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Chairman's Report - 2011

As your Chairman, I am very happy to report that our Club is performing very well in the activities and sports we undertake on your behalf. We owe a great debt of gratitude to all our club organisers for all the hard work and commitment they make to our events.

The enthusiasm and dedication is extremely strong and I am very impressed by all that has been and is being done by the Club. The work of our committee members are second to none and reading this Newsletter demonstrates the interesting activities the Club supports.

At Committee meetings we have been anxious to spread the activities of the Club to all the ICE Regions and intend to publicise our events more widely to encourage more ICE members and their families to enjoy Club activities. The Golf section is a good example of an activity which embraces all the ICE Regions and other sections might also consider an inter region competition.

We are keen to expand the interests of the Club and if any member of The Institution would like to start a new section for a sport activity or game not yet included in the Club's repertoire we would welcome their participation. The Civil Engineers' Club is an organisation which aims to serve the interests of all Civil Engineers and their families.

It is important that all the members of The Institution are aware of the Club and that they can join any of our activities. If those reading this Newsletter would like to be a member, please contact our Secretary John Brownlie.

I would like to thank all our hard working committee members who organise events and willingly give their time to arranging Club activities. In particular I would like to thank our Honorary Secretary John Brownlie for all his hard work and commitment to the Club.

Mike Cottell
28th March 2011

Secretary's Report - 2011

We have been very fortunate to have Mike Cottell, ICE President for 1992-1993, continue as our Chairman and thoroughly welcome his guidance at Committee meetings and input outside Committee Meetings

The sections are doing well with Sailing and Walking doing particularly well, as with the Golf Section with its Thomas Telford Trophy

There are two things that we are wanting to expand

Young members – in particular, we feel that Presidents Apprentices might like to join

New Sections – we are continually looking to expand and encourage anyone with enthusiasm to make a suggestion for a new section

Please also remember to include your eMail address when you renew your ICE subscription. It would also be useful to have your mobile phone number for more swift access, please send this to me

A regular look at the Club Web site (www.ceclub.org.uk) is a wise idea, particularly at the programme/calendar section

We have been experimenting with alternative IT facilities and The Club is now twitterable on @ceclub – please follow if you tweet

We now look forward to a very exciting programme in 2011, of which you received details in early January with the 2011 Flyer

I very much look forward to meeting you on one of the events during 2011

John D Brownlie
28th March 2011

WALKING SECTION

9 May 2010 BUCKDEN PIKE WALK Yorkshire Dales

We made a walk from Starbottom to Buckden Pike starting out at 0815, after finding a suitable parking place in the very quiet village

The walk was chosen as it has a different route going up the hill, to the one coming down the hill

The first half hour was quite worrying as the cloud was low and there were light showers but after an hour or so the cloud seemed to dissipate

We stopped every hour for water and had a couple of detours around boggy areas

At the top of the valley, we came across a family of three who had camped on the peak overnight. Later on we came across three walkers coming in the opposite direction who were the sweeper-uppers from a 60 mile overnight hike which some people did in 5 hours!

We had two attempts at finding the Pike as we at first didn't understand what a BS was! This meant that we walked possibly 2-3 miles more than needed

Anyway we had success and found the monument to the crew of six Polish airmen from 18 O.T.U. who had taken off from RAF Bramcote, Warwickshire on a training mission in a Wellington Bomber

Making our way back to the head of the valley, we then turned east and almost immediately encountered many patches of boggy ground. These were successfully circumnavigated before we came across a family of 10 walking in the other direction. Warning them of the wet conditions we continued on! But looking back noticed that they hadn't listened and at least two of the party had plunged into the bogs and now had damp, brown legs!

The rest of the walk was pretty uneventful as it was on good paths or stone tracks

We had covered 8.21 miles in 4.5 hours, pretty good for our first Dale walk

11 Sep 2010 COULSDON Surrey

The walk started from Coulsdon South railway station and proceeded uphill to Farthing Down beneath an overcast sky and some light rain before entering woodland. Along the route we saw a Coal Post which marked the point of entry into London where a tax was chargeable for bringing coal into the capital. We visited Chaldon church and saw a wall painting which dates from 1170 before passing through the site of Caterham Barracks and arriving at The Fox for lunch. After lunch we returned to Coulsdon by completing a circular route. The event was enjoyed by 29 keen walkers and our thanks go to John Baron for leading it and Ray Sterry for his interesting commentaries along the way.

