

Welcome to the very first edition of DEGREE YEEAR the newsletter for the CIBSE Young Engineers East Anglia Region (YEEAR).

In each edition we do not only aim to keep you up to date with what's been going on or coming up within East Anglia (and beyond), but we also hope to provide you with some of the latest news from the industry that you may find helpful and useful in your career development.

A lot has happened over the last year, when the first tentative steps were taken in starting up a Young Engineers Network (YEN) Centre within East Anglia to run along side the London Centre and the East Anglia Region committee.

I was invited onto the regional committee as the young member's representative for the region with the aim of developing the services provided to young engineers and to organise events for young engineers (both social and technical).

In September last year myself and Nikki Kane were guests on a Thames River cruise which marked the official launch of the YEN London Centre. We met the Chair of the London Centre (Michael Norton) who has given advice and support in the process of setting up an East Anglia Centre for YEN.

YEEAR was born and our first event was the 2007 Young Engineers Quiz, which saw 7 teams battle it out, through 9 rounds of questions to determine who would be crowned East Anglia Region Young Engineers Quiz Champions 2007.

The night was a success raising £500.00 for East Anglia Children's Hospices. Lorne Stewart won the closely fought quiz to be crowned as champions.



Jonathan Page presents a cheque for £500.00 raised at the East Anglia Region Young Engineers Quiz Night to East Anglia's Children's Hospices

2008 saw our first technical event a trip to the Baxi Group Training Academy, which saw young engineers from East Anglia joined by young engineers from other regions attend the day's programme of presentations, which we review within this edition of degree YEEAR.

We have many events in the pipeline, both social and technical, some local some far away. Hopefully we will have something which appeals to you, however if you have any suggestions please drop us a line. You can find our details in the contact section.

Jonathan Page – YEEAR Chair

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HAVE YOU HEARD OF ERDINGTON?

For those of you who not in the know, Erdington is located 5 miles from Birmingham City Centre and used to be the home of Dunlop. The Baxi Group has taken up residence within Erdington setting up their Baxi Commercial Training Academy.

One of the aims of YEEAR is to provide a programme of technical events which will not only interest young engineers but would also help in their career development.

On Friday 28 March 2008 the Baxi Commercial Training Academy welcomed 16 Young Engineers on the first technical event organised by YEEAR.

The day began at 7:00am in Ipswich when a number of young engineers and Peter O'Brien from Potterton Commercial congregated in the rain in order to board a 'luxury' coach which would take them to Erdington.

Advertising of the event went nationwide and we received interest from a number of engineers from across the country, a few of which we arranged to meet at Training Academy.

One engineer named Kash from Manchester was visiting family in London and planned to meet Jon Page (YEEAR Chair) at the train station in order to be transported to the coach pick-up point, however things don't always go to plan. Due to a problem with the trains Kash would not arrive until 7:10 and therefore miss the coach. As Kash had made the effort to attend the event Jon decided that he would meet Kash at the station and drive to the next pick-up point in Bury St Edmunds, meeting the coach there.

The coach made a final pick-up at Cambridge before heading West to Erdington. On arrival we met up with those who we arranged to meet at the Training Academy and were given a warm welcome by Sean Reynolds (Academy Manager).

YEEAR had arranged with Baxi a programme of presentations to provide a brief overview of the Potterton Commercial range of boilers and Andrews water heaters. The presentations included time within the workshop area where boilers were fired up. Covers were removed to some of the plant to obtain a better understanding of the mechanics. We also had the opportunity to see the range of solar thermal and ground source heat pump packages.

A fantastic buffet lunch was provided, giving an ideal opportunity to talk to the young engineers who had met us at the Training Academy.

After lunch we received a presentation on how to use the Andrews water heater SIZE-IT software package, which included plenty of advice and tips.



The CIBSE Thirteen – Young Engineers from East Anglia and beyond with Jonathan Tedstone and Peter O'Brien (Potterton Commercial) at the Baxi Commercial Training Academy

Finally we reached what was the most anticipated presentation subject of the day – Renewable technology solutions. The presentation was very honest and thought provoking, without any biased views or claims that a particular renewable technology would in its self 'save the world', but should be viewed as a range of measures that together may reduce carbon emissions.

Unfortunately time ran out and the coach was waiting for the return journey back to East Anglia. We said our farewells to those who made their own way to the academy from other regions before boarding the coach.

On the journey back we were entertained by Shelley who suddenly remembered that she had a cat home alone, and promptly phoned friend to call in and check that the cat was OK. We made a stop at 'The Bull' in Boxworth where we enjoyed an evening meal and pint or two before continuing on our way to the various drop off points.

The feedback received from those who attended was very positive with many commenting on how they found the presentation on renewable technology solutions to have been interesting and enjoyable.

Due to the feedback received for the renewable technology presentation we are currently organising for the presentation to be given within the region as part of the YEEAR programme of technical events for the forthcoming 2008/2009 season.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Baxi Group for their hospitality on the trip and for laying on the coach and presentations.

SPRING BALL

This year the CIBSE East Anglia Region Spring Ball was held at a delightful location in Newmarket – Bedford Lodge.

For the first time in the history of this event, there was a table of Young Engineers in attendance. We would like to send thanks to our sponsors Nuairé (who also sponsored the Menu), Mitsubishi Electric and Polypipe.

As you can see from the Photo (right) our Chair for the YEEAR Jon Page, and our Vice Chair Nikki Kane are having a great time.

For all those that didn't attend you missed a superb meal.

Starter of Smoked chicken and Ham Terrine served with warm onion bread and garnished with mixed leaves and balsamic vinegar.

