

**CIVIL ENGINEERS' CLUB
NEWSLETTER**

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LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Peter Guthrie

It has been a privilege to accept the Chairmanship of the Civil Engineers' Club. I have been immediately struck by the commitment and enthusiasm of the whole committee and it is obvious that everyone who participates in the many and varied activities of the Club derives great pleasure from their membership.

As with all organisations the bulk of the work is done by a handful of people and members owe an enormous debt to the committee for their efforts. Many excellent events are planned for the coming year, building on last year's successes.

If there is a cloud on the horizon, it is that the Club is just not as big as it should be. If you are a member, encourage others to join.

If you are not a member, join now and bring to the Club your ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Peter Guthrie
Chairman

THE CIVIL ENGINEERS' CLUB

Secretary's Report to the AGM, 21 January 1997

I undertook the post of Secretary to the Civil Engineers' Club in July 1996 and consequently I have only experienced part of the activities of 1996. Nevertheless the club appears to have had another successful year due to the voluntary efforts of the various section leaders and to the support of the members. In particular, the Elvera Trophy was won by Robin Wren for his log of "Skybird III" in the "Round the Island Race" and there were very successful meetings of the Thomas Telford Trophy at Durham and the Brunel Trophy held at Great George Street.

The sad death of Ray Horner was reported and the considerable debt of gratitude by the club was recorded. It was hoped that some member would be able to take on his role in leading the very successful Works Visits Section. Any volunteer willing to take on this work should contact me.

In order to encourage interest in the club a competition and questionnaire was sent to all members. The joint winners of the competition were Mr J Adams and Mr W A Barber. All other entrants are thanked for taking part and the contents of their entries will be fully taken into account.

Mr Tony Pe was welcomed as a new member of the Committee. His special interests will be in leading a tennis section and organising a tournament to be held in Chichester in May 1997 and he will also assist Archie Shaw in editing the News Letter. Thanks go to both of them for their contribution to this work.

The Annual General Meeting was well attended and was followed by a Wine Tasting organised by Peter Morice and his wife, to whom we owe our gratitude for a most enjoyable occasion.

Keith Williams
Secretary

AN APPRECIATION

We are indeed fortunate to have Peter Guthrie as our Chairman. I have persuaded him to tell us about himself. If you want to know more, just read the New Civil Engineer!

Peter has already let us see that he is a remarkable live wire!

About Myself

I am a director with Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick responsible for the environmental work of the firm. I started my career in Nigeria on Voluntary Service Overseas and then spent time with contractors in Orkney (on a North Sea Oil Terminal), Iran and several sites around UK.

Joining SWK in 1978 as geotechnical engineer I soon went to Lesotho in Southern Africa for two years and in the 1980's had shorter spells in Philippines, Botswana and South Sudan. I looked after the work of the firm on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link from 1989 - 1992 and have since been fully occupied with a wide range of environmental work.

My wife Lorna holds the family together and has a variety of part time jobs and we have two children, Oliver 15 who wants to play rugby for Scotland and Caroline 11 who wants to be a Blue Peter presenter. Both have some way to go but it's the dreaming that counts.

I have been involved in RedR, which provides engineers to relieve suffering in disasters, since its inception in 1980. At the ICE I am Chairman of the Education, Training and Membership Committee which is very challenging, the NCE Advisory Board which is most enjoyable and the Appropriate Development Panel which relates most closely to my past experience.

My main hobby is keeping the weather out of our 16th Century thatched cottage in Old Basing, and when I can, I play golf and tennis.

Peter Guthrie

THE CIVIL ENGINEERS' CLUB RULES

1. The name of the Club shall be "THE CIVIL ENGINEERS' CLUB".

OBJECTS

2. The objects of the Club shall be:-
- (i) to promote social and sporting activities amongst civil engineers and their families.
 - (ii) to give retired Members of the Institution the opportunity for maintaining friendships established during their professional life.
 - (iii) to enhance the image of the Civil Engineer through the organisation of major events.

ADMISSION AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS

3. All grades of Members of the Institution of Civil Engineers and staff shall be eligible as Members of the Club and such other persons of like professional interests whom the Committee may deem suitable. The Committee may invite other suitable persons to be Honorary members without payment of a Subscription.
4. All candidates for election shall complete an appropriate application form which shall be submitted to the Secretary. The election of members shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

5. The annual subscription shall be fixed by the Committee and shall be payable on 1 January each year. The annual subscription of Members who are members of the Institution may be paid with their subscription to the Institution.
6. Any Member whose annual subscription is 2 years in arrears shall cease to be a Member of the Club.

OFFICE BEARERS

7. The Office Bearers of the Club shall be:- Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.
8. The Officers of the Club shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. The Chairman shall not hold office for more than 3 years.

THE COMMITTEE

9. The Committee which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall consist of the Officers of the Club and a representative of each section established by the Committee to promote an interest of Members or to organize social events and visits in a particular area. In addition there may be up to 6 Ordinary Members, (two of whom shall retire annually and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of 12 months).
10. The Institution's Director (Local Associations and External Affairs) and the ICE News Reporter for New Civil Engineer shall each be ex-officio Members of the Committee.