Tony Barber
September 2010

EVENTS

16 June 2010 ICE PRESTIGE DINNER

Your Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary were invited by Paul Jowitt, ICE President and TCEC member to a Prestige Dinner at One Great George Street, marking the end of his year as President

There were drinks before the Dinner, where all gathered to talk before entering The Great Hall

I was sat at Table 14, along with David Hutchison, Sue Kershaw (David's Guest), John & Nicola Marshall, Prof Christopher & Mary Clayton, David & Helen Coles and Jonathan Hegan

Paul Jowitt gave an after dinner speech before we all went our separate ways

SAILING TROPHIES

Telford Goblet

Awarded to the highest placed yacht sailed by a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers or its staff in the IRC class in the Island Sailing Club Round the Island Race.

There were two entries this year, Roller Coaster sailed by Denis Bates and Sagacious sailed by Bob Barlow, The winner was Roller Coaster.

Smeaton Trophy

Awarded to the yacht sailed by a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers or its staff in the ISC Round the Island Race having the lowest quotient determined by dividing the yachts finishing position in its class, group or division by its finishing position in that class, group or division.

There were five entries this year as follows:-

Alpha Helix entered by Robert Barlow in the IRC Division. I could not find any record of this boat in the race results prepared by the ISC.

Brock sailed by David Whiting in the ISC Rating Division. According to the ISC results Brock finished on the wrong line.

Cohort sailed by Roger Hyde finished 131st out of 847 starters in the ISC Rating Division. Quotient 0.15. (23rd out of 40 in Sub Division 8B).

Fulmar sailed by Nick Hounsell and David West finished 145th out of 847 starters in the ISC Rating Division. Quotient 0.17. (29th 40 in Sub Division 8B)

Mailys sailed by David Hardcastle and David Tarrant finished 4th out of 10 starters in the Bridgedeck Catamaran Class. Quotient 0.40.

The winner of the 2010 Smeaton Trophy was Cohort sailed by Roger Hyde.

Roger reports that:-

"More by luck than judgement we made a good start and then had a fine spinnaker run to the Needles. We slipped through the gap between the lighthouse and the Varvasi still under spinnaker but were then headed and spent 10 minutes clearing up the mess. Thereafter it was a hard but enjoyable beat along the back of the island, tacking up round Bembridge and the No Mans Land Fort and then another stiff beat to the finish. My crew of my son Will, and friend Matt Woollacot shared the helm so the result was a true team effort. Next year with new sails, a clean bottom and spinnaker practice we hope to be in the silver."

Elvera Cup

Awarded for the most interesting and informative log submitted by a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers or its staff covering a cruise/voyage/race carried out by him/her in the past year.

Logs were submitted by Stephen Evans, David West [2] and Robin Whittle.

Steve's log "Sailing from Brisbane to Indonesia" covered a small part of "Independent Freedom's" cruise as part of the Sail Indonesia Rally from Australia to Singapore. The log starts "we are ghosting along the coast of Sumbawa on our way from Komodo Island to Bali. the night is beautifully cool and life is very relaxed" and so it continues. However they had some good passages in the south east trades which occasionally reach 40 kts in squalls recording under reefed mainsail only daily runs of 160 miles.. Steve reports near Cape Wessel lots of crocodile tracks on the beach. He concludes that they have no ambitions to stray from the coconut run to the cold and stormy high latitudes.

The first of David's logs covered a cruise through partly uncharted waters off Thailand in February 2010 starting at Nai Yang and calling at Baan Thaap, then eastwards to the Surin Islands, south to the Similans before returning to Nai Yang.

David's second log covered his cruise in his yacht Fulmar to Dinan in Brittany starting from Ryde marina in the I.O.W. and then via Yarmouth to Alderney from whence with stops for re-vitualling and exploration at Sark, Herm, St Petersport, Gorey [Jersey], Isles Chausey [the only French channel Island] to Dinard. From Dinard they passed through the tidal barrier and up the river Rance to Dinan. The log was beautifully illustrated with photographs of anchorages and places of interest

Robin Whittle's log covered a cruise with his wife Gillie in his Cornish Shrimper, Bumble Chugger, Starting from Rosneath on Saturday 19th June they sailed to Campbeltown [45 miles] before on the 20th rounding the south of the Mull of Kintyre through the rips and eddies to Port Ellen in Islay [50miles]. On the 21st they sailed up the Sound of Jura to Crinan [46 miles] where they were fortunate to find the sea lock open. They report that the lock walls are very high making it difficult to throw up the mooring lines. They returned through the canal on the 22nd meeting Francis Gifford and her crew, who were sailing around the UK in a Wayfarer dingy. In the evening they sailed down Loch Fyne to Tarbert. On the 23rd they sailed to Caladh harbour before sailing to Kip Marina on the 24th and loading up and departing for home by midday. The cruise can perhaps be best described by the opening words of the log "Never again said Gillie- and I agree it was a bridge too far." The log included photographs and a chart of the route sailed.

Winner. It was difficult to decide the winner as all the accounts were excellent narratives of the voyages undertaken. However because of its greater navigational content the winner is Robin Whittle.

SAILING SECTION

We have had a mixed sailing season, with both variable weather and attendances at events. For the first time I can remember, we cancelled events due to the weather forecast.

The year kicked off on April 17th when Don and Anne Wade, Geoff Mills, Chris and Wendy Bosker, Roger and Alyson Hyde met for supper at Landers Restaurant at Haslar marina. It was good to see Chris and Wendy, who in common with several members, keep their boat in France, (and this year took it down the Canal du Midi,), so are unable join us on sailing events.

Sailing proper started on the 8th and 9th of May with a shakedown cruise to Ginns Farm, Beaulieu River, with supper at the RSYC Clubhouse. Fulmar with David West and Nick Hounsell, Moon Shadow with Mike Broughton and Sally Marjoram and Cohort with Roger and Alyson Hyde made the trip. The weather was fairly foul although it did not live up to the full horrors forecast, so we were rewarded by being able to moor on the club jetty and relax in a nearly empty clubhouse. As ever at Ginns Farm, the food was good and we had a most enjoyable and slightly bibulous evening, capped by Robert Jenkins, Ginns Farm very amiable steward, who brought us up to date on local gossip.

The May Bank Holiday Cruise, 28th – 31st May planned for Cherbourg was cancelled due to a very adverse forecast, (which turned out not quite as bad as predicted), so Shaker Too with Don & Anne Wade, Moon Shadow with Mike Broughton, Andrew Smith and Ian Saxil-Nielsen went to Lymington on Friday, with Cohort joining them on Saturday.. It was very crowded as many other sailors had had the same idea, and could never be quite the same as France. But the Kings Head and the Angel Inn fed and watered the sailors, and there was a good down-wind run back. So all was not lost.

The Round the Island Race on June 19th, was a great event and this year the first racing starts were at around 0500 to catch the tides, were seen against a fabulous clear dawn sky. In addition to the general Race Prizes, Civil Engineers race for the Telford and Smeaton Trophies. There is a separate report of this event.

This summers' cruise from 26th June to 4th July was to Dorset. Mike Broughton and David Topley on Moon Shadow, Roger & Alyson Hyde on Cohort had some delightful sailing from Portsmouth to Lymington to Studland Bay where we met up with Don and Anne Wade on Shaker Too.

Studland was uncrowded and as magical as ever. Cliff top walking as perfect as ever. We enjoyed some good beer and food at the Bankes Arms .

Our plan had been to visit Chapmans Pool, Worbarrow Bay and Lulworth, on passage to and from Portland and Weymouth. All these places require settled off shore weather to visit and/or anchor, coupled with a lifting of the firing range restrictions and this we did not have simultaneously. Although the weather slowly improved over the period of the cruise, we sailed in fog most of the way to Portland coming out of the murk in time to see a naval vessel steaming quite fast in our direction. At Portland we sampled the new Olympic Facilities – and found them very new and smart but rather cheerless – although with plenty of wind; so the competitive sailing should be great in 2012. One evening and night was enough at Portland, so next day onto Weymouth which is a town of great charm and where visiting boats moor alongside not in a marina.

From Weymouth we headed back to Studland, and had a gentle downwind sail back along the cliffs and bays of the Jurassic coast which this time we could see. Carrying the tide, we approached the St Albans Race in an oily calm, with a sharp line of broken water ahead marking the line of the underwater ledge. Once in it, we realised how fierce a stretch of water this would be in less benign conditions. We probably should have taken the opportunity to explore the inshore passage for future reference when it is rough, but were too relaxed to think about it at the time.

Cohort and Moon shadow passed Old Harry Rocks neck and neck after an informal race to arrive in Studland just as the breeze finally disappeared. After anchoring overnight we sailed for Lymington where we stayed on a very crowded Town Quay, setting off the next day in bright sun and with a fine wind which blasted us down the Solent to home. A really enjoyable week with lots of variety of both weather conditions and places visited.

Music at Osborne House brought three boats with nine on board to Cowes on the 24th July for the First Night of the Proms Concert at Osborne House. They were Moon Shadow with Mike Broughton, Sally Marjoram, Paul & Emily Marjoram, Cohort with Roger & Alyson Hyde, Dreamer with Alec & Pamela Leggatt and John Symonds. The concert, given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, was held in the grounds of Osborne House which although a long haul up from sea level (with picnics and paraphernalia) is a delightful venue with wonderful views over the Solent. A fun evening with lots of very listenable music and fireworks at the end, but it was important to be well wrapped up against a chilly wind.

28th & 29th August saw two boats visiting Lymington – this time staying on the Dan Bran Pontoon – where we joined up with members of the Guildford Coastal Cruising Club.

September 18th & 19th saw our most successful rally of the year with 8 boats and 17 people attending. We were blessed with fine weather and sailed to Cowes where Mike Broughton had organised berths at Shepards Wharf Marina and a coach to takes us on a second visit to the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. Shaker Too, Moon Shadow, Dreamer, Cohort, Sea Bird, Mary Lou, Fulmar, and Blue Angel were all there.

I don't know quite what it is about steam engines and men or boys (and it is mainly the men, perhaps we are all secret Thomas Tankophiles at heart), but we all loved it and had a great time. We had hoped to get onto the track this year, but it didn't matter that events made that impossible, because instead we could ogle and marvel at the carriages and engines being beautifully and meticulously reconstructed in the workshops. A great visit. Mid-September is obviously a good month for a rally – the weather generally seems settled – and the rush of other summer events is over.

Voyage Vache is as always our finale to the year. We sail to Cowes on the first weekend in December, for dinner at the Island Sailing Club. The Club has been doing this for at least 28 years, and this was the first year that John and Tricia Witchell were unable to attend in all that time.

Four boats planned to be there, but only Malkin with David Whittle, Barry Thompson, Robin and Gillie Whittle, made the trip under sail, the rest of us – Matt Woolacott, Ana Ramos, Chris Harrison, Roger & Alyson Hyde, Geoffrey & Suzie Mills, Mike Broughton and Sally Marjoram were so intimidated by the weather forecasts that we travelled by ferry. In the event (and it feels that the Met Office has done this rather too often this year), Force 7- 8 became F2-3, and although the weather managed to stay pretty cold and miserable throughout, we all felt rather cheated out of a good sail, Island Sailing Club made us very welcome and we drank a special toast to John and Tricia Witchell, and celebrated the happy news that Matt and Ana, and Mike and Sally had become engaged.

A fitting end to 2010.

Roger Hyde

ANNUAL BRUNEL TROPHY CONTRACT BRIDGE COMPETITION 2010

The Civil Engineers' Bridge Club organises the competition for the Brunel Trophy, which was presented to the club by Travers Morgan in 1990. The event is an annual all-day multiple teams-of-four event. The trophy itself is a handsome cut glass crystal bowl.

The most recent competition was held on 8 October 2010 at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club in Earls Court, London. Five teams entered and the competition was as always fierce.

The winning team was Mushrooms- consisting of Bill Linton partnering Tim Pelling and Dave Wing partnering Roland Gronau. The club Chairman Mike Cottell presented the trophy together with the glass tumblers to the winners. Congratulations are due to them all and well played to all the other players. The full results are listed on the next page

After the bridge the evening dinner was again taken in the nearby Little French restaurant. This is a very pleasant and intimate local restaurant which has a good and varied menu which our Chairman definitely recommends.

Photos of the players at the event are shown below.

Next year's event will be held at Great George Street on Friday 7 October 2011. If you are interested in playing please contact me and if you don't have a team or even a partner don't worry- if you let me know early enough I can usually find others to make up a team.

