



# NEWSLETTER

**RETIRED CHARTERED  
ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**  
*WORTHING*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

29th Aug	Thursday	Coffee - with Partners at Highdown Towers
10th Sept	Tuesday	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> , 2.30 p.m. in the Chichester room at Field Place. Incoming president's address. Invitation and documents are on pages 7 to 13
19th Sept	Thursday	Coffee - at Spotted Cow, Angmering
26th Sept	Thursday	Coffee - with Partners at Beach Hotel, Worthing
8th Oct	Tuesday	<b>Talk</b> – “The story of the Worthing Wurlitzer” by E.C.N. Buckland, member, at 2.00 p.m. in the Richmond room, Assembly Hall, Worthing.
17th Oct	Thursday	Coffee - at Spotted Cow, Angmering
31st Oct	Thursday	Coffee - with Partners at Beach Hotel, Worthing
12th Nov	Tuesday	<b>Visit</b> - Hardham water extraction plant, 2.00 p.m. <i>see page 3 for details</i>
20th Nov	Wednesday	<b>51<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner</b> , Beach Hotel <i>see page 3</i>
21st Nov	Thursday	Coffee - at Spotted Cow, Angmering
28th Nov	Thursday	Coffee - with Partners at Beach Hotel, Worthing
29th Nov	Friday	<b>Cooch memorial lecture</b> "No new things under the Sun" by J. Narborough at the lecture theatre, Worthing library, at 2.30 p.m. <i>see page 4 for details</i>
10th Dec	Tuesday	<b>Talk</b> - "Production of oil from the North Sea" by R. Williams, member, at 2.30p.m. in the Chichester room, Field Place.

19th Dec      Thursday      Coffee - at Spotted Cow, Angmering

Every          Monday          Coffee at Denton Lounge, Worthing Pier.

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

## Subscriptions

These are due on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please send your cheques for £12 to the Hon. Treasurer, B. Buckroyd, 6 Fosters Close, East Preston, BN16 2TL New members, who joined after 31st March, please note that their subscription already paid is valid until 31st August 2003. We welcome the following new members:

<p>2002 <b>PHILLIPS, M.E.,</b> B.Sc.(Eng), M.I.E.E <i>Old Erringham House, Steyning Road, Shoreham by Sea, BN43 5ED (01273 462285)</i> <b>Martin and Fiona</b> Sales &amp; Marketing Director with: Eurotherm Ltd, Pirelli Cables and AEG Engineering. <i>Interest:</i> Hi-Fi, Flying, Golf, Growing unusual plants, Music, DIY</p>	<p>2002 <b>WEBB, D.E.,</b> F.I.E.E. <i>6 Loxwood Avenue, Worthing, BN147QZ (01903 525969)</i> <b>Derek and Ann</b> British Rail: electrification engineer Southern Region Rail Track: electrical engineer Southern Zone <i>Interests:</i> Badminton</p>
<p>2002 <b>SEATON, R.C.,</b> B.Met., M.I.M. <i>Ghyll Shaw, Station Road, Crowhurst, Battle. (01424 830229)</i> <b>Ray and Pam</b> 1950-54 J. Stone Ltd. Development work on casting non ferrous metals 1954-59 Min. of Aviation. Administration of government funded research on aircraft materials. 1959-87 Patent Office. Examination of patents in the metals extraction and processing field. <i>Interests:</i> Gardening, Walking, Classical Music</p>	<p>2002 <b>WRIGHT, Ms.S.M.,</b> I.M.M.M.. <i>26 The Martlets, Shoreham by Sea, BN43 5NN (01273 463 735)</i> <b>Sheila</b> 1947-56 Metalisation Ltd - research and development 1956-69 Family plus consultancy 1971-89 Work in Education <i>Interests:</i> Music, Drama, Travel</p>

Will new members please check the above data and inform the Membership. Sec. of any errors or omissions so that the information can be incorporated correctly into next session's handbook.

