reviewed the year's activities and, with reference to his opening comments, was pleased to say that the lectures and visits during the year had been excellent. The social programme had gone well and he particularly thanked John Fowler for his work in organising the Spring Break to Monschau.
8. The retiring President then introduced the new President, D.M. Lewis.
9. The following were proposed, seconded and carried unanimously as Officers for the year 1997/98 :-

President	D.L. Lewis
Vice President	No Nomination
Hon Secretary	S. Oliver
Asst. Hon. Sec	R.G. Bailey
Hon. Treasurer	D.R. Collard
Asst. Hon. Treasurer	J.L. Wigley
Committee members	R.P. Marshall
	E.T. Besley
	No Nomination
Auditor	A.G. Standbridge

10. The new President then explained the reasons for putting forward the Discussion Paper (page 14 of AGM documents). The fourth point, which referred to the admission of Professional Engineers who were not "Chartered", was discussed to some extent. The general feeling of the meeting towards the paper as a whole was noncommittal and no definite proposals were put forward. The President emphasised that this is a discussion paper which had been sent to all members.
11. The new President, D.M. Lewis, then gave a brief outline of his career which has been spent within the Electricity Supply Industry. He gave very informative details of how the Regional Electricity Supply Companies have developed through technological advances,

particularly the impact of the revolution in Information Technology with which he had been directly involved during his career with SEEBOARD.

12. D.J. Fuller thanked The New President for his interesting discourse.

13. Any other business.

(a) A member suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to H.J. Tuffen for his TV presentation.

(b) B. Haynes queried the need for meetings to start at 1400hrs instead of 1430, as hitherto.

(c) The President reminded members that 50 plus are needed to ensure the success of the Annual Dinner.

(d) S.R. Renew suggested that the Spring Break holiday price be increased by a few pounds to avoid the need for using Association funds.

(e) E.T. Besley drew members' attention to magazines which can be taken away by anyone interested.

The meeting ended at 1637 hrs.

RGB. 11/9/97.

The minutes of the committee meeting held 6th October, 1997 are reproduced here for information. These have to be approved at the next committee meeting.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER 1997 AT DURRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 1400 HRS.

PRESENT. D.M. Lewis, S. Oliver, R.G. Bailey, D.R. Collard, J.L. Wigley, R.P. Marshall, E.T. Besley.

1. APOLOGIES. All present.

2. MINUTES of last Meeting held on 6th August 1997. Approved.

3. MATTERS arising from 2. Ref 3(b) The Secretary advised that the supply of plastic envelope clip/pin badges had now been actioned.

4. FINANCE.

(a) D.R. Collard advised the present bank account balances. The savings account is unchanged but the Current account is carrying £1000.00 plus of the Annual Dinner payments.

(b) The relative costs of the new venue compared with Durrington were discussed and it was thought that using Field Place would result in an extra cost of £120.00 per annum

5. MATTERS arising from AGM. The document included for discussion at the AGM ("The Way Forward") had produced a petition from 30 members and several individual letters. It was apparent that there was some objection to the new start time for meetings (1400hrs from 1430hrs) and also the venue change. It is clear that some Members are unable to contemplate change of any nature. The President D.M. Lewis summarised the situation and advised :-

(a) He will in future advise members at the general meetings of decisions taken by the Executive Committee rather than waiting until the AGM to present them with "fait accompli"!

(b) He will advise members at the meeting on 8th October that the time of meetings will revert to 1430hrs in view of the number of complaints voiced by members.

6. ANNUAL DINNER. The present numbers are 52. The cost apportionments were discussed covering food, wine, entertainment, refreshments for entertainers. The President is preparing the seating plan.

7. PROGRAMME FOR NEXT SESSION. 1998/99. In the absence of a Vice President nothing was in train at present. The Secretary, S. Oliver, advised that he had just heard before the meeting that there was a possible Sub-Committee of 5 members who could prepare the programme under the chairmanship of the vice president, if one is forthcoming. He was unable to give further details.

8. SPRING BREAK. Dates are 18th to 22nd May 1998 to Yorkshire Dales.

9. PUBLICITY. Stan Renew had been quite active and had arranged for an entry in the Rustington Residents Association handbook and also two entries in the "FRIDAY AD" commencing 26th September. The Asst. Secretary, R.G. Bailey, reported no response so far. The committee gratefully accept Stan Renew's offer to handle publicity for the association.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) DML handed over the synopses for the next three meetings.

(b) DML advised that the visit to Southern Water at Hardham required strong footwear.

Date of next Meeting 20th January, 1998.

The meeting closed at 1610hrs.

RGB.7/10/97.

Code breaking and its effect on World War II - Talk by J. Steel, guest, at the Durrington Community Centre on 5th November, 1997.

The talk will describe the early work undertaken by Alan Turing and others at Bletchley Park in breaking the code of the Enigma machine that was widely used by various German organisations. Reference will also be made to the development of Colossus, the worlds' first "computer" and the Purple machine the Japanese equivalent of Enigma. This is a fascinating insight of what went on during the second world war for the Allies to keep one step ahead of the Axis Powers!

Visit to Southern Water , Hardham on Wednesday, 12th November, 1997 at 2.30 p.m.

The Hardham pumping station is situated on the west side of the A29 one mile south of Pulborough. Members are requested to wear sensible shoes.

Cooch Memorial Lecture - "The digital computer - the early days" by Professor R. Grimsdale at the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre on Friday, 28th November, 1997 at 2.30 p.m.

The speaker was privileged to be one of the team that worked in the 50's at Manchester University which made major contributions to the development of the digital computer. The talk will relate particularly to those developments. This period witnessed the transition from valves to transistors. Although there have been enormous changes in size, speed and cost, many features invented in those days are still in use.

After the lecture the R.C.E.A.prize will be presented to Mr Jonathan Holt, who is studying for an M.Eng. at the University of Brighton.

Recent problems in water supply - Talk by A.C. Twort, member and H. Speight, guest, at the Durrington Community Centre on 10th December, 1997, at 2.30 p.m.

The talks, which are very topical at the moment and of interest to us all, will deal with the complementary operational and regulatory aspects of water supply.

Alan Twort, who will speak first, will describe some operational or technical problems, such as the difficulties of dealing with leakage and metering, and of meeting water quality requirements.

Harry Speight will then describe his experience as a member of OFWAT's Southern Customer Service Committee, and OFWAT's current financial and other policies.

Both speakers are ex-Presidents of the Institution of Water and Environmental Management.

Recordings of Meetings

An audio tape cassette is made of all talks and addresses at each of our General Meetings, thanks to the good services of Eric Roubaud. These tapes are available from the Hon. Sec., but they only go back about two years as the cassettes are reused.

Spring Break to Yorkshire Dales 18th to 22nd May, 1998

When the party that visited Monchau last Spring were asked where they would like to go in 1998, 62% opted for the UK and 38% for Europe. Of the people wanting the break to be in England, 39% opted for the Yorkshire Dales, 22% for Devon/Cornwall and the remainder in various other places. Thus the Spring Break will be held between 18 to 22 May inclusive in the Yorkshire Dales.

Although Harrogate would seem to be an ideal centre for such a visit, enquiries have shown it to be relatively expensive, so an alternative is being investigated. Final details will be included in the December newsletter.

To: D.L. Lewis, 8 Arlington Avenue, Worthing, BN12 4TA Tel: 01903 249726
I wish to participate in the visit to **Southern Water** on Wednesday, 12th November 1997 at 2.30 p.m.

Full Name(Block capitals)

Address

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Phone No.....

Applications by 5th November, 1997