11. The Committee shall have the management of all matters connected with the Club and shall have the power to co-opt and appoint sub Committees. The Chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote.

12. The Committee may fill any casual vacancy amongst the elected members by co-option; the person appointed shall hold office for a period not exceeding the period of office of the Committee Member he replaces.

13. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum at any meeting.

14. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held immediately following the last Council Meeting of the Institution in the calendar year or such other date as the committee decide. The Chairman shall, when present, take the Chair at which the committee shall submit a report together with duly audited accounts. No proxies shall be allowed.

15. Special Meetings may be called by Circular to all Members by the Committee or on a requisition signed by 10 or more members on notice of 30 days. Such notice shall specify the Business to be brought before the meeting and no business except that which is notified shall be transacted at such meeting. No proxies shall be allowed at any special meeting of the Club.

ALTERATION OF RULES

16. No changes or additions to the rules of the Club shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting and not unless each member is posted a Notice of Motion or the Notice of Motion will have been published in NCE.

TRUSTEES

17. The Institution of Civil Engineers, acting through its Council, shall be Trustees of the Club in whom shall be vested all the property of the Club.

18. The Trustees shall out of the property of the Club, be indemnified against all liabilities but subject to this right of indemnity, the property of the Club shall be controlled by the Committee who shall decide all investment of funds and the sale and transfer of securities.

The Institution of Civil Engineers' Thomas Telford Trophy Golf Tournament 1996

Brancepeth Castle Golf Club - Thursday 29 August 1996

Report of the Event

The 10th-Anniversary Thomas Telford Trophy Golf Tournament took place at Brancepeth Castle Golf Club of Thursday 29th August 1996, the hosts being the Northern Counties Association of the Institution. The winning team was that of the Yorkshire Association, comprising the Captain, John Tirrill with David Pheby, Ken Philip and Richard Fuller.

On the preceding Wednesday, seventeen four-man Association teams, together with a team from the sponsors, gathered in the Great Hall of the splendid, 900-year old Durham Castle for a reception sponsored by Thomas Telford Limited. After a very regionally-flavoured supper, including Bishop's Fish Pie and Northumbrian Beef with Venison cooked in Newcastle Brown Ale, Barry Tate, Chairman of the Organising Committee welcomed the assembly and told them something of the history of the Castles of Durham and Brancepeth, both so closely linked with the powerful Nevill family who helped to shape the destiny of England for over 400 years. All were then entertained (perhaps even entranced) by the Border Minstrels, with Northumbrian Pipes, harp and strings and the clog dancing of Mrs Walker and her three beautiful daughters. After the plaintively-sung "When the Boat Comes In", there was scarcely a dry eye in the Hall!

Thursday dawned with a strong breeze and threatening sky. Fortunately the rain did not materialise but the breeze was enough to make the Brancepeth Castle course extremely testing. The Yorkshire Association put in a tremendous team performance to average 32 points on each of the six contributing round for an aggregate of 192 points to carry off the Trophy. The Association teams of Glasgow and West of Scotland came second with 189 points and Midlands third with 179 points. Individually, Gerald Smith of the Midlands Association did brilliantly, winning the St Andrew's Foursomes with David Jones and a score of 34 points in the morning and going on to win the afternoon singles with a scintillating 38 points.

After a five-course dinner in the Great Hall, Alan Robinson, Chairman of Northern Countries Association, introduced the guests and Stuart Walton, guest speaker and sometime gynaecologist, responded, including a tale of David and Goliath in Geordie dialect - those from Associations south of the Watford Gap were completely mystified!! Gordon Millington, Chairman of the Civil Engineer's Club presented the many prizes, the main ones being in beautiful crystal the result of sponsorship by New Civil Engineer.

Gordon took the opportunity to announce that Barry Staynes had been appointed Captain of Golf for CEC and, as one of his first duties, Barry presented Barry Tate with a Ping Putter in thanks for the effort put in over the previous two years.

Barry Tate wound up the proceedings, first thanking the 56 sponsors who had contributed so generously and enabled the event to take place with egalitarian team selection. The Organising Committee, which he introduced as:

Keith Baisden	- Accommodation
Paul Musgrave	- Venue
Colin Fenby	- Dinner / Entertainment
Doug Rainbow	- Prizes
Howard Gill & Jim Wheatley	- Printing
David Lynas & Doug Rainbow	- Sponsorship & Advertising
David Marquis	- Competition
Alan Robinson	- Financial Control

was applauded to the echo.

Take special note

Finally, after Barry had handed him the Trophy Flay to carry to next year, John Hughes, Captain of the North Western Association Team invited all teams to gather at Royal Birkdale GC on Thursday the 4th September 1997 for the TTT97!

