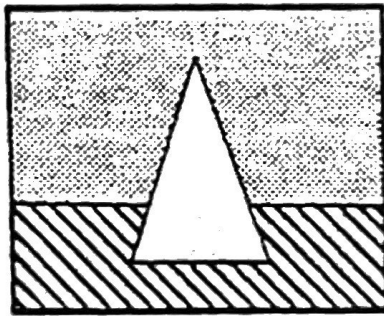


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THE CIVIL ENGINEERS' CLUB



Message from the Chairman

Dear Member,

My year as Chairman of the Club has given me the opportunity to see at first hand the wide variety of interests catered for by the Club. My principal regret has been that other duties have prevented my wife and me from being as active in attending its meetings as we would have liked. But I very much hope that in years ahead we shall be able to put that right.

1985 was, in part, a year of redevelopment for the Club, with a number of new officers and committee members taking up the reins, and I am sure their efforts will be reflected in the programme of meetings that will be arranged during 1986 - and I hope that members will give them the support their efforts deserve, and that new members will join us from all parts of the country.

In addition to writing to the Chairman of the Institution's Local Associations to ask if they would appoint a C.E.C. Liaison Member from their committees in the hope of generating more interest in the Club in those regions where we are not currently active, the possibility of using the Club as a vehicle for certain of the Institution's future social activities was considered by the Corporate Planning Group. Although the response of the membership was mixed, and it was not regarded as a high priority, it is nevertheless a possibility which I hope may develop further in the future, and especially if the numbers of our members in the regions grows.

As retiring Chairman of C.E.C., I would like to record the sterling efforts of the Vice-Chairman, Archie Shaw, who has shouldered the brunt of the organising effort during the year; and also of the support given to us both by the members of the Committee - both old and new. I am sure my successor, Bill Francis, can count on similar encouragement during the year ahead, which I am sure will be one of continuing enthusiasm and interest for all members.

Gwilym Roberts

Chairman 1985-86

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PROGRAMME 1986 (Preliminary)

Further items are being arranged as for example a GOLF TOURNAMENT for which a cup has been offered, musical events, a visit to an English vineyard, visits to model engineering works (Bassett-Lowke) additional motoring events. Suggestions for other events are welcome.

MARCH	25th Tuesday. 'POPULAR' WINE TASTING AT HQ 18.00 hrs.
APRIL	13th Sunday. VISIT TO DUXFORD (Imperial War Museum.) 26th/27th Saturday and Sunday. MINI CRUISE SOLENT.
MAY	4th Sunday. STEAM UP AT LAMORNA, BOSHAM HOE, CHICHESTER 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Gauge Garden Railway. TREASURE HUNT in Kent (date to be agreed).
JUNE	14th - 21st. Cruise to ST KATHERINE'S YACHT HAVEN by Tower Bridge, London. 17th Tuesday. PLEASURE CRAFT TRIP, LONDON RIVER from Tower Pier. Joint meeting with Lighthouse Club. Dinner, music, wine. EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Deposit £20/person.
JULY	5th Saturday. A musical mini Glyndebourne at CHARLSTON MANOR, Sussex. 13th Sunday. DRIVING TEST 11th - 20th. CHANNEL ISLANDS CRUISE.
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER	FREE
OCTOBER	4th/5th Saturday/Sunday MINI CRUISE, SOLENT. 20th - 24th ART EXHIBITION (AND PHOTOGRAPHIC) at HQ. 21st Tuesday. 'FINE' WINE TASTING AT HQ.
NOVEMBER	JOINT MEETING WITH ALGS (date to be agreed).
DECEMBER	6th/7th Saturday/Sunday CRUISE TO COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT with the FRENCH CIVILS.

EAS/PMH

3rd February 1986

WINE SECTION

A wine-tasting with a difference

There was a very good attendance for the wine tasting at Great George Street on 23 October 1985 - it was well justified. Most of us either knew or had heard of Professor Peter Morice but few were aware that apart from his expertise in Civil Engineering, he is a very knowledgeable wine buff in his spare time.

Peter Morice takes a large car when holidaying in France so he can return laden with quantities of carefully chosen bottles. These are brought through customs en masse - yes, through the red channel. Even after paying full duty and tax, he still makes a substantial saving over the retail prices here for similar or the same wines - if you can get them. Of course, you certainly have to know your vintages, vineyards and above all the people you are dealing with, if you want to try it yourself. Judging by results, Peter certainly does.

On this occasion, he gave an expert exploration of the Rhone valley using his own slides to show us the delights of the area; and then allowed us to sample some of the extraordinary range of wines produced on the 125 mile stretch from Vienne to Avignon. (Yes, he called it that - of course, he meant 230 Km).

Our previous essays into the wine tasting field have been given by professional representatives from shippers and wine merchants. This time we had the happy combination of the enthusiasm and knowledge of the amateur wine lover with the expertise of the professional lecturer - a combination that proved irresistible - please come again Peter.

Coming events

An informal early evening tasting at Great George Street has been arranged on 25 March, when Angus Thompson will introduce the 'everyday' end of the market. He intends to guide us through the maze of hidden bargains available in the supermarkets and off-licence chains at around the £2 mark (this year's budget permitting). Full details and application forms will be sent to you shortly - the cost will be £2 per head.

The more erudite connoisseurs are promised another 'fine wine' evening in the autumn.