Main Course: chicken stuffed with Mozzarella and wrapped with generous layers of bacon served with Sun dried tomato Mash Potato and fresh vegetables.

Dessert: A lovely slab of sticky toffee pudding served with a rich butterscotch sauce and a simple dollop of vanilla ice cream

The evening went really well. Jokingly our table was introduced to the rest of the crowd as the 'juniors', and received a round of applause from the other tables in appreciation of our attendance.

After the dinner Colin Bowen hosted the raffle which this year was in aid of not only the benevolent fund but also a most worthy cause of Breast Cancer Research.



The Young Engineers Table – (From L to R) Gerald, Karen, Nikki, Vicky, Jon, Alex, Michael, Heather and Paul

Despite being the closest table to the array of Power Tools and other various prizes the chance of our table winning anything seemed bleak until, the much sort after Kodak Camera was won by Michael Norton – the Chairman of the London YEN, invited at really short notice, and we were delighted that he was able to attend and hope that this is just the start of our collaboration of efforts between the Young Engineer Networks.

Also the Prize of one night stay at the hotel was won by our own Vicky – Jon Page's Fiancée.

After the meal we were all treated to the delightful sounds of a swing band the 'Meltones' – lighting up the mood with many – CIBSE veterans taking to the dance floor with their guests whilst our crowd just looked on with awe at their obvious ball room skills.

Overall the Feedback was that this was a 'Class Event'

YEEAR NETWORKING

YEEAR have joined the WWW! Since our official formation back in October we have established two means for prospective members to contact us and find out what we're up to!

Firstly we have set up our Facebook page which includes information about up and coming events, our successful past events and a forum for our members to chat about how great our events are and advice/information and support that our members may need!

This has proved successful with a last count of 18 members and growing!

If you are a Facebook member just type CIBSE into the search box and you will find us on the list. If you are not a Facebook member, you can join by typing the following address into your web address bar and following the instructions to join...
www.facebook.com

Secondly we have also recently had a page set up for us by CIBSE HQ which will be updated periodically to show the YEEAR and YEN events and also have a copy of our bi-annual newsletter. This page is in it's infancy at the moment but we endeavour to have it in its full glory by the end of the year. So watch this space! You can find our page at <http://www.cibse.org>, (just follow the link to Young Engineers where you will find the East Anglia Region listed), We look forward to meeting you in cyber space!!!

KNOWLEDGE CORNER

Each issue we are going to bring you some information or information resource which we feel will be useful to you in your studies or at work.

To start we have some internet links which hopefully you will find a useful source of information.

BUILDING REGULATIONS

Building Regulations (including archived documents) can be found at the Planning Portal:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en/1115314110382.html>

Please refer to the sites copyright statement and policies.

ENGINEERING INFORMATION

Tools and basic information for design, engineering and construction of technical applications can be found at:

<http://www.engineeringtoolbox.com/>

This site is a great source for engineering information and has too many subjects to mention, definitely worth a look.

We accept no responsibility for the content contained within these links or any links found within the web sites listed.

FUTURE EVENTS

31 July 2008 – Biomass Power

Tour of Biomass boiler plant installed within a school in Suffolk. Day includes visiting installed plant in operation, CPD presentation and a pub lunch courtesy of Broag Remeha.

Please note that we will be unable to provide transport to venue.

18th – 19th September 2008 – Factory Visit to Fläkt Woods in Sweden

We are in the process of arranging a factory tour and technical seminars at the Flakt Woods factory in Jonkoping, Sweden.

Further details will be announced shortly.

20th September 2008 – National Young Engineers Ball, Birmingham

Time to wine, dine and dance the night away at the inaugural National Young Engineers Ball.

10th October 2008 – Putting the 'Beer' in Engineer

Tour of the Greene King brewery in Bury St Edmunds. The evening includes tour of the brewery and a lesson in beer tasting.

Please note that we will not be able to provide transport to the brewery.

24th November 2008 – East Anglia Region Young Engineers Quiz 2008

Bragging rights will once again be up for grabs as teams go head to head to be crowned East Anglia Region Young Engineer quiz champions 2008.

Further details of the above events will be published nearer to the event, however should you require further information please feel free to contact us on the details below.

We will also be holding a number of evening technical presentations through the year at locations throughout the region. Information will be advised nearer the time.

Please also feel free to come along to the CIBSE East Anglia Region presentations advertised within Viewpoint.

MEET YEEAR

As this is the first edition of degree YEEAR we thought that the best place to start would be with a brief introduction to the Chairman of YEEAR.

Jon Page has been working for MLM within the Building Services department for the past 6 ½ years. Previously he worked for an Italian telecommunications company designing networks for NTL and Telewest.

Jon suggested holding events for young engineers to the incoming CIBSE East Anglia Region Chairman, who nominated him to join the committee as a young member's rep. For his sins he accepted and has started to build up the group.

Jon believes that more should be done within the industry to encourage people into the industry, by promoting Building Services at schools etc. and by providing mentoring to those going through college/university and those in the early stages of their career.

On a sociable side he enjoys football (now days as a couch potato rather than playing), rugby league, going to the pub and listening to an eclectic selection of music (sometimes he is known to get the decks out and re-live his student DJ day's).

NEXT TIME MEET THE VICE-CHAIR

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The CIBSE Young Engineers Network has won an award at the 2008 Building Services Awards for 'Outstanding Contribution' within the industry.

We'll have further details of this award in the next issue.

CONTACT US

If you have any suggestions of social and technical events or advice on courses etc. please contact us. We promise not to bite!!

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