Thomas Telford Trophy - Past Winners

1986 Wentworth	1987 Moortown, Leeds	1988 Royal Lytham
1989 Royal Troon	1990 Walsall	1991 Royal Portrush
1992 Royal Porthcawl	1993 Betchworth Park	1994 Dalmahoy
1995 East Sussex National	1996 Brancepeth Castle, Durham	



Richard Fuller (2nd left) - John Tirrill (4th left)



*Colin Fenby, Keith Baisden, David Marquis, David Lynas, Howard Gill
Alan Robinson, Paul Musgrave (Team Captain) Barry Tate*

Thomas Telford Trophy Golf Tournament

Thursday 29th August 1996

Prize Winners

Teams

1st Yorkshire Association Points Score: 192
Team: John Tirrill (Captain)
Ken Phillip
David Pheby
Richard Fuller

(TT Trophy + Square decanter each)

2nd Glasgow Association Points Score: 189
Team: Alex Coull (Captain)
Sandy Jamieson
Norman Russell
Charles Scott

(Four wine glasses each)

3rd Midlands Association Points Score: 179
Team: John Stott (Captain)
Brian Close
Gerald Smith
David Jones

(Two Whiskey Glasses Each)

Singles:

1st Gerald Smith Points Score: 38
(Midlands Association) (Rosebowl)
2nd Mike Weaver Points Score: 37
(London Association) (Waisted Vase)
3rd Ian Horsemann Points Score: 37
(Northern Counties Association) (Trumpet Vase)

Foursomes:

1st Gerald Smith & David Jones Points Score: 34
(Midlands Association) (Two Wine Goblets each)
2nd Richard Thomas & Mike Weaver Points Score: 33
(London Association) (Two Wine Glasses each)
3rd David Pheby & Richard Fuller Points Score: 32
(Yorkshire Association) (Two Liqueur Glasses each)

Longest Drive on Fairway of 6th Hole

Geoff Perrin Length: 187.817 Metres
(Northern Ireland Association)
(One Brancepeth Castle Golf Club "Glenmuir" Sweater)

Nearest Pin on the 15th Green:

Paul Manning Distance: 1.560 Metres
(The Sponsor's Team)
(One Brancepeth Castle Golf Club "Glenmuir" Sweater)

The Roger Bullivant Prize (for the Team finishing 13th)

Chilterns Association Points Score: 155
Team: John Walker (Captain)
Morris Waggott
Paul Giffin
John Barlow (One bottle of Champagne each)

Northern Counties Association Prizes:

(For teams not in the First Three)

Team with the Best Score on the five Par 3 Holes:

South Wales Association Points Score: 46
Team: Robert Harny (Captain)
Robert McKee
Michael Boucher
Clifford Morris

(One Brancepeth Castle Golf Club "Glenmuir" Polo Shirt each)

Team with the Best Score on the three Par 5 Holes:

Northern Counties Association Points Score: 40
Team: Paul Musgrave (Captain)
Keith Baisden
Ian Horsemann
Allan Murdoch (One "Oscar Jacobson" Polo Shirt each)

Thomas Telford Trophy Golf Tournament 1997

On September 4th this year Royal Birkdale Golf Club hosts the only major event as yet missing from its halls of fame and golfers all over the British Isles will, even as I write, be honing their driving and smoothly sweeping their broomhandle putters in the confident belief that they will be there. I refer, of course, to the Thomas Telford Trophy 1997 which is being hosted by the North Western Association.

Teams will gather in Southport at the famous links representing every Local Association of the I.C.E., Thomas Telford Ltd., and the Institution of Engineers of Ireland - 80 golfers striving for victory.

And at which holes will the big stories break? Will it be the par four 16th where a commemorative plaque marks the spot from which Arnold Palmer played a miraculous recovery shot to the green on the way to the Open Championship in 1961? Will it be a birdie on the penultimate hole like Lee Trevino in 1971 in one of his two Open victories? Or will it simply be a 65, beating Johnny Miller's best by a shot when he won The Open by six shots in 1976 - less than likely, perhaps?

In any event, it is clear that in July next year Nick Faldo, Colin Montgomerie, Tiger Woods and the others are to play on the same track and there will be few who enjoy themselves making new friends and meeting old ones as much as those in the Thomas Telford Trophy 1997

John Hughes, North Western Association



The Royal Birkdale Golf Club House

Report on Brunel Trophy 1996

The day-long teams-of-four Contract Bridge event was held in the Brunel Room at Great George Street in September 1996. A record number of nine teams entered. Many players had played before and so it was good to meet with old friends but there were also a number of new players who we hope to see again next year.

The winning team for the fourth year running was The Lemmings, who once again proved to be worthy winners. The team consisted of John Walker from Rickmansworth, Sam Addison (Warrington), John Walker (Maidstone) and Brian Parkinson (Eye). They are featured left to right in the photograph, together with John Walker's wife Helen.

After the bridge there was an evening dinner in the Stephenson Room for players and friends. This was also well attended and remains the best part of the day for the organiser!

All in all the event went well and is now well established in the calendar. Next year's event will be held on 26 September 1997 at Great George Street. If anyone is interested in playing please contact the Contract Bridge Secretary Peter Richardson.

