

Welcome to 2006.

It's almost Summer already and there is a busy schedule ahead, starting with the AGM and Annual Reception in June, to be held on the Thames Riverside this year – it's only 4 weeks away so get prepared - see details below. This is a free event, open to IPENZ members and guests. The formalities of the meeting are traditionally brought to a close in good time so that everyone can enjoy the social function afterwards.

IPENZ UK is keen to assist graduate members in the UK gain MIPENZ status. Derek Chisholm is the Competence Assessment coordinator for the UK Branch, and is organising this year's Graduates evening in September. Please see the details below and get in touch with him to register your interest.

As well as the organised events the IPENZ Chief Executive Andrew Cleland is visiting the UK in June to meet with Professional Engineering organisations and maintain the IPENZ links with these organisations, including reciprocal membership agreements.

Branch newsletters are available via the IPENZ UK website at [www.ipenz.org.uk/](http://www.ipenz.org.uk/) and now also in the Members' area of the IPENZ NZ website at [www.ipenz.org.nz/ipenz/members/branch\\_resource/newsletters/](http://www.ipenz.org.nz/ipenz/members/branch_resource/newsletters/) so you can check out what's happening in NZ branches as well as here in the UK.

See you at the AGM and Annual Reception,

Kelvin Smith (Ed.)

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **AGM and Annual Reception**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006

6:30pm for 7:00pm start

Terrace Bar, **Doggett's Coat and Badge**

1 Blackfriars Bridge, London, SE1 9UD

No charge

Finger food buffet provided. A cash bar will be operating throughout the evening.



The cost of renting our previous haunt, the Penthouse of New Zealand House, for this event has increased beyond what we can responsibly spend for such an event, so this year we will be holding the AGM and reception at a new venue - the Terrace Bar at the popular Doggett's Coat and Badge pub at Blackfriars Bridge. (The pub takes its name from Thomas Doggett's Coat and Badge, awarded since 1715 for the Thames waterman's race between London Bridge and Chelsea).

This venue, with riverside terrace, has fantastic views of London and the Thames from the South bank.

Please email by Wed 31st May to let us know that you are coming (for catering purposes)  
We look forward to seeing you there.

Graham Barber  
([gbarber@swh.co.uk](mailto:gbarber@swh.co.uk))

## **Annual Family Day and Barbecue**

**Sunday, 20th August 2005 from Midday**

**Henley Rowing Club**

Price tba

The annual barbecue is a fun day at which family and friends are most welcome to join us - the more the merrier. We are privileged once again have the use of the Henley Rowing Club's grounds beside the River Thames. This has proved to be a fantastic location for the BBQ – don't miss out.

## **Graduates Night**

**Provisionally Wednesday evening, 6th September 2006.**

**Southern Cross Pub, upstairs, 65 New Kings Rd, London, SW6 4SG.**

No charge.

Finger buffet provided. A cash bar will be operating throughout the evening.

The Graduates' night is an opportunity for those contemplating MIPENZ status, providing a useful "road-map" to professional membership, along with a Q&A session.

To register your interest in becoming MIPENZ, and watch this space for details of the Graduates' night please contact:

Derek Chisholm  
([CACoord@ipenz.org.uk](mailto:CACoord@ipenz.org.uk))

## **Thames River Cruise with Engineers Australia**

**Saturday, 24 September 2005, around 2:00pm - To Be Confirmed**

Cost tba

We have once again been invited by Engineers Australia to join them for an afternoon cruise along the Thames with food, drinks, possibly a guest speaker, and a chance to meet Australian and New Zealand Engineers.

## **Technical Talk – Advanced Composites for Structural Applications**

**Dr. Sam Luke, Director of Advanced Technology, Mouchel Parkman**

**Tuesday 24th October 2006**

6.15pm (refreshments from 5.30pm)

Mouchel Parkman Offices, 307-317 Euston Rd, London, NW1 3AD

Price tba – refreshments provided

Advanced FRP Composites are becoming increasingly popular in engineering applications due to their lightness, toughness, strength and durability. Dr Sam Luke, Mouchel's advanced technology director, who has pioneered the use of these materials in strengthening and new build applications in the UK will outline how Mouchel Parkman has worked in partnership with clients, contractors, suppliers and research organisations over the past 10 years to develop cost effective and technically efficient solutions that minimise disruption, whilst giving a new lease of life to existing structures or virtually maintenance free options to new structures.

