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SOUTH EAST AREA CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Jason Ryall – PA Consulting (Chair)

I have spent 20 years in the water industry and almost as many in the Institute of Water having sat on both Midlands Area and South East Area Committees. I like to run, and took part in this year's London Marathon for Cancer Research, I'm also a keen Scuba Diver.



At this time of the year, like many of you, I'm always reflective on the past 12 months and think about successes and failures, both personally and professionally. Many of us will catch-up with friends and family, reach out to neighbours, or those who just need someone to say hello too, and use the break to recharge our batteries and contemplate our plans for the next 12 months.

We've had a brilliant 2018 in the South East Area (and my 1st year as Area Chair) which started off with our Strategy Day that set afoot our plans for the year ahead. We've had a fantastic committee led by our President, Simon Earl, who have all worked extremely hard to ensure that we promote and hold high quality events in subject matters which both interest us personally and are at the heart of the current issues our industry is facing.

We hope you have enjoyed the vast array of events and if you have any suggestions on what you would like to see, then please let me know. It only leaves me on behalf on everyone on the South East Area Committee, to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

As a Member of the Institute of Water you can:

- Register as a Chartered Engineer, Incorporated Engineer or Engineering Technician.
- Register as a Chartered Scientist, Registered Scientist or Registered Science Technician.
- Register as a Chartered Environmentalist or Registered Environmental Technician.

You can also our sign up to mentoring programme and receive guidance throughout your application process from specialist mentors.

For more information please speak to Steve Youell, our Professional Registration Lead, or any of the committee members, at a future event.

Steve Youell – DWI (Professional Registration Lead)



I joined the Institute of Water in 2006 and joined the South East Area Committee in 2007 as Young Persons co-ordinator moving on to Area Secretary.

I was Area Chair from 2014 to 2018 and also now sit on the Institute of Water Board as Vice National Chairman.

WATERAID CHARITY QUIZ

In August of this year, teams rallied together in Guildford to take on a mighty quiz master and battle it out to become the Institute of Water's South East Quiz Champions all in aid of WaterAid.

The event saw 6 teams take on the challenge facing questions on movies, general knowledge, music and of course, water. The winners of the night were the team from Thames Water (pictured below), well done guys.

The event raised a brilliant £145 for WaterAid!! Thank you for everyone who attended and donated.





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WEEKEND SCHOOL 2018 – “INSPIRING FUTURE LEADERS”

Ever grappled with a fear of public speaking and wondered how some folks were simply eloquent, deductive and able to rebut arguments? Delegates of the 2018 Weekend School, held at CIM Moor Hall on the 20th to 22nd September, found out...

Day 1: Breaking the Ice!

Dr Piers Clark (Isle) kicked off the school to a magnificent start, setting a theme of creative and empathetic leaders, and that the “water sector wasn’t an industry for millionaires”. Followed by Mind Games with a dash of NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) by 2000 Weeks.

Squire Stage Combat artfully convinced and taught every single delegate to dress up as a Luchadore Wrestler and wrestle for the afternoon. The delegates, shocked but without any inhibitions to speak of, proceeded to murder- with a murder mystery thanks to the antics of Smoke and Mirrors sponsored by UKSE.



Day 2: Gandy’s Flip Flop Friday!

Fyrefly broke the ice with some vocal coaching and communication strategies setting the scene for Debatemate, debate coaches extraordinaire (as seen on Sky’s Kings and Queen of speech) to upskill delegates on all things debating. Delegates then made full use of these interrogation skills during “Tea with a slice of wisdom, where they had an opportunity to spend 30 minutes in groups of 5, having intimate conversations with industry leaders including Kelly MacFarlane (Thames Water), Luke Stanbridge (Z-Tech) and to Laura Moss (DWI), in between mouthfuls of scones and jam. Chris Grundy (Thames Water) then provided an evening of entertainment with Z-Techs BBQuiz.

D-Day! The Clancy Docwra Dragon Debates!

In front of a panel of senior “dragons”, Dr Simon Earl (SE Water), Ceris van De Vywer (Isle) and Jason Ryall (PA) – despite never having debated, or some delegates never having even undertaken a presentation, every single delegate competitively debated with style, confidence and conviction. Love your work!

Mandhy Senewiratne - Fyrefly Global Sustainability (Sustainability and Environment Lead)

An independent Sustainability Consultant, with over 12 years’ experience in the water, construction and building sector, I also sit on the Institutes’ Environment Panel. Now a qualified Assessor, my next challenge: training the next generation of water avengers (i.e. Apprentices) in the water industry alongside Merit Skills. Exciting times!



Sharna Richings – Environment Agency (Events Co-ordinator)

I have been involved in the water industry for 11 years having worked at Veolia Water, Thomson Habitats and currently as a Project Manager for the Environment Agency delivering flood alleviation schemes from appraisal through to construction as part of the National Capital Programme Management Service.



Anna Boyles – Thames Water (Secretary)

I have worked in the Water Industry for my whole career (over 20 years, scarily!) and have loved every minute. I have primarily worked within an operational environment but have also had project, regulatory and asset performance roles. Outside of work, I enjoy sport (Arsenal ST holder) and music and have 2 cats.



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YOUNG PERSONS FORUM

Primayer hosted the Young Persons Forum, which is an opportunity for young or new members to hone their presentation skills by speaking on a career or water related topic in a supportive atmosphere.

