

BURTON UPON TRENT AND DISTRICT ENGINEERING SOCIETY

COMMITTEE MEETING: 3rd April 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Richard Farman – Chairman, Barry Gooding – Secretary, Steve Skeet, Martyn Ralph
Representatives of the I MechE did not attend

Apologies received from:

Ken Logue – President; Phil Brocklehurst - I MechE, Colin Walton

Minutes previous meeting held 27th February 2023 and actions arising

Accepted as a true record. Actions as per Agenda items

Correspondence

Burton College has informed Richard that the lecture theatre will be being used for students sitting examination May, this will affect our 25th May talk by Smiths Clocks. The theatre style seats will be taken back and tables chairs in their place. Society members will be able to sit in groups at the tables.

Treasurer's report and membership of the Society

Members are requested to inform the secretary of any changes to their contact details.

The membership list has been reviewed and updated. Some members have indicated that they no longer wish to remain members of the society. Those members who have not provided an email address will be written to.

There are 8 members who have not paid their annual subscription for a number of years and are not recorded has attended meetings.

Annual membership subscriptions can be paid at the next meeting on 23rd March or via BACS

The Lloyds Bank account has been opened with the Chairman, Secretary and Membership Secretary signed up, until a new Treasurer is appointed, Colin as the bank contact.

The Lloyds bank account is now functioning and payments in and out of the account is operating.

The search for a new treasurer is on-going. Members wishing to take on this role are asked to contact the Chairman.

The committee will review the reciprocal arrangements between the Society and Lichfield Engineering and Science Society in September.

Programme 2022/23

27th April – Tower Brewery Visit and talk – “Building Raya Brewery” in Ethiopia - Martyn Ralph
For this event members will be issued at the door with a FREE drink ticket to be redeemed at the bar.
Visitors will be charged £3 as normal but will NOT receive the free drink ticket)

3rd May (please note a Wednesday evening) – Joint meeting with the I MechE - AGM followed by talk on Nuclear Powered Satellites
25th May – Smiths Clocks – Tony Charlesworth

Topics for meetings:

Mill Meece Pumping Station – Phil Brockelhurst
Leicester Heavy Haulage – Richard
JCB – Richard
Hunslet Locos – Dereck Webb
Oil wells in Staffordshire
Derbyshire Industrial Archaeological Society
Statfold Barn Farm – talk/visit. Open days are: March 15/16th; June 11/12th; September 11/12th

Social and visits

The 2023 President outing will be to the Space Centre at Leicester. To be arranged for a Tuesday in September. Richard progressing

A visit to Wabtec has been arranged for Wednesday 19th April. The group size will be limited to 20 persons and members will need to provide their own PPE consisting of safety shoes/boots and goggles. Members intending to join the visit will need to inform the chairman of the society, Richard by Friday 14th April.

Lichfield and Hatherton Trust canal walk in 2023 – arrangements being made for walk on a Wednesday in either May 2023. Numbers for the walk will be limited – Colin progressing

A visit to the Stone Centre in Wirksworth is to be arranged on a Tuesday (either 13th or 20th) in June – Richard progressing

A visit to the Ecton Copper mine is to be arranged – the number of members to visit is limited to 10 members. Richard progressing

A visit to Burton and South Derbyshire College Engineering Dept., Swadlincote site, is to be arranged to tour the engineering workshop. Richard progressing

Visit to Bob's Engine Club (Everitt) at the Central Midlands Vintage Stationary Engine Society (07794 877194). Tractor Rally 10.00 Easter Sunday, Woodside Farm, Orton Lane, Twycross. CV9 3HA

Any Other Business:

The committee wishes to inform members of the sad loss of long-standing Society member Peter Edwards.

The committee wishes to remind members that all meetings will take place at the University Centre Burton College, Lichfield Street, Top floor Lecture Theatre – a lift is available for members use. Members need to be aware that there is NO car parking available in any of the college car parks. The public car park nearest to the college is in Fleet Street.

The login details for the It network is: **Username – engineering.society; Password – Thursday123**

Society Programme Cards. Richard had located cards from 1950 to the present day. One card was missing, year 2011-2012, but has now been found. The programme cards are being scanned-in and available to view on the Society web site and some are available now

The Engineering Society Website is run by Clive Baker with regular updates to keep it current. Thanks to Clive for his excellent work, www.burton-eng.co.uk, email: enquiries@burton-eng.co.uk.

The committee has been discussing for some time developing links with other societies and technical bodies in Burton and the surrounding areas. A society member, David Phillips, had introduced the society to the Derby Railway Engineering Society (DRES). The secretary has contacted the membership secretary of the DRES, David Saunders, to progress this link. The response received from DRES is that the matter will be discussed at the next DRES committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm. Date, time of next meeting: **TBA**