Peter Richardson
Honorary Contract Bridge Secretary
The Civil Engineers' Club

Brunel Trophy 2010: Results

Team	Players	Total IMPs	IMPs Against Team No.				
			1	2	3	4	5
4	Bill Linton & Tim Pelling David Wing & Roland Gronau	+82	+19	+35	+3	**	+25
3	Carol Regulski & Chris Watkinson Mike Skelly & Elsa Nelson	+66	+19	+59	**	-3	-9
5	Robert Balchin & Jan Deterding Martin Baker & John Stimson	0	+28	-12	+9	-25	**
2	John Walker & John Alan Walker Indra Sethia & Abhoy Agarwal	-29	+53	**	-59	-35	+12
1	Peter Richardson & John Beamish Diana Beamish & Maxine Etkin	-119	**	-53	-19	-19	-28

NORTHERN IRELAND

On the 3rd December 2010, the Northern Ireland Region had a visit to the Ulster Museum's new building near the Queen's University in Belfast. This new build has been highly commended for its Architectural merit and its Structural Engineering design.

Despite the snowy weather which hit Belfast overnight there were 30 members and their guests (mostly wives!) enthusiastically attended..

The visit began with an excellent lunch (with wine and mulled wine!!) in the museum's restaurant, Then it was in to the lecture theatre for a welcome and talk by the Museum's curator followed by the Project Manager. After this the members had the opportunity to walk around the exhibitions and admire this fresh new building. A real asset to the cultural life of Belfast and Northern Ireland.

The visit ended around 4.00pm and everyone departed happy with the event and looking forward to the next one on 8th April 2011.

FUTURE EVENTS

The next event for the Northern Ireland region will be a visit to the new Newry Train Station on 8th April 2011. Members and their guests will travel by Train (Belfast - Dublin Enterprise) from Central Station, Belfast. The journey will take 1 hour.

A guide/talk will be provided by Translink (Northern Ireland Railways) and we will have lunch in the station's conference room.

There will also be an opportunity for members to view the nearby new AI/MI dual carriageway which was just recently opened. This on the main road linking Belfast with Dublin and by-passes the City of Newry.

GOLF



The winners - North East team of Dave Watson (5), Paul Musgrave (9) Capt, Clive Oliphant (5), and Andy Jackson (5)



The winners of the St. Andrew's Foursomes were David Dickson and Colin Ritchie (West of Scotland)



Andy Jackson receiving the Scott Quaich from Charlie Scott



The veterans with winner Barry Staynes, far right

SAILING TROPHIES



Telford Goblet



Smeaton Trophy

VISITS



The front of Millichope House

MOTORING



A member getting to grips with Oulton Park



Enjoying Prescott Hillclimb



Passenger rides at Loton Park - Party in the Park

VISITS



London Heathrow ULTRA pods on the track

CONTRACT BRIDGE



SAILING





WALKING



Walkers taking a welcome break outside the Oast House

ICE PRESIDENT PETER HANSFORD RECAPS HIS FIRST SIX WEEKS IN OFFICE

It's been a very busy but very good first six weeks as President. My year started with my Inaugural Address in front of 500 members and guests at One Great George Street on 2nd November. My theme for the Address and for the year is 'Delivering Value'. I am promoting the value of infrastructure, value for money, value for carbon, the value of engineers, the value of the Institution and value to society. In my first six weeks I've progressed each of these six 'values'.

Site visit with Parliamentarians to the Blackfriars Station project
I've met MPs from Government and Opposition to promote the importance of infrastructure, including a site visit with Parliamentarians to the Blackfriars Station project. The government-led study into the cost of infrastructure projects is nearing completion and I've chaired two stakeholder reference group meetings involving clients, consultants and contractors – the study report will be published before Christmas.

Work has started on the Low Carbon Routemap to 2050 – Tim Chapman and I met Paul Morrell, the Government's Chief Construction Adviser, to discuss this work on the Monday of my first week in office.

I've been celebrating and promoting the value of engineers and the Institution, at every opportunity – at the NCE Graduate Awards lunch, during my first Presidential visits to Scotland and Northern Ireland and in mentoring sessions with my President's Apprentices. The Create Sport schools challenge is underway – a UK-wide initiative aimed at creating an awareness of engineering with school children, parents and teachers at an age before curriculum choices have to be made. This is all about inspiring the engineers of tomorrow.