Plans are also being made to visit another one of the rapidly developing English vineyards. This will probably have to be in the South again - they don't grow many wines north of Watford - details will be given in the next newsletter.

George Mould

MOTORING

I bet that you have all been wondering what 1986 holds for the motoring members. The present line-up is as follows:

11 May - Treasure Hunt

This treasure hunt will be in the hop picking area of Kent. The clues will be incredibly easy and the scenery and company will be terrific. We will end up visiting at least one hostelry (I wonder whether the navigational skills of a 'sailors' team can be the driving skills of a 'motorists' team).

13 July - Driving Test

As an attraction to take you away from thinking about joining the Sailing Section and travelling to the Channel Islands, a Driving Test will be held. The tests will be totally different from previous years as the writer has been spent devising new and innovation ones. Not only will you need reasonable driving skill but considerable judgement and thought (you will of course need the usual wife or girl-friend).

See you at both events - why not make an early entry now to avoid no space being available nearer the time.

John Brownlie

P.S. If you have any ideas for motoring events or visits, please phone and discuss it with me. 073-72-40363

GOLF SECTION

Yes, the golf section has been reformed. Starting this autumn the Club is establishing an annual inter Local Association golf tournament.

The first event will be at Wentworth Golf Club's West Course on Thursday 25 September in the morning when each Local Association, represented by four members, will be competing for the 'Thomas Telford Trophy'. It is hoped that Local Associations of ICE will arrange a golf competition as part of their team selection process.

In the afternoon on the East Course at Wentworth, a Stapleford Competition will be held, this will be open to all members of the Institution.

Barry Staynes

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REPORT ON SAILING

Once again our annual visit to Cowes in December was voted by all who took part a great success. Our navigational skills were tested to the full as we started off in thick fog blanketing most of the Solent. 'Elvera' over confident in Chichester Harbour (which she knows so well) in spite of Radar and Decca ('superman') nearly finished up on Roman Landing.

'Sunshine Ray' consulted Southampton Weather who predicted fog all day so prudently decided to stay at home. She had lost her mast the year before so Ray Sharp tells me he is more than ever determined to get to Cowes in 86 with us.

Nine ships took part and thirty two sat down to dinner at the Island Sailing Club. Next morning 'Elvera' listened to the early weather forecast predicting strong winds and rain - so feeling rather bad at leaving the others so early made a record passage back to Chichester.

Our programme for 86 follows the pattern of previous years, events which have proved popular, mini cruises in the Solent and the well established annual cruise to the Channel Islands.

A novelty is the proposal to visit the St Katherine's Yacht Haven by Tower Bridge London. 'Elvera' intends to spend the week in the Marina - harbour dues are very much less than hotel bills. If several ships take part we will be able to claim special terms for a club meeting.

On the Tuesday 17 June a pleasure craft river trip is being arranged together with the Lighthouse Club. Leaving Tower Pier 7.30 pm downstream to the Barrier and then upstream as far as we can go to see the lights of London from the river - returning 11.00 pm to Tower Pier. Early application for places advised as numbers will be limited. Dinner, music and wine, deposit £20 per head.

On the Wednesday, there is of course the Institution Conversazione at which we hope to be present.

John Witchell ('Amity') has very kindly offered to help me with the organisation of these events. So please write to him if you want more information on any particular event.

There are 26 boats on the register of Boat owners. If you have changed your boat or your address please resubmit the form included in this newsletter.

Archie Shaw

Editor's note: John Witchell is a member of the club committee, his address etc appears at the back of this newsletter.

MUSIC SECTION

This year the Music Section has made a provisional booking for 20 places for a 'mini-Glyndebourne' which is being held at Charleston Manor, Sussex, on the evening of Saturday, July 5. Charleston Manor is a delightful old country house with a magnificent rose garden; the operas being held in the centuries-old barn across the garden from the house.

The operas will be 'La Serva Padrona' by Pergolesi and 'La Rita' by Dorizetti. They will be performed by the 'I Commendianti' Touring Company which was started by Federico Davia who sings regularly at Glyndebourne. There will be an extended interval and an area set aside for picnics.

The manor is a few miles north of Seaford. The price of tickets is not known at the moment.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested (and, if so, how many tickets). I will then send you further information as soon as it is available. If there should be more applications than tickets, they will be dealt with in strict order of receipt of the applications.

Gwilym Roberts

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ART AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION - October 1986

As you all know we didn't manage to hold an Exhibition last year but we are hoping to get up a really good show this year. An Open Exhibition catering for works of Art and photographs will be held at the Institution from 20 to 24 October 1986. It will be open to all Club members, their spouses, children, grandchildren, ICE members and ICE staff.

It is a bit early to issue entry forms and how to enter at this stage but please make a note of the dates in your diary now. A further reminder will be issued in June when entry forms become available. It is also hoped that a Poster will be produced to encourage exhibitors.

Club members will be entitled to put in four works, their spouses and children two, and all others up to three each. Entry forms will have to be returned by the 25 September to allow a catalogue to be prepared. 'Sending in' days will be the 15 and 16 of October. Volunteers will be most welcome on Friday the 17 October to help with arranging and hanging the works, so perhaps some of you will note the date in your diaries as well!

There will be prizes for all classes so please help to make this show a success and remember it is not too early to start thinking about those masterpieces of the brush, pencil or camera NOW.

Derek Pearson

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