Thanks are due to all those who came and particularly for Buchanan Consulting Engineers who kindly sponsored the event.

Peter Richardson
Contract Bridge Secretary



English Channel Squadron Sailing in 1996

Report by John Witchell

The Past Season

It is becoming progressively harder to report our activities each year as one is describing basically the same events each year. This might seem to indicate that we are lacking in enterprise and imagination, which is I believe far from the case. It would be nice however, to extend our activities to include something more than a party and dinner, enjoyable though they are, and to this end there will be a number of passage races when they can be arranged for those interested.

Last year there were however, a number of highspots which deserve to be mentioned.

Spring Rally - 11th/12th May

Our Spring Rally was to Bembridge in the east of the Isle of Wight, the weather was fine although rather lacking in wind particularly on the Sunday when Amity, her crew having nothing better to do, took 5 1/2 hours to travel (I nearly erroneously wrote sail) the 5 miles from St Helen's fort to Portsmouth No: 4 Buoy. My crew were very patient and surprisingly still speaking to me at the end. A big plus to the event was the party given for us by Frank and Susan Harison in their house overlooking Brading Haven. Frank and Susan will be known to many members as they have come to several of our past Rallies. After the party we all went to the ever hospitable Brading Haven Yacht Club for dinner. Those attending the Rally included Amity, John Witchell: Caledonia, Chris Bosker: Sea Stag, John Rowe; Simonetta II, John Crofts:

Channel Islands Cruise

Our Channel Islands Cruise this year started from the UK on Saturday 13th July and finished on Saturday 20th in St Helier Jersey. At the start the weather was on the fresh side and those yachts crossing from the Solent had an interesting sail. Some visited Alderney on route while others favoured Cherbourg. All, however, made the St Peter Port rendezvous on Monday 15th. On the Tuesday morning we gathered in the street outside St Peter Port Market dodging the traffic, which I suppose reasonably considered it had a right to use the road, prior to



Excavations under the Market, Guernsey, July 1996

visiting the "dig" which was being done in the old Bonded Store beneath the Market. It was very interesting seeing the way the original market foundations and sub-structure had been constructed but rather disappointing that no relics, archaeological or otherwise, of the bonded contents were unearthed. Our disappointment however was short lived in that after we left the "dig" we straight way reassembled in the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club for a Reception. In the evening we were delighted to entertain many of our Guernsey friends on board Amity prior to taking the ferry to Herm for dinner at the White House Hotel.

On Wednesday we sailed to St Helier, Jersey. The weather was rather unsettled and with the wind from the NE Force 4 to 5 we made good time to Corbiere lighthouse from whence we had a rather uncomfortable beat to St Helier; we had to wait in the La Collette basin until there was sufficient water over the marina cill for us to enter.

On Thursday morning we visited the engineering works being carried out in connection with the new marina. The works which involved tidal working, were at an early stage and we saw the excavation and cleaning of the rock formation and the concreting of the base on which the precast concrete wall units will be placed. We were very glad to be accompanied by our ladies who seemed to enjoy splashing through the mud with the best of us. Afterwards we lunched at the museum restaurant before visiting the museum itself. Most of us also found time while we were in St Helier to view the really spectacular Occupation Tapestry near the marina. Next year we hope it will be possible to see the maritime museum presently being assembled. In the evening David Wood gave a very enjoyable party on Tehari II which was attended by many of our Jersey friends. Friday was make and mend day until the evening when, following Don Wade's excellent party on Shaker Too, we



Jersey Marina inspection by the Ladies, July 1996

arrived rather late at the St Helier Yacht Club for dinner. The only disappointment was that so few of our hosts were able to attend. One notable achievement was the arrival of Walter Prow from Guernsey in his 7m Kirkee after an exciting passage. The rally was attended by Amity, John Witchell: Kirkee, Walter Prow: Sea Stag, John Rowe: Shaker Too, Don Wade: Tehari II, David Wood.



Boat party on Tehari II

At the end of the rally on Saturday morning Sea Stag and Shaker Too departed for North Brittany, Kirkee to Carteret and Amity and Tehari II back to Guernsey where a peaceful night was spent anchored in Fermain Bay before returning to England; Tehari II to the West Country and Amity to Yarmouth IOW via Alderney.

We are very grateful to all our friends in the CIGPE, in particular Don Babbe and Sally-Anne David in Guernsey and Martin Tedd and David Carter in Jersey, who made the cruise so enjoyable.

Summer Picnic - 18th August

In August Archie and Pauline Shaw again invited us to picnic on their lawn at Lamorna, Bosham Hoe, and ride on his railway, which had been up-graded by Archie no doubt to conform with some regulation from Brussels. Lunch was eaten on the terrace and the excursions on the train around Lamorna were enjoyed by everyone and particularly by young Sam and William Hyde. Thankyou Archie and Pauline for being such charming hosts.