Sam will show a number of examples of real examples of strengthening projects on the railway, highway and on building structures, and will talk about some all composite bridge structures that have been successfully installed in various parts of the world. The talk will end with a video presentation of the design and installation of Western Europe's first all composite highway bridge.

## **Joint Christmas Soirée – IPENZ & EA members and guests**

**Friday, 1st December 2006**

Downer Room, Australia House, Strand, London, WC2B 4LA

Price tba

This year the Soirée is organised by Engineers Australia and their fantastic hospitality will once again be on offer - great food, drinks and festive spirit. Quote from the EA website "...the kiwis put on a great event at NZ House last Christmas. We won't be outdone....." Put this evening in your diary now, and don't plan too much for the next day.

### **Other technical talks and site visits will be arranged as opportunities arise**

Your challenge is to help us to find them. If you or your company are working on a project, about which a talk, presentation at a technical meeting, or site visit could be arranged please contact the Chairman or the Hon. Secretary.



Also, please contact them if there any sites of engineering interest you would like to visit or if you would like more details about any of the above events.

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## Recent IPENZ UK Events

### Christmas Soiree

The Soiree held in December was hosted by IPENZ at NZ House and enjoyed by over 90 members of IPENZ, Engineers Australia and guests. Once again a very enjoyable event, as shown by the cheesy grins for the camera.



## Recent IPENZ UK Events (cont)

### Lectures / Presentations

#### Indian Ocean Tsunami and Crashworthiness of Trains

Arranged by Engineers Australia back in November, Dr **Sean Wilkinson** from the University of Newcastle presented the findings of an Earthquake Engineering Field Investigation Team field mission to areas affected by the Indian Ocean Tsunami.



Then in February **Ray Ford**, Rolling Stock Engineer from the Rail Safety and Standards Board spoke of Crashworthiness of Trains.

We would encourage more members to attend these events in future, as they not only provide a great vehicle for ongoing professional development but bring opportunities for networking and socialising.

### Upcoming events hosted by other groups

The following events are being hosted by others but may be of interest to members of IPENZ UK. There are further events noted in the IPENZ UK website, plus links to the various societies' websites. Please contact the organisers of the events for further information.

#### Link Foundation 2006 Annual lecture in conjunction with the Royal Commonwealth Society

Wednesday 14 June 6.30 pm

Royal Commonwealth Society, 25 Northumberland Avenue, London, WC2N 5AP

The retiring Governor General of New Zealand **Dame Silvia Cartwright** will be giving a lecture on Britain, the Commonwealth and New Zealand - the people connection.

There will be a reception before-hand from 6 pm and an opportunity to stay on afterwards and use the pay bar. The lecture will last approximately 40 minutes and it is hoped that Dame Silvia will be prepared to answer questions.

Invitations (limited to 2 per applicant) are available from the Link Executive Officer:

Francis King [link@linkuknz.demon.co.uk](mailto:link@linkuknz.demon.co.uk)

Formal invitations will be sent by post so please include your postal address. More details as they become available on [www.nzuklinkfoundation.org](http://www.nzuklinkfoundation.org)

## **Four Kiwis Walk Into A Bar**

Monthly stand-up comedy night featuring the best in Kiwi and honorary Kiwi comedy talent

Last Thursday of every month

Doors open 8.00pm, show starts 8.30pm

Headliners Comedy Club, George IV, 185 Chiswick High Road, London W4 2DR

[www.sanza.co.uk](http://www.sanza.co.uk)

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## **Fat Freddy's Drop – Touring UK**

4 May to 22 June (2<sup>nd</sup> June London)

Edinburgh, Manchester, Bristol, Leeds, Birmingham, London (Brixton Academy), Newquay

A seven-piece band hailing from New Zealand who are purveyors of the Pacific funk/reggae explosion, combining bottom heavy funk, jazz, deep dub and skanking roots reggae. With some sweet soul vocals, a resident DJ and a horn section bringing an old world jazz charm to this unique fusion of styles.

[www.ents24.com/web/artist/70867/Fat\\_Freddys\\_Drop.html](http://www.ents24.com/web/artist/70867/Fat_Freddys_Drop.html)