Lord Mayor's Show

This year's Lord Mayor of London is Michael Bear, a civil engineer. Michael invited me and Pam to the Lord Mayor's Show. We were pleased to meet the school children making up ICE London's 'walking float' celebrating the capital's infrastructure. We were also honoured to attend the Lord Mayor's Banquet, representing the Institution. The Lord Mayor's charitable appeal is Bear Necessities, raising money for RedR. I am planning for Lord Mayor Bear to meet Brunel the Bear later in the year at One Great George Street.

Peter Hansford is the Institution of Civil Engineer's 146th President, representing and promoting the Institution and the civil engineering profession in the UK and around the world. He is also a member of The Civil Engineer's Club.

HAVE YOU TRIED SNOWMAN GOLF?

When the big freeze took a grip of the county a group of intrepid Shropshire golfers were determined not to let it stop them enjoying their hobby.

Despite the course at Cleobury Mortimer Golf Club being covered with snow and totally unplayable, club professional Tim Hall and a team of four greenkeepers lined up on the first tee. But instead of a hole, their target was a snowman 80 yards away.

Each of the greenkeepers had a shot at the snowman but missed. Mr Hall then stepped up and knocked the snowman's head off with his first shot.

The challenge was captured on video, and has received more than 2,000 hits on YouTube.

Club officials are now lining up several more as part of a drive to boost the club's profile and increase membership, and have also got other club members in on the act.

Tom Pain, media manager at the golf club, said: "When the snow came down we realised we weren't going to get many golfers out on the course, so we held this little competition for a bit of fun.

"Some of the greenkeepers on the video were using three woods but none of them really got close to the snowman.

"Tim decided to use his driver to keep the ball low and knocked the snowman's head off with his first shot. It was a good 80 yards from the tee so it was a great shot.

"Most people have the internet these days and everyone at the club seems to have seen it. We've had more than 2,000 hits on that video but we've done several others which have had more than 1,000 hits.

"We've just released a new video on YouTube aimed at boosting our membership. A lot of the members have got involved with the video and it's been good fun, and we have some other comedy videos planned too."

By Peter Kitchen

GOLF SECTION

The Thomas Telford Trophy 2010

THOMAS TELFORD TROPHY 2010

Slaley Hall, Northumberland

After being successful in 2008 and 2009 at Royal Ashdown Forest and latterly at Celtic Manor it fell on the North East Region to host this years 25th playing of the Thomas Telford Trophy Golf Tournament at Slaley Hall on the 6th September 2010.

Teams from 14 regions of the ICE competed in the event played on Slaley Hall's Championship Hunting Course. Unfortunately two of the regions were unable to send teams due to a lack of numbers. The course measured some 6800 yards from the white tees which gave all competitors a true test of their skill with a golf club. All participants and guests were also accommodated in the five star resort hotel and spa where a reception dinner was held on the eve of the event.

On the day of the competition we awoke to find the course being battered by high winds with speeds gusting up to 40 mph. Despite the conditions the first teams teed off at 7.30 am on what turned out to be a battle of both the course and the windy conditions. The early tee off time gave the teams plenty of time to recharge their batteries over lunch before returning to the course to do battle once again. Fortunately the teams were using golf buggies for the day which allowed the play to run smoothly and meant that we completed play for the day with plenty of time to prepare for the evening dinner presentations which were also held in the hotel conference facilities.

In total there were 56 golfers in the main competition along with a further 6 playing in the Veterans competition which was ran concurrently.

Despite the difficult conditions on the day the North East team of Dave Watson (5), Paul Musgrave (9) Capt, Clive Oliphant (5), and Andy Jackson (5) successfully defended the team Trophy once again with a score of 170pts. London North were second with 163pts and Southern Region third with 159pts. This is the first time that any region has won the event three years in a row since the competition began. This was quite a feat as the winning team also were part of the organising committee who hosted the event.

The winners of the Men's St Andrew's Foursomes were David Dickson and Colin Ritchie (West of Scotland) with an excellent 37pts in the conditions, with Colin also being successful in the singles with a score of 31pts.

The Scott Quaich i.e. best gross prize was once again donated and presented by Charlie Scott and was won by Andy Jackson. The longest drive, some 341 yards with the helping wind, was won by Paul Musgrave with Paul Johnston of East of Scotland winning nearest the pin.