Autumn Rally - 21st/22nd September

For our Autumn Rally we returned to Bucklers Hard up the Beaulieu River. As in previous years we were joined by the Royal Engineers'

*Lunch at Lamorna**Archie's Railway*

Yacht Club. It had been planned that boats should anchor in Osborne Bay to the east of Cowes for a picnic prior to racing to The Beaulieu River entrance but the weather had different ideas on the subject. The wind a fresh north easterly made Osborne bay uncomfortable so that when we arrived in Amity we found only Caledonia at anchor. Tehari passed through later and after a lot of shouting the planned race was changed to a time trial over the direct course to Beaulieu. This race was narrowly won by Chris Bosker in Caledonia.

Arriving at Buckler's Hard, tea was taken prior to dressing for the evenings entertainments. These started with drinks and snacks on Amity and Caledonia followed by dinner in the Chichester room at the Master Builder; grace was said by John Woollett, a member of both the REYC: and CEC. We were 42 in number for the dinner and the rally was attended by 10 boats, Amity: Buccaneer, REYC: Caledonia: Diomedes, Robin Barlow: Mad Gem, George Lyons: Mary Lou: Nadezhda, Martin Hirst: Right Royal, REYC: Sea Stag: Simonetta II: Tehari II.

A second race was organised by the REYC for the return sail, but we failed in Amity to get to the start before all had departed and being ignorant of the course, all we could do was follow the last boat until it was lost in the fleets racing out of Cowes. Instead we sailed up Southampton water anchoring off Netley for lunch before returning to port.

Voyage Vaches - 30th November/1st December

There remained only the Voyage Vaches which was also attended by the boats of the Societe des Ingenieurs et Scientifiques des France. Berths were reserved in W Cowes Yacht Haven and the Rally was attended by 7 boats, Caledonia: Dreamer, Alec Leggatt's new boat: Outrageous, Roger Hyde: Sea Bird, Kieren Coyne: Shaker Too: Simpatico, Simon Crofts: Tehari II. The Rally party was held jointly on Caledonia and Simpatico and was so successful that we barely made The Island Sailing Club in time for dinner. We were a very happy assembly and boat parties continued afterwards into the wee small hours. We were favoured by the weather on the Saturday but were made to work on the Sunday, which put paid to any lingering hangovers.

In July it was proposed that curtesy officers should be appointed for the Sailing Section of the Club and this was agreed by the Committee. The following nominations were made and approved:- Archie Shaw to be Admiral, John Witchell to be Commodore and Chris Bosker, Harry Osbourne and David Wilding to be Vice Commodores (South Coast, Clyde and N. Wales respectively). For myself I was very gratified to

receive the honour and look forward to wearing the pennant, which was presented to me after the Voyage Vaches dinner in Cowes (Photograph), on Amity during our rallies in 1997.



Voyages Vaches

Smeaton Trophy and Telford Goblet

These trophies are competed for by members and staff of the ICE sailing in the Island Sailing Club's Round the Island Race. The Smeaton Trophy is awarded to the member who's boat has the lowest quotient determined by dividing it's finishing position in its class by the number of starters in that class; the Telford Goblet is awarded to the member who's boat is the highest placed in the Channel Handicap Class. the 1996 race was sailed in a fresh to strong west wind, the sea was lumpy and conditions a little uncomfortable. The winner of the Smeaton Trophy was Graham Aldwinkle sailing Mystic Tide in Non - Rated Yachts class C with Paul Larcher second in Expedite and Paul Halliwell third in Harlequin. The winner of the Goblet was Paul Halliwell in Harlequin with Mike fox second in Matchmaker and W Duckett third in Galivanter II. The 1997 race will be on May 31st.

Elvera Cup

The Elvera Cup awarded to the skipper submitting the most interesting log was awarded to Robin Wren for his account of his experiences in the Round the Island Race in Skybird III.

Programme - 1997

South Coast

The proposed sailing programme for 1997 is set out below. Details and an invitation to come to the various events will be sent out about 4 weeks in advance. If you are not on the mailing list and would like details please let me know

May 10th/11th	Spring Rally	Island Harbour Marina. Dinner at "Skippers".
May 31st	Smeaton Trophy & Telford Goblet	For competition by ICE yachts in Island Sailing Club's Round Island Race.
July 6th	Channel Islands Cruise begins	Alderney (weather permitting)
July 7th /8th		St Peter Port, Guernsey.
July 9th	Pursuit Race	St Peter Port/St Helier
July 10th/11th		St Helier.
July 12th	Channel Islands Cruise ends	
August 10th	Summer Picnic	Lamorna, Bosham Hoe Chichester Harbour.
Sept 20th/21st		Autumn Rally Buckler's Hard, Beaulieu Dinner at Master Builder.
Nov 29th/30th	Voyage Vaches	W Cowes Yacht Haven Dinner at the Island Sailing Club

Cruising Notes

Few details have been received regarding the cruises undertaken by Members yachts in 1996. Known cruises include the following:-

Amity to N Brittany and the Channel Islands.
 Mad Gem to the W Country.
 Idle Jack to S Britany
 Sea Stag to the Channel Islands and N Britany.
 Shaker Too to the Channel Islands and N Britany.
 Tehari II to the Channel Islands and W Country.
 Miscellaneous.

