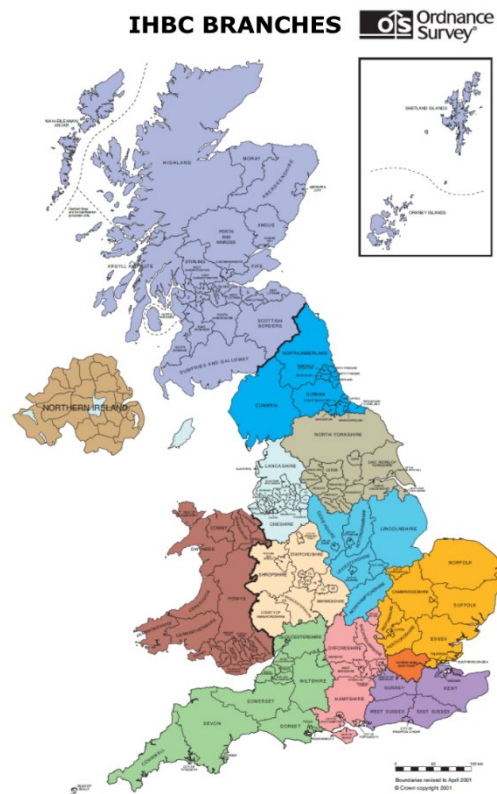


IHBC's January-February Branch Events Update: Explore Branch CPD events across the UK

It's the beginning of a busy 2019 for the IHBC Branches, from planning and organising CPