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SOUTH EAST BRANCH

## **IHBC South East Branch Newsletter – September 2010**

### **Business Plan**

The draft Branch Business Plan for 2010 to 2015 is available from the South East branch page of the Institute's web page. If you have any comments about the plan then please email me at [southeast@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:southeast@ihbc.org.uk). The draft has been available for comment on the IHBC web site since March 2010. The Branch Committee endorsed the draft plan at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010. The final version of the business plan will be put forward for approval at the branch AGM on 15th October, and will subsequently be adopted by the IHBC Council on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

### **Branch Committee**

At the AGM there will be an election for the post of Chair. Eimear Murphy and Sean Rix are both standing for the position – so for the first time there will be an election at the AGM. Attendance at the AGM is separate to the Day School. You will only be able to vote at the AGM in person or by proxy. There will be no postal vote in operation. The proxy vote form is attached to the newsletter. Please attend the day school and/or the AGM, or if you cannot attend in person please use your proxy vote – it is your branch.

Statements from Eimear and Sean about why they want to be chair and their vision for the branch are attached to this newsletter.

The branch secretary and branch treasurer are also standing down at the AGM. No formal nominations have been received, so there will be no election, but there have been expressions of interest. These posts will therefore be decided at the AGM.

### **Peg tile booklet**

The SPAB leaflet on Peg Tiles is available free to members of the branch. Copies will be available at the AGM - the normal price is £4.

### **Events**

For news of events and information on past events please consult the branch web pages on the IHBC web site. An article about the Branch visit to see the Brooking Collection has been recently added to the site.

**24<sup>th</sup> September – Study day at Canterbury Cathedral** looking at stone work and repairs of the South West Transept. This is a unique opportunity to have an explanation and guided tour of the stone repairs being undertaken. The day will be led by Heather Newton (the Cathedral chief stone mason) and Alison Hicks (of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust). Programme below – the cost is £59.50 (including lunch and refreshments). There are still four places available – so email [southeast@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:southeast@ihbc.org.uk) asap if you would like to attend



**15<sup>th</sup> October** – Annual day school and AGM: '**Material Considerations - Stone and Stone working in the South East**'. The venue is the Ashdown Forest Centre, Wych Cross, Forest Row, West Sussex. RH18 5JP  
Cost £40 for members and £45 for non members

- 9.15 – 9.45 Registration, tea/coffee.
- 9.45 – 9.50 Chairman's welcome.
- 9.50 – 10.30 Roger Birch (geologist and lecturer) on geology in the south-east.
- 10.30 – 11.15 Paul Sowan, (a member of the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Surrey Industrial Group) on mining and quarrying in the Weald and issues relating to stone selection.
- 11.15 – 11.30 Tea/coffee.
- 11.30 – 12.15 Nigel Barker, Acting Head of English Heritage London Region on the latest issues relating to PPS5: Planning for the Historic Environment.
- 12.15 – 12.30 Questions.
- 12.30 – 13.15 Buffet lunch.
- 13.15 – 14.00 **IHBC SE Branch AGM** (all welcome).
- 14.00 – 16.00 Group tours of Lambs Philpots Quarry, West Hoathly. (hard hats, boots and high visibility jackets required).

Booking form and cheques (made out to IHBC South East) to be sent to: Andrew Norris, Andrew Norris Surveying, Albury Hall, The Street, Albury, Surrey GU5 9AD. Email [info@andrewnorris.com](mailto:info@andrewnorris.com), telephone 01483 531762.

**10<sup>th</sup> November (afternoon) - Chatham Historic Dockyard and the Heritage Crime Initiative** –seminar by DCI Mark Harrison, at the Joiners Shop, Chatham Historic Dockyard. The seminar will be at 3.30 to 5.30. From 1.30 to 3.30 attendees will be able to visit the historic dockyard, in particular the new gallery 'No1 the Smithery'. Cost £10. Mark Harrison has been seconded to English Heritage for a year to work on a protocol and procedure to tackle all aspects of heritage crime – from 'nighthawking' to theft of lead, to off-roading on ancient monuments. He will report back on his research and the conclusions reached plus discuss best practice from case studies.

**Future events include:**

A Wassail tour of historic inns in London led by Sean Rix on Friday 3rd December

A seminar on secondary double glazing by 'Selectaglaze' (February/March 2011)

A visit to the Watts gallery, Near Guildford (Spring 2011)

David Kincaid  
South East Branch Chair

## **Election statements**

### **Eimear Murphy** (BSc(Hons) EP PGDip UD MRTPI IHBC)

As a long-time full and active member of the South-East Branch of the IHBC (and its ACO predecessor), I have been able to draw upon my 20+ years working as a 'Team Player' in both the public and private sectors for 20 years, across the related disciplines of conservation, urban design, planning and planning law. I therefore feel well placed in these challenging times to take the South Branch forward as the new Chair. This position would be a natural progression from the previous roles I have undertaken for as Branch Secretary and – for the past 3 years – Membership Secretary.

Arising from this, I recognise that, for full, chartered membership, an appropriate level of experience, knowledge and skill needs to be achieved in order to ensure that standards are maintained. As such, it is essential that the Institute, through the Branch positively encourages and supports individuals to progress to the necessary level of attainment by providing an essential network for them to gain CPD and develop in their own careers.

In addition to the Branch fulfilling its wider obligations as part of an important national organisation concerned with safeguarding heritage assets my aim is to bring the IHBC closer to the members which - given the large area covered by the Branch - will involve regular communication and feedback, as well as ensuring that meetings and training events are more accessible to all and relevant to local and national topics and interests, thereby encouraging greater involvement, particularly with professionals from other related disciplines.

As Chair, I will aim to build upon the achievements of previous post-holders through strengthening team-working to better deliver the IHBC's vision to current and future members.

### **Sean Rix**

The future of the branch is dependent on its members. My aim is to continue the excellent work of our previous chairs and increase the relevance of the branch to its members. This requires the active participation of members throughout the branch and I hope to increase this participation through good communication between committee and members. The valuable work carried out by the committee to provide CPD events to a high standard and low cost continues to be an asset to members and places the South East branch amongst the most active in the country. The support that the branch provides for members is particularly important during these times of budget cuts so I hope to increase the level of contact between members in order to continue offering this support. I am also aware of the need to promote the benefits of full membership to affiliate members and those who aspire to become full members. Conversely I am aware of the importance of providing

feedback to the Council on matters important to branch members. One such matter is the perceived difficulty of obtaining full membership. I think this is restricting the growth of the Institute. I think that more support for members working towards full membership is required through the branch. I will work with my colleagues to provide this support and increase the relevance of the branch to its members.