John Bartlett's book "The Ships of North Cornwall" has been published. It is a beautifully produced book containing a massive amount of information and many photographs. Reading it one realises how little is known about our comparatively recent history and how difficult it is to obtain the information needed to write a book of this kind. It is as might be expected a little pricy. John Bartlett has sailed - often in the position of chief barman on our rallies in Elvera, Samiotissa, Amity and Tehari II.

NORTHERN ISLAND ASSOCIATION

The Seniors' Section started their 1996-97 programme on the 24th October 1996 with a visit to the Northern Ireland Fire Service "A" Divisional Headquarters and Station in Bankmore Street, Belfast. This was a most interesting outing which included an entirely fortuitous "call-out" whilst we were being shown round the appliances in the Station. We were most impressed with the speed at which the appliances and personnel conducting us disappeared in response to the call and with the quiet efficiency with which we were conducted elsewhere until they returned. Afterwards, our party, numbering forty four, proceeded for lunch to La Min Country House Hotel on the outskirts of Belfast.

On the 23rd January 1997, a party of fifty seven visited the Rail and Road Transport Galleries of the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum at Cultra, Co Down. It is our custom to have the current Local Association Chairman and his wife, as our guests, at the first outing of each Session. Since they were unable to join us in October, we were pleased to have Mr John Brennan, CBE, BSc, FICE and his wife with us on this occasion.

The visit was much enjoyed, particularly since all of us had certainly ridden in - and some had actually owned - vehicles similar to many of the exhibits. 'Nostalgia' was the day's password. Lunch was taken afterwards in the nearby Old Inn at Crawfordsburn.

Arrangements are now complete for a "behind the scenes" visit to the Grand Opera House in Belfast City Centre on the 27th March 1997. Our party will meet in the adjacent Europa Hotel for coffee before the visit and return there for lunch afterwards.

Preliminary investigations are in hand for a visit to Rathlin Island in June as our final outing of this Session. We hope to arrange some input from the appropriate authorities on the bird life, history and electricity generation control system on the island plus something on the new harbour works - some completed and some in progress - both on the island and at the mainland embarkation point at Ballycastle. This all depends on the state of wind and tides on the day but no doubt the new ferry will cope with all conditions.

This year the arrangements for the Annual Irish Sea Rally of the Sea Section are in the hands of our friends in North Wales. We await details so that our sailing members can be advised and ensure a good representation from Northern Ireland.

Efforts are being made to encourage interest in additional activities other than the foregoing but so far there is no progress to report.

Ronnie Bryson

Report on the Civil Engineers' Club Irish Sea Fleet Rally

Friday 21st June 1996 to 23rd June 1996

Your honourable scribe has at last recovered from the excesses of the Rally and has now put pen to paper.

A total of eleven boats arrived in Peel harbour on Friday 21st June 1996. The last boat to arrive being Gordon Mellington's Legent 34 called Fable. Gordon's full crew, well known notables, Ronnie Bridson, Stephen Garvin, Alan Heap and Andrew Morrow. Gordon did advise that they had made a quick passage from Northern Ireland but because of a terrible thing called Work they had to leave late.

Dave Wilding in his floating plastic washing up bowl called Ocean Phoenix (the tramp steamer of the Menai Straits and Irish Sea) was

noted as being yet again on time and in the right place. The Rev Russell was one of his crew members so it does make you wonder if some undue influence was used.

Eric Brockley, Judge Mike O'Donahue (President of the Royal Welsh Yacht Club) and TV cameraman Peter Rowland escorted him in Epic B. A video of the event has been produced and is well worth seeing.

Harry Osborn, Brian Davenport, Alan Roads plus two arrived in yacht Options from Inverkip.

Having been made welcome at the Peel Sailing & Cruising Club in the evening everyone retired to their own births and woke up next morning refreshed. A Manx kipper breakfast was enjoyed at the yacht Club. A visit around Peel Castle was enjoyed by an number of the crew and a Tourist Guide had been provided. Interest was shown in the actual architecture and compliments passed that the Castle was still standing.

On Saturday evening at 18.00 everyone Rendezvous at the Yacht Club in correct attire and, after a little libation, meandered along the Promenade to the Masonic Hall where a reception was provided.

Included on the Top Table were the Isle of Man Minister of Tourism, Tony Browne, MHK and the Chairman of Peel Town Commissioners, Tim Crookall with their respective wives.

Also present were Deemster and Mrs Cain. They are hopeful of making next year's meeting at Caernarfon Castle the home of the Royal Welsh Yacht Club. A total of fifty nine people sat down to dinner. The entertainment was provided by the Manx Gilbert and Sullivan Society with rendering of such items as extracts from The Pirates of Penzance. Finally, everyone staggered back to the Yacht Club for the last noggin.

