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SOUTH EAST BRANCH

IHBC South East Branch newsletter – March 2016

This year will be my sixth as Branch chair and representative at Council. I have enjoyed meeting many of you at the successful events the branch has organised over these years. I have also enjoyed the responsibility and the opportunities to present regional issues at a national level. It was always my intention to stand for three years as I felt this would allow more people to be involved in branch decisions and to allow a greater spread of ideas to help direct the branch. I was happy to remain as chair and Council rep for a further three years especially as over the past three years the Institute has been coming to terms with an outdated governance model and imagining a replacement. I am very happy that the experience of IHBC+ has been positive and that I've been able to ensure the south east members' views have been instrumental in directing the future of the Institute.

I am stepping down as Council representative in the summer and hope that this will facilitate an opportunity for someone with a fresh perspective on national and regional issues to take my place. I am also stepping down as Branch chair in the autumn for similar reasons. The roles have been held by the same person for some years but this need not be the case. They require different skills and have different responsibilities but both equally satisfying. The Council representative role requires full membership of the Institute to be able to vote on issues and actions but the branch chair can be an associate or affiliate working towards full membership or a retired member. Further details of the roles can be found in the Branches Guidance page of the website. The branch committee welcomes anyone who would like to join us. If you are interested in any of the committee roles please contact me or any of the other committee members. We are also happy to welcome those of you who would like to sit on the committee without a portfolio.

Thank you again for supporting your branch and making my time as Branch chair an enjoyable experience.

Annual School Bursary

The Annual School, *People Power! Catalyst for change* will be held in Worcester this year and details are now available on the [website](#). The branch are offering a bursary as we did last year. The bursary will cover the full cost of a residential place for the three days. Travel expenses will need to be covered by the individual. The successful applicant will be asked to write a report of the School for the Branch newsletter. If you are a member beginning your career or looking to apply for full membership; or a member who has recently moved away from Conservation due to any reason and is looking to return to the profession then please write to the Branch Committee describing your situation and why you should be considered for the bursary. We will consider the applications on 20th April so applications should be received before this date.

Future Events

As always we are very happy to hear from you if you have ideas for events. We have several in the pipeline at the moment and details will follow once we have those confirmed. Sanne Roberts has put together two questionnaires to help us understand what type of event we should be organising. Please do fill these in as it will only take a short time and help us to continue to offer the benefits you want. Please follow the link to the surveys here :

https://www.surveymonkey.com/summary/JvePO0Pkwf_2Bb4CE4V_2BFDtBrCU5IOSqNtwbNRUnuPu3Y_3D

https://www.surveymonkey.com/summary/lpa6XnKChHX4vNmPQHS6AeRQ3ENYMWsxX1Qa8tz3IZk_3D

Membership Seminar

Following the successful membership seminar last year we will be holding another event on 20th April at the Capitol, Horsham. If you are looking to upgrade your membership or have recently done so and could offer advice and feedback on your experience we look forward to seeing you. This is a free event but spaces are limited, so please book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ihbc-membership-seminar-tickets-22164394300>

Day School



The theme for this year's branch day school will be 20th century heritage. The last century saw the introduction of many new building materials and techniques as well as brave and controversial styles. If you have any ideas for speakers or case studies or venues then please let the committee know.

Hope to see you at an event soon.

Seán Rix
South East Branch Chair