## Programme of events 2002/03

### 2002

Tue. 8th Oct.      **Talk:** The story of the Worthing Wurlitzer  
by E.C.N. Buckland, member

Tue. 12th Nov.      **Visit:** Hardham water supply works, Pulborough

- Wed. 20th Nov.      **Annual Dinner:** Beach Hotel, Worthing.
- Fri. 29th Nov.      **Cooch Memorial Lecture:** No new thing under the Sun by J. Narborough
- Tue. 10th Dec.      **Talk:** Production of oil from the North Sea - the early years  
by R. Williams, member
- 2003**
- Tue. 7th Jan.      **Talk:** Nuclear Power
- Tue. 14 Jan      **Visit:** H + S Aviation, Portsmouth
- Tue. 11th Feb.      **Talk:** Volks railway by I. Gledhill, chairman of Volks electric railway association
- Tue. 18th Feb.      **Outing:** Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- Tue. 11th Mar.      **Talk:** Mauritius - Your holiday island power supply by R.P. Wort,  
member.
- Tue. 18th Mar.      **Visit:** Shoreham power station
- Wed. 9th Apr.      **Outing:** Royal Navy submarine museum, Gosport
- Wed. 14th May.      **Outing:** Brighton's Victorian sewers
- Wed. 18th Jun.      **Outing:** Chichester harbour
- Wed 16th Jul.      **Garden party**
- Tue. 9th Sept.      **Annual General Meeting.**

**Visit to Southern Water, Hardham, Nr Pulborough** on Wednesday, 12th November, 2002 at 2.30 p.m.

A visit to one of Southern Water's largest extraction and water treatment works which has undergone a £10m upgrade.

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.

Please return the reply slip on page 6

## **Annual Dinner** – Wednesday, 20th November, 2002

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Beach Hotel, Worthing on Wednesday, 20th November, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Dress - dinner jacket or lounge suit. Subsidised cost, £25 each, including unlimited wine with the meal and Bucks fizz or orange juice on arrival to welcome members and their partners. The menu will be:

*Warm melon with crispy bacon and hollandaise sauce or Tomato soup with basil  
Traditional roast chicken served with stuffing, chipolata and cranberry sauce and vegetables  
Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or Fresh fruit salad or Cheese and biscuits  
Coffee and mints*

Please return the reply slip below with your choice of starter **not later than 6th November**.

Record your choice of starter here for your record :

Number of soup.....

Number of melon.....

If anyone requires a vegetarian meal, please indicate on the reply slip.

An application form is enclosed on page 6.

## **Cooch Memorial Lecture "No New Thing Under The Sun "**

by John Narborough, at the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, on Friday, 29th November, 2002 at 2.30 p.m.

Are all our present day engineering achievements as original or as socially useful as we would like to think? Modern technology meets the preacher from Ecclesiastes!.

*report* **"The Channel Tunnel Rail Link" given by Mr Bernard Gambrell CEng, MICE at Field Place on Tuesday 12th March 2002.**

### **Introduction**

The 109km Channel Tunnel Rail Link is Britain's first new railway for more than a century. It will run from the Channel Tunnel terminal near Folkestone, through Ashford, then north of Maidstone and under the North Downs to the Medway valley near Rochester. It will then pass south of Gravesend, under the Thames between Swanscombe and Thurrock, and into London via Rainham and Dagenham. From Dagenham it will run in deep tunnels to a new terminal at St Pancras.

From Southfleet near Gravesend there will be a connection to the Railtrack network at Fawkham Junction near Longfield so that some Eurostars can continue to run to the existing international terminal at Waterloo.

The new railway will serve the existing international station at Ashford, and new stations at Ebbsfleet and at Stratford in east London.

## **Freight**

The new railway is designed primarily as a high-speed passenger railway, but it will also be able to carry international freight trains if the demand justifies. There will be a connection to the Dollands Moor freight yard near the Channel Tunnel, passing loops to allow slower freight services to be overtaken by passenger trains at Singlewell and Charing in Kent, and a freight junction with the existing network near Dagenham.

## **Construction**

**Section 1** - Has been under way since October 1988, split into 5 main civil engineering contracts and 2 railway equipment contracts.

The main engineering features on Section 1 are a 1.2km bridge over the river Medway, a 3km tunnel under the North Downs, a 1.7km cut-and-cover near Ashford and a 4km viaduct in East Ashford. In addition there are 41 underbridges, 53 overbridges and 23 footbridges. Track laying is undertaken from a specially constructed railhead near Ashford, with the track laying trains working in both directions from this base. Managing the interface with the existing railway, whether altering the layout to incorporate the CTRL while keeping trains running or simply working close alongside, is an additional complication which requires detailed advanced planning and special safety arrangements.