Sunday dawned dry and the Chairman of Peel Town Commissioners had invited everyone to the Civic Church Service which was held in the Cathedral at Peel and afterwards were invited back to his Chamber. Most people however went to the Yacht Club for lunch and then set off home saying how much they had enjoyed the events and swearing that they would all come again.

Will Tickle

Civil Engineers Sail-In Peel- Isle of Man Failt Erriu (Welcome)

Timetable Moghrey Mie ! (Good Morning)

Friday 21st June 1996

Time Start - 19.00 hrs Finish - after Sunset
Place Opposite the Club House (on the sand)
Event BBQ

Saturday 22nd June 1996

Time 10.00 hrs
Place Peel Power Station (for those interested) or
 Victualling Duty in the City (Peel)
Rendezvous Club House - Light Liquid Lunch 13.00 hrs

Time 14.30 hrs
Place Peel Castle
 Return to Yachts to Rest and Dress
Rendezvous Club House

Time	18.00 hrs	Drinks
	19.00 hrs	Peel Masonic Club
	19.30 hrs	Grace
	19.30-21.00	Meal
	21.05	Loyal Toast
	21.06-21.35	Coffee and Liqueurs (Manx G & S Pirates of Penzance)
	21.35-21.45	Welcome to IOM
	21.45-22.00	The Guests
	22.00-23.00	Reports
	23.00-23.05	Prizes
		Return to Yacht Club - Late Licence (Part 2 Pirates of Penzance)

Sunday 23rd June 1996

NB. HW 4.09 LW 10.57
 HW 16.40 LW 23.08

Time	08.00 hrs
Place	Club House
Event	Bread and Kipper Breakfast

NB: Peel Sailing Club Tel: 842390
 H.E. Owens Tel: 801315 - W.T. Tickle Tel: 801277
 Gura Mie (Thank you).....Ole Vie (Goodnight)

Irish Sea Fleet Rally 1997

Saturday June 1st

David Wilding, Commodore of the Royal Welsh Yacht Club and Vice Commodore of our North Wales Sailors has invited all members of the Civil Engineers Club to attend the RWYC 150th Anniversary celebrations at Caernarfon - Details herewith - also extracts from his letter.

"I do hope, that all our Civil Engineering friends and their friends from around the Irish Sea will attend this function as an alternative to our usual format. The dress this year will be blazer and tie for the gentlemen, summer dresses for the ladies. The main function will be held in Caernarfon Castle in the evening and I enclose a proposed sequence of events with this letter. You will be pleased to hear that speeches from Civil Engineers will not be required this year.

Cliff Williams who has attended every one of our Irish Sea Sail Ins since their original in 1988 has been charged with the role of co-ordinating the Civils party. I have overall responsibility for all the events over the entire weekend. Cliff may be contacted at home on 01286-674338.

If you are coming, Cliff would like to know if you will be participating in the Parade of Sail. Also the number of tickets you require for the Castle event at £15 each. (Price includes buffet and welcoming drink)

Royal Welsh Yacht Club 150th Anniversary Celebrations Caernarfon Castle Saturday, 21st June 1997

Sequence of Events

Time	Event
10.00 hrs	Start of Parade of Sail to Porth Dinorwic
12.00 hrs	Return of Parade of Sail accompanied by RNLI Lifeboat and Air-Sea Rescue Helicopter
13.00 to 15.30 hrs	Lunch in the Club House - Informal Barbecue
18.30 hrs	Castle opens to RWYC Dress: Gentlemen - Blazer and Tie Ladies - Summer dress Music by the North Wales Coast Big Band

19.00 to 19.30 hrs	Formal Reception in Lower Hall of all Members and Guests by Flag Officers and their Ladies
19.30 hrs	Welcoming Address
20.00 onwards	Buffet in Marquee and on Lower Lawn Bar Open

This is a unique occasion and it would be wonderful to see all our Members making a special effort to aid its success by participating in the Parade of Sail and, especially, attending the evening function in the castle. Note that a helicopter, Lifeboat and two Naval Training Vessels will be attending for the Parade of Sail.

David Wilding

A Message to our Sailors

What has happened to all you sailors?

I am sorry that I do not get to your rallies but then I miss my Elvera coupled with the fact that I am now 83 years old and I must admit that I am not in the first flush of youth.

Where are the entries for the Elvera Cup?

Just a short cruise with a well presented log can be the winner, it does not have to be long cruise of epic proportion, both are welcome.

John Witchell has done well. We have made him Commodore and Chris Bosker, Harry Osborn, Gordon Millington, and David Wilding Vice Commodores, and you have made me Admiral.

Chris Bosker has ordered pennants for all of us which we can proudly fly on suitable occasions.

Our golfers not to be out done have made Barry Staynes President and each year the one who organises the 'Thomas Telford Trophy' will be Captain.

There is a lot of work in preparing news letters, which is why we have just one each Spring. However I now have an assistant Editor, Tony Pe, that's good news. We do need contributions from you for the Newsletter also letters on any point you wish to make, suggestions and questions are welcome. Best wishes and good sailing.

