



FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

From the Chairperson

Greetings Members,

Welcome to the first IPENZ UK Branch Newsletter for 2009. I am writing this newsletter at home in London while it is snowing outside. At this time of the year many of our members are settling back into work after the festive season, others are escaping the UK to ski or snowboard in Europe and then there are a few of us quietly wishing we were on a beach somewhere in New Zealand with the sun on our faces and the promise of a BBQ later in the day.

While the committee is unable to offer a European ski holiday or a return flight to New Zealand we can offer an exciting list of events for the year ahead.

We recently met to discuss our ideas for 2009 and you will find details of the events below. Take note of the key dates and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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Recent Events



Christmas Soiree

Australia House, London

21st November 2008

Late last year Engineers Australia hosted the joint Engineers Australia and IPENZ UK Christmas Soiree at Australia House.

On behalf of the IPENZ UK Branch and Committee I would like to thank Raymond Lowe, his committee and members for an enjoyable evening and a delicious Christmas meal.

We look forward to a continued relationship with EA this year and the Christmas Soiree 2009 which will be hosted by IPENZ UK in the penthouse of New Zealand House, London.

Members

UK Members Survey

In an effort to learn more about our members, we have created a survey with Survey Monkey.

We urge you to log on and complete the survey. Don't forget to press DONE on completion of the questions.

We will be sure up-date you with the results and trends in upcoming correspondence. Click here to take the survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=wsk2FhR1aBqnZfUshCwrdQ_3d_3d

Upcoming Events

The calendar below represents a list of events for the coming year. Make sure you put the dates in your diary now and further details will be available in our bi-monthly newsletters. If you are keen to organise a site visit, a tour to a place of interest or if you would like to make a presentation please contact the committee through our website www.ipenz.org.uk.



Date	Event	Details
8 th March	London Transport Museum's Open Weekend at Acton Depot	Members and families. A special opportunity to see models of London's Transport museum's depot at Acton during the London's transport in miniature open weekend on 7 th and 8 th March 2009. See www.ltmuseum.co.uk for details. To confirm your interest please send a message with number of attendees to Chair@ipenz.org.uk so we can book a space at a nearby pub for a drink and catch up afterwards.
11 th March	Committee Meeting	Committee only
26 th April	Kew Bridge Steam Museum Giants of Steam Weekend	Members and families. The 90inch, Boulton & Watt or Maudslay and Bull engines will be in steam this weekend, demonstrating the full power of Waterworks Beam Engines. These engines only run once a month, so this is an opportunity not to be missed. See www.kbsm.org for details.
6 th May	Technical Talk and Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Members only.

June	Inaugural IPENZ UK Picnic in the Park	EA and IPENZ UK Members partners and families. A new joint event featuring a picnic is one of London's Royal Parks featuring good food, drink and the odd friendly trans Tasman sports activity.
1st July	Committee Meeting	Committee only.
5th August	Presentation on Bolivia by Matt Wickham.	Members only. Details and location to be confirmed.
2nd September	Committee Meeting	Committee only.
6th September	Annual IPENZ UK Henley on Thames Barbeque.	IPENZ UK Members, partners and families. The traditional BBQ at the Henley on Thames Rowing Club. This year will feature awards for Best Salad and Best Dessert.
7th October	IPENZ Graduates Evening.	IPENZ UK Members and IPENZ members new to the UK. An information evening for graduates looking to gain CPEng accreditation.
4th November	Committee Meeting	Committee only.
December	EA and IPENZ UK Joint Christmas Soiree.	EA and IPENZ UK Members and Partners. An evening to socialise and network while enjoying the view from the penthouse of New Zealand House with fine food, New Zealand beer and wine.

Other

Kea New Zealand is in Manchester

Who: KEA Manchester is the Manchester arm of <http://www.keanewzealand.com/index.html>

What: KEA is looking for any Kiwis in the Northwest to join fellow Kiwis for socialising, networking and business opportunities.

Where: The frozen North of England.

How: Contact uk@keanewzealand.com.