Earth mounds to screen against the noise and visual intrusion are being provided, together with noise barriers where necessary. The landscape is being restored with the creation of around 255 hectares of woodland and 200 hectares of grassland, involving the planting of over a million new trees and shrubs. This section is due to open in 2003.

**Section 2** - The emphasis is on tunnelling, with twin 3km tunnels beneath the River Thames and 19km of twin tunnels from Dagenham to the St Pancras approaches. Tunnelling starts in mid-2002 and the only sign of works on the surface will be ventilation shafts down to the tunnels approx. every 3km.

There is also the major task of enlarging and restoring St Pancras station, a Grade 1 listed building. The historic 1868 William Barlow trainshed will be refurbished and reglazed, and the station will be extended by 250m to accommodate the 400m long Eurostars. Six international platforms will be provided extending out of the Barlow trainshed on to the extension deck, and three platforms for the CTRL Kent Express and four platforms for the Midland Mainline services which use the station at the moment will be provided on either side of the deck outside the original trainshed. Passenger handling facilities will be created at street level in the undercroft beneath the platforms, and new interchanges with Thameslink 2000 and with the underground via two new ticket halls will be provided.

St Pancras Chambers, on the Euston Road frontage of the station, which was originally the Midland Grand Hotel but which has been disused for some years, will be restored and extended as a deluxe Marriott Hotel, with former staff accommodation on the upper floors converted to residential apartments. This section is due to open in 2007.

This was a very interesting and enjoyable talk and Mr Jim Cockburn gave a vote of thanks. Approximately 40 members attended.

*Dave Matthews*

*report of* **Visit to Ford Motor Co., Southampton, on Tuesday 19th March, 2002**

17 members gathered at the Ford Motor Co. plant at Southampton on Tuesday 19th March 2002. We were met by our guide, Mr Barry Saunders and were given an introductory safety video and a short history of the site.

The plant assembles the Transit Van with parts coming from all over Europe. It operates on a two- shift system - 5 days per week. Their target is 14% down time. The remainder of the time is taken up with maintenance. The plant has no room to store the parts coming in or the finished product and so deliveries have to arrive on time.

We then toured the plant and saw the van being assembled from the chassis and sides through to the finished product. The latest robotic welding techniques were very impressive. Due to the shortage of space the assembly line is in a series of carrousel instead of the traditional long line. The production planning takes account of the various versions of the van and also the paint finishes that have been ordered. We were pleased to note that the 'White Van' is still the most popular.

The visit lasted approximately 2 hours and our thanks go to the Ford Motor Co. and to Barry our guide for organising the visit.

After the visit 11 members visited the nearby White Swan for a well earned drink and lunch.

*Dave Matthews*

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To: B. Buckroyd, 6 Fosters Close, East Preston, BN16 2TL Tel: 01903 784926

Please reserve.....places for me at the **51st Annual Dinner on 20th November, 2002** at the Beach Hotel, Worthing. 7 for 7.30 p.m.

My guests will be

I/we would like to sit with

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who have agreed to make a reciprocal request

I enclose my cheque for £.....(£25 per person) payable to R.C.E.A.

Number of melon.....Number of soup.....

NAME .....(Block capitals) Phone No.....

Please note, no tickets will be issued **Applications by 6th November, 2002**

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To: G.E. Mathias, 16 Tamarisk Way, East Preston, BN16 2TF Tel: 01903 859191  
I wish to participate in the visit to **Southern Water** on Tuesday, 12th November 2002 at 2.00 p.m.

Full Name .....(Block capitals)

Address .....

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Phone No..... **Applications by 5th November, 1997**



**RETIRED  
CHARTERED ENGINEERS'  
ASSOCIATION  
(WORTHING)**

**51 st  
Annual General  
Meeting**

Dear Member,

The 2002 A.G.M. will be held in the Chichester room at Field Place on Tuesday, 10th September, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

S. Oliver. Hon. Secretary

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th September, 2001 (see page 8).
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report for 2001/02 and presentation of accounts for year ending 31st July, 2002.
5. Secretary's Report for 2001/02.
6. The committee proposes that the annual subscription remains at £12 (rule 4)
7. The committee proposes changes to the rules to enable professionally qualified engineers to join the RCEA. The existing and proposed rules are given on pages 12 & 13.
8. Election of Officers and Committee for the Year 2002/03.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Proposed by Committee</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
President		D. Matthews
Vice President		G.D. Mathias
Hon Secretary		C. Pilling
Asst. Hon. Sec		
Hon. Treasurer		B. Buckroyd
Asst. Hon. Treasurer		H.A. Rummeli
Committee member (Newsletter editor)		
Committee member (Programme co-ordinator)		
Committee member		
Committee member		
Committee member		
Committee member		
Membership Sec.		
Auditor		