Archibald Shaw - Editor

Tennis Tournament

The above event is proposed to be held on Tuesday 6th May at Chichester. The intention is for members who have kept up their tennis to meet up with those who have not been able to play but intend taking up this game once again.

Three open and hard courts have been booked for this event at the "Chichester Tennis Club" with play commencing at 10.00 am and completion at 12.30 pm. The Clubhouse has excellent changing and shower rooms together with bar and drinking facilities. There is ample car parking space at the club grounds. It is hoped that players will meet up over lunch. Prior notice must be given. The entrance fee for the event is £5.00. Lunch and drinks to be purchased extra. It is hoped members will support this tournament so that it will become an annual event.

For further details contact: Tony Pe, Lansdown, Rathan Lane, Bosham, PO18 8NH: phone: 01243 573108.

Competition Survey

The results of the survey were most interesting and indeed helpful. The top five choices were as follows

<i>Preference</i>	<i>Popularity</i>
Works Visits	Golf Tournaments
Motoring	Sailing
Golf Tournaments	River Trips
Music & Opera = Sailing	Wine Tasting = Works Visits

There was a £100 prize for the best entry. The joint winners were Mr J. Adams and Mr W.A. Barber. All other entrants are thanked for taking part.

It is so sad that Ray Horner did not live to see his works visits come top of the list for preference. All of us who came to know him feel that we have lost a real friend. It will be hard to find someone to take over and organise works visits as well as Ray did. We will try.

Quite a number of members have asked me what was the correct answer to "How long is a piece of string"

Answer: "The length between the two ends when extended in a straight line"

Archie Shaw.

Wine Tasting

This year we arranged for a wine tasting after the AGM. You will not be surprised that it was the best ever attended AGM.

Peter and Rita Morice once more gave us a most entertaining and professional performance. The Title was "A wine tour of France with various Grapes" Here is a list of the wines tasted and a note of the approximate prices at which they can be purchased in the UK.

Civil Engineers' Club

A wine tour of France with various grapes

At the Institution, Great George Street, 21st January 1997

Introductory titillator

Blanquette de Limoux, NV

Tête de Cuvée

Grape variety

Mauzac, Chenin Blanc, £4

Chardonnay

Whites from East to West

Vin d'Alsace, Sylvaner, 1995

Touraine, Les Floriandes, 1995

Mâcon Villages, 1995

Sylvaner, £6

Sauvignon, £5

Chardonnay, £4

Reds from West to East

Cotes de St. Mont, 1994

Tuileries du Bose

Cahors, 1995

Corbières, 1995

Rasteau, 1995

Côtes du Rhone Villages

Tete de Cuvée

Côtes du Ventoux, 1995

La Pierre du Diable

Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon,
Cabernet Franc, £7

Malbec, Merlot, £5

Carignan, Grenache, £5

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, £7

Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault, £4

A hearty vote of thanks with acclamation was given to Peter and Rita.

An Interesting Letter from John Bartlett

There has been some discussion about this club's logo, and as I was chairman when it was designed, let me describe it rationale. It was decided to adopt a simple design that would not be expensive to reproduce. The colours were taken from the Institutions shield, blue for mother earth and gold for the sky, the sun and fire. The white triangle represents civil engineering works, the shape of the triangle being a compromise between the pyramids and Smeaton's Eddystone lighthouse. Take it from an old gaffer that the triangle was not intended to be a Bermudian sloop.

That's how I remember it, but perhaps the triangle is just the tip of an ICE - berg.

John Bartlett

Letter from Howard Barrett

Proposed Walking Section

Around Easter 1996 I found myself with a little time on my hands and, in perusing the current "freebie" newspaper, I spotted a walk organised by the local group of the Ramblers Association. I rang the 'phone number involved and was invited to turn up at the allotted start point where I should ask for the appointed Leader. This I did and some five hours (and a pub stop) later found myself weary but unbowed after an exhilarating experience of woodland, road, fields, stiles, mud and nettles. I have since joined the RA and two other parallel bodies with similar aims.

Most weekends and an occasional weekday since the above introduction has seen me out in any of Surrey, Sussex and Kent (including several forays into leadership) and I now want to share my enjoyment of the countryside by opening a Walking Section for the Civil Engineers' Club.

In order to gauge interest I would like to hear from any walkers, real or potential, experienced or beginners, who would be interested in supporting such a Section. As with most things in life, I anticipate a slow beginning which then flowers into a crescendo of activity.

Please contact me at the address/telephone number below. All are welcome.

Howard Barrett, 26 Doods Place, Doods Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0NS
Tel No 01737 242066

CIVIL ENGINEERS' CLUB IRISH SEA FLEET RALLY

**Invitation to take part in the 150th Anniversary Celebrations
of the Royal Welsh Yacht Club
Saturday 21st June 1997**



Caernarfon Castle, North Wales

Details from:

David Wilding, Commodore Royal Welsh Yacht Club
Porth Yr Aur, Caernarfon, Gwynedd – See inside.