The audience was inspired by Mike Redhead and Georgina Caruana (both Portsmouth Water Ltd) describing their journeys into the water industry, showing that sometimes the path isn't as direct as we would like. There were two presentations on project work with Thames Water's Kim Rodwell explaining how customers with wastewater misconnections are identified in the Surface Water Outfall Programme (SWOP) and Eduardo Lovatel (Southern Water) discussing how issues were resolved during capital maintenance at Weirwood WTW. Finally, we took a glimpse into the future with Beth Hall (Isle Utilities) looking at how digital technology can be used across the water industry and WSP's Simon Chillcott explaining how Future Ready thinking is used at the design stage to ensure projects deliver immediate value as well as long term benefits.

All speakers showed great confidence and with many questions from the audience, it proved to be a really engaging event.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



Water water, everywhere... but it's all covered in plastic!

Hence the 2018 United Nations World Environment Day theme of "If you can't reuse it, refuse it!" tugged at the heartstrings of many of us, particularly those of us in the water industry. But how willing are we all to give up our modern conveniences? Like plastic bottles, disposable coffee cups & forks and swap over to those "bags-for-life" (ahem, still made of plastic...)?

We decided to put this "willingness" to test via a debate titled "Life is Plastic" It's Fantastic", adjudicated most graciously by Judge Libby (Ian Limb, HR Director PW), completed with wig and gown. The pro plastic team won - guess we aren't willing to give up those plastic bottles just yet. Hmm!

Sarah Murray - Affinity Water (Deputy Secretary)

I am a Scientific Officer as part of the Water Quality team at Affinity Water. I joined the industry in 2014 and I am on the board for the Institute of Water.



Kirsty Ayres - WSP Consulting (Rising Star)

I am a Senior Engineer at WSP consulting on clean water projects including lead pipe replacement and risk prioritisation. I have been on the Rising Stars programme in 2018, which has been an amazing opportunity to meet senior leaders, regulators and attend site visits gaining skills outside my day job.



Jamie Jones - Portsmouth Water (Treasurer)

I am the Distribution Project Manager at Portsmouth Water, managing projects in areas including Leakage and Supply Interruptions. I joined the Institute of Water in May 2012 and joined the committee this year.



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Dr Simon Earl would like to invite you to:

- The Hop Farm, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6PY
- On Saturday, 6th April
- At 10.00 – 5.00 pm (Lunch served at 12.30)

Suitable for children up to the age of 10, activities include:

- Animal Farm,
- Museums,
- Giant Jumping Pillows,
- Driving School,
- Indoor Soft Play,
- Mini Golf,
- Bumper Cars,
- Fairground rides



Dr Simon Earl, South East Water (President)

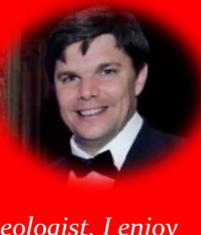
I am the Operations Director for South East Water accountable for providing water to over 2 million people every day across the South East of England. My first degree was in Genetics from the University of Liverpool and I went on to complete an MSc and PhD in Advanced Plant Genetics at the University of Nottingham.

Following completion of my PhD in 2003, I took the decision to move into the scientific industry progressing through operational and senior business management roles at Yorkshire Water and Thames Water including running the UK's largest Water Production business. In 2015, I made the move onto the Executive team at South East Water.

I am also a Non-Executive Director with the Water Regulations Advisory Scheme, a member of the Institute of Directors, a rugby coach for Haslemere RFC and a mentor to several industry graduates and managers. I am married with two children and live in Liphook, Hampshire.

Paul Holton – Southern Water (Vice Chair)

A member of the south-east committee since 2005. I work for Southern Water as an Investment Strategy Manager; currently focussed on supporting delivery our PR19 business plans. Previously I have worked as Leakage Manager and Water Resources Planner / Hydrogeologist. I enjoy most sports - particularly golf, hockey and football.



David Port - Options Energy (Past-President)

I have 50 years' experience in the Energy and Water sectors with 20 years being at director level. I have held five CEO positions, two of which were managing water companies. Currently I am a non-executive director of Options-Energy, a member of the Independent Certification Board of National Quality Assurance and chairman of the Mid Sussex Football League. I am Fellow of the Institute of Engineering and Technology, the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management and the Institute of Water. I was President of the Institute of Water South East branch in 2011.



Abbie Johnson – Thames Water (Area Forum Rep)

I've worked at Thames Water for nearly 8 years in Water Networks, been a member of the Institute of Water for 3 years and on the committee for 18 months as Area Forum Rep. I enjoy the inclusivity and friendliness of our organisation – come say hi at our next event!



Lana Salih – Skanska (Sponsorship Lead)

I am a Quantity Surveyor currently working at Skanska and have been for just over 5 years now. I began working in the water industry when I joined the Eight20 Alliance for Thames Water back in beginning of 2016. Some hobbies outside of work include Crossfit and health & wellbeing.



Andrew McIlwraith – Affinity Water (Events Co-ordinator)

This is my 6th year in the water industry having worked at Amey in a number of roles before moving to Affinity Water as a Programme Manager.



Kevin Brook – Primayer (Past President)

I have previously served as South East Area President and keenly support the Annual South East Area Young Persons Forum. I am Sales Director for Primayer and have been involved in the water industry for 23 years.



Kathryn Rye – Southern Water (Events Co-ordinator)

I am a Principal Process Scientist with Southern Water, and joined the Institute of Water four years ago after moving across to the water industry. When not organising interesting trips to site for the committee I enjoy bell ringing, walking and beer drinking.