The Veteran's competition was won by Barry Staynes with a score of 32pts, the first time Barry had played in the Veteran's competition after playing in all of the previous Thomas Telford Trophy competitions.

The North East team were presented with the trophy by Gordon Pomphrey, Director of AECOM and Chairman of the Scottish Region of the ICE. We are particularly grateful to AECOM the principle sponsor, and also Waterman Aspen and Morgan Sindall, without whose generous support the event could not have taken place. The Civil Engineer's Club were once again extremely generous in providing commemorative glasses for each of the competitors.

Our thanks must also go to Paul Musgrave and his organising committee who worked tirelessly in the background to ensure the North East hosted an event that was worthy of the Region. From letters and feedback received from all parts of the country this was achieved and the event was well received by all participants and guests. Also special thanks is due to the 14 Regional Golf Captains /Organisers who distributed information to their team members and responded on time to deadlines for entries etc in the run-up to the event.

To round off the event Charlie Scott, Golf Captain ICE West of Scotland, invited the other regions to participate in the 26th Thomas Telford Trophy to be held at Western Gales in the West of Scotland Region on the 5th September 2011.

If you require any further information regarding next year's event then please contact the CEC Golf Representative Martyn Taylor at m.s.taylor1@btinternet.com who can put you in contact with the various regional team organisers or Roger Minto (West of Scotland Organising Committee Chairman) roger.minto@fairhurst.co.uk.

THOMAS TELFORD TROPHY 2010

RESULTS

Team		
1st	North East	170 points
2nd	London North	163
3rd	Southern	159

Foursomes		
1st	David Dickson/Colin Ritchie	37
2nd	Bob Bellm/Mike Steggall	34
3rd	Peter Leach/Dino Nicola	33

Singles		
1st	Colin Ritchie	31
2nd	Denis Wheelhouse	30
3rd	Iain Scott	29

Scott Quaich	Andy Jackson	24
Veteran	Barry Staynes	32
Longest Drive	Paul Musgrave	
Nearest the Pin	Paul Johnson	
Sponsors	David Wall	34
Past Captain Balls	Mark Fisher	16
	David Swan	16
	Martyn Taylor	16

MOTORING SECTION

All in all we have had a very successful year with many varied events and visits taking place in a number of different countries

These have included:-

15 Jan 2010 Autosport International
12 Feb 2010 Lotus F1 Launch
20 Feb 2010 F1 Test At Jerez
06 March 2010 Mercedes Finer Things
07 March 2010 Marshals Training Day – Loton Park
14 March 2010 Bahrain Grand Prix
20/21 March 2010 Members Practice Weekend – Loton Park
25 March 2010 Bulldog Rally – Shakedown
27 Mar-02 Apr 2010 Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge
27 March 2010 Bulldog Rally Stage 8 Gartheiniog Post 12
06 April 2010 The Mallya Collection
19 April 2010 Base Tour
24 April 2010 St Georges Day Run
24-25 April 2010 Prescott Hillclimb
08 May 2010 Barbon Hill Climb
22 May 2010 Red Bull In Dominican Republic
23 May 2010 Loton Park Party In The Park
25 May 2010 Liverpool Pageant Of Power
30-31 May 2010 Crystal Palace Sprint
13 June 2010 Le Mans
13 June 2010 Gulf Monsoon Mumbai Scooter Rally
18-19 June 2010 Rally Of The Midlands
20 June 2010 Classic Team Lotus Festival

The latter part of the year has been filled in with a full season at Loton Park and a couple of Stage Rallies

VISITS SECTION

16 May 2010 FAWLEY MUSEUM TRUST

This visit replicates a visit made by the Club about 30 years ago. Archie Shaw organised the visit for about a dozen members, but regrettably the engines were not in steam on that day, but fun was had. Archie was very jealous of the person who had managed to obtain planning permission for a full size railway in his “back garden” as he (Archie) had only had the nerve to install a 6” gauge railway in his “back garden”.

The Civil Engineers’ Club members enjoyed their day spent at The Fawley Hill Railway, which was first class in every way. The warm summer weather allowed all who joined the visit to enjoy one or two rides on the Fawley Mountaineer, the railway through lovely valley scenery in the park land by kind permission of The Hon Sir William McAlpine Bt. FRSE.

The Fawley Hill Railway evolved from the garden railway established in 1964. It is now maintained and run by volunteers of the Fawley Museum Society. The Civil Engineers Club were invited together with a number of other Societies from all over the UK to one of the open days held during the summer.

The mile-long railway runs through Parkland full of deer, emus and cranes. The railway has many preserved Station Facades and Arches, Signal Boxes and Railway huts, saved from demolition. The footbridge has been newly erected and was originally from Brading on the Isle of Wight, Bridge No 25, where it spanned the Ryde Pier to Shanklin line. It would have had wooden sides and a covered roof. At the present time there are 3 locomotives and 20 pieces of rolling stock. The railway runs up a 1 in 13 gradient into the Station, which is at the very limit for locomotives in wet weather.

All the Civil Engineers Club members attending were delighted to be invited and enjoyed a picnic overlooking the railway and were able to watch No 31 steaming up the gradient to the Station via Bourne Again Junction to Invernie.

We congratulate all those volunteers involved in preserving and running the Fawley Railway.

Our thanks to the Sir William McAlpine and the Volunteers: Fawley Museum Society Ltd, Fawley Green, Fawley, Henley On Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 6JA Tel: 01491 571540

03 May 2010 MILLICHOPE HOUSE

TO BE RECOMMENDED

In 2009, the NGC raised over £90,000 for charity, all due to public support by the visitors and hard work from garden owners who enjoy a challenge

A few members took the opportunity of the only day when the Park was open to make a visit to the 13 acre garden with lakes, woodland walks, fine specimen trees, wild flowers and herbaceous borders, good autumn colour

We entered the property through a high ravine, making our way to the car park.

At the back of the car park, we noticed a series of interconnected lakes, which we would come back to towards the end of the walk

The house is absolutely magnificent as we walked through it and on to the front lawn overlooking the main lake. Within a secluded garden, there were two ponds and swimming pool, being refurbished

Exiting this, we walked down to the offset dam at the end of lake and then along the walled garden to the gatehouse and kennels. This came to a dead end so we turned back and made our way up to the Folly

Having inspected this, we walked over the bridge over the ravine and along the woodland walk, up to the viewpoint. We walked on and over the mathematical bridge and then further on, turned back on ourselves down the road alongside the string of interconnected lakes

Near to the house, there was a weir with an inbuilt waterwheel and this led to the main lake outside the house

A lovely tea was taken on the lawn

We walked back to car and exited under the mathematical bridge

More details of houses in your area and their opening times
www.ngs.org.uk

17 Aug 2010 LONDON HEATHROW T5 ULTRa

A Personal Rapid Transit System for Business Class Passengers

By Robert Freer

Business class passengers using the new Heathrow Terminal 5 will find that the business class car park is located nearly two miles from the terminal building. Although at present there is a very satisfactory service of shuttle buses running between the car park and the terminal BAA is building an innovative railway type rapid transport system which may replace the buses and provide a superior premium service for business class passengers.

During a visit on 17th August 2010 organised by The Civil Engineers' Club a party of 20 engineers had the opportunity to visit the system as it was going through its commissioning tests

The idea of a low-cost personal rapid transit system for those locations where there are not enough people to justify, or to afford, a conventional railway has been around since the 1950s

The present system is called ULTRa (from Ultra Light Transport) and has been developed by a company of the same name. The system is based on original research during the 1990s by the Aerospace Engineering department at the University of Bristol and on the subsequent design by Martin Lowson .

We all had the opportunity to travel in a pod between the airport building and the car park and experience the comfort and convenience of the new system even though we may not be able to afford the luxury of travelling business class on the aircraft.

If this pilot project is successful BAA may extend the service throughout the airport and to local hotels

SPORTS 2010

It has been a year of variety with members taking part in the following:-

Dragon Boat Racing, British Pedal Car Championship, Airkix Indoor Skydiving, British Red Cross 24 peaks, Folding Bike Challenge

The Civil Engineers' Club - Objectives

The objectives of the Club are:-

- i. to be "at the heart of society, delivering sustainable development through knowledge, skills and professional expertise."
- ii. to promote social and sporting activities amongst civil engineers and their families
- iii. to give retired Members of the Institution the opportunity for maintaining friendships established during their professional life
- iv. to enhance the image of the Civil Engineer through the organisation of major events.

REAR COVER

This is made up of a montage of ICE Presidents who have also been Chairmen of The Civil Engineers' Club