9. President's Address.
10. A.O.B.
12. Short meeting of new committee to agree date of next formal committee meeting.



## **Minutes of 50th Annual General Meeting, held at Field Place on Tuesday, 11th September 2001, at 2.30 p.m.**

The President K.H. Wheeler opened the meeting in the presence of 31 members.

1. Apologies for absence: Mole, Fuller, Cockburn, Little, Mills, Hurst, Shead, Morley, Hulbert, Parsons, Harvey, Griffiths, Badby
2. The minutes of AGM No. 49 held on 5th September 2000 were approved.
3. Matters arising from above meeting: None.
4. The Treasurer's report was adopted unanimously. Proposed by D.R. Collard and seconded by G. Picken.
5. The Secretary's report was adopted unanimously. Proposed by Tavener and seconded by E. Besley.
6. The Annual subscription was unanimously agreed to remain at £12.00. Proposed by S.R. Renew and seconded by L. Bannister
7. The following were proposed, seconded and carried unanimously as Officers and Committee for the year 2001/02: -

President	D. Matthews.
Vice President	G.D. Mathias
Hon. Secretary	S. Oliver.
Asst. Hon. Sec	C Pilling
Hon. Treasurer	B. Buckroyd
Asst. Hon. Treasurer	H.A. Rummeli
Committee Members	R.P. Wort, S.R. Renew, J.M. Woodgate
Auditor	E.T. Besley.
Membership Sec..	C. Pilling

8. The retiring President K.H. Wheeler then addressed the meeting. He thanked the Committee Members and Members for their support during the year.
9. The new President D. Matthews was then formally inducted.
10. The President then addressed the meeting. He gave a brief outline of his career in the Chemical and Gas industry and explained the years programme he had put together.
11. G.D. Mathias then gave a vote of thanks to the President.

12. Any other business. John Stoton reminded members of the work of REMAP and that they are looking for members.

The meeting ended at 1540 hrs. S.O. 1/10/01.

### **Hon. Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st July, 2002**

The year has seen increased turnover from 2000/01 but the surplus is reduced.

The main increase is the cost of the 50th Annual Dinner with the extra expenses of entertaining the Worthing Mayor and the hire of Field Place as the bill for 2000/01 was only received and paid this year.

The headings of income/expenditure have been reduced:

- a. The Cooch lecture now includes both the expenses of the speaker and the Worthing library rent.
- b. Admin. includes typing, printing, postage, telephone, stationery and publication.
- c. Corporation tax is deleted as we have obtained a 5 year extension to our exemption.

The committee has decided in this Jubilee year that the cash surplus from teas is given to St Barnabas Hospice

*B. Buckroyd*, Hon Treasurer

**RETIRED CHARTERED ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st July, 2002**

2000/01	Receipts	2001/02	Payments	2001/02	2000/01
1296.00	Subscriptions	1224.00	Cooch lecture	76.50	69.30
60.00	Entrance fees	70.00	Hire of rooms	284.45	0.00
8.00	Donations	0.00	Annual Dinner	2154.48	1152.25
1168.00	Annual Dinner	1875.00	Luncheon	400	385.00
392.00	Luncheon	400.00	Teas	0.00	0.00
35.53	Teas	0.00	Outings	351.00	195.00
220.00	Outings	421.00	Admin. expenses	582.02	761.08
41.17	Interest NSB	69.39			
3.04	Interest Lloyds A/C	0.86			
			Presentation		61.90
			Miscellaneous	25	
<b>3223.74</b>	Total receipts	<b>4060.25</b>		<b>3873.45</b>	<b>2624.53</b>
<b>2624.53</b>	Total payments	<b>3873.45</b>			
<b>599.21</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>186.80</b>			

**Summary**

Brought forward from 2001	2378.66
Surplus for year 2001/02	186.80

**2565.46**

**Assets**

Balance current A/C	Lloyds	1031.10
NSB Investment	A/C	1534.36

**2565.46**

B. Buckroyd  
Hon Treasurer.

**Auditor's Report**

I have examined the accounts as presented to me by the Hon. Treasurer and, in my opinion, they represent a true and faithful picture of the financial affairs of the association for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2002.

E.T. Besley  
Hon.Auditor

## Hon. Secretary's Report for the Year 2001/02

Title	Speaker		Date	Attendance
"The Environmental Agency in Sussex"	P. Midgley	guest	9 Oct 01	33
Cooch Lecture "20 million therms under the sea"	K. Reid	guest	30 Nov 01	44
"Water treatment"	Southern Water	guest	11 Dec 01	33
"Gas turbines: past, present and future"	Prof. A.B. Turner	guest	8 Jan 02	31
"The role of the airworthiness surveyor "	G. Rourke	guest	12 Feb 02	37
"The channel tunnel rail link"	B. Gambrill	guest	12 Mar 02	40

George Gale & Co., Brewery, Horndea	Visit	13 Nov 01	12
Worthing Civics	Outing	15 Jan 02	30
Ford water treatment plant	Visit	19 Feb 02	19*
Ford Motor Co., assembly plant, S'oton	Visit	19 Mar 02	17*
Arundel Castle	Outing	17 Apr 02	18
The Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson	Outing	15 May 02	17
Worthing Wurlitzer Concert	Outing	26 May 02	30
Amberley Industrial Museum	Outing	19 Jun 02	21
Chichester `Planetarium	Outing	17 July 02	43
Lunch at Northbrook College	Lunch	14 Mar 02	50*
Annual Dinner	Dinner	21 Nov 01	77
A.G.M.	Meeting	11 Sep 01	31
Committee	Meetings	5 during session	9,6,8,8,6

### Membership

\*numbers restricted

To date we have 107 members which includes 7 life members. During the association year we are sad to report the deaths of three members (F.J.W. Brown, G.I.L. Gunn and D.H. Lear), seven new members have joined (M.J. Birch, E.C.N. Buckland, M.E. Phillips, R.C. Seaton, R.F. Townsend, D.E. Webb and Ms.S.M. Wright) and there were 12 resignations.

*S. Oliver*, Hon. Secretary

## Existing Rules

1. The name shall be "RETIRED CHARTERED ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION."
2. The objects of the Association shall be:
  - (a) To bring together retired **Chartered** Engineers, and, by lectures and visits to local engineering works, maintain links with development in engineering technology.
  - (b) To promote good fellowship for the members and their partners by social gatherings and outings.
3. **The Association is based in Worthing. Membership is open to retired engineers living in the vicinity of Worthing, or surrounding area, and who at the time of retirement were corporate members of a chartered engineering institution. Any who are of normal retiring age but who are still employed on a part-time basis are accepted as retired.**

**Members of the Association who move away from the area may retain their membership.**
4. There shall be an entrance fee. Subscriptions for each year become due on October 1st. The subscription for each year shall be evaluated at the Committee Meeting of the Association held in the previous May and be approved by the Annual General Meeting.

Members whose membership has been continuous for 21 years shall be appointed to honorary life membership and shall not be required to pay further annual subscriptions.
5. **The Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Assistant Treasurer.** The Officers shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, and may offer themselves for re-election. Nominations for Officers shall reach the Hon. Secretary by the 31st July each year. **The Vice-President automatically becomes the next President.**

The Committee shall consist of the Officers, and a further **three** members, one of whom shall retire annually in rotation, and, being eligible, may offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.  
A quorum shall consist of four members of the Committee including at least two officers.

In all votes the President or such person deputising for the President shall also have a casting vote where the votes are equal and shall exercise it in such a way as to preserve the status quo, wherever possible.

The Committee shall have power to appoint an Officer or member of the Committee should any vacancy occur during the year.
6. The Committee and members of the Association and each of them expressly disclaim any liability to each other or to third parties for the accuracy or reliability of the contents of any lecture, talk, display, document, promotional material or other advice howsoever provided or acquired. Furthermore the Association accepts no responsibility for any injury or loss or inconvenience caused to Members or their partners in consequence of any meeting or visit arranged on their behalf.
7. The Annual General Meeting shall take place in September.
8. The accounts shall be audited by one member who is not a member of the Committee and who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The financial year shall end on July 31st, and the audited accounts shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
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**Membership is open to Corporate members of Engineering Council Institutions and, subject to Committee approval, other professionally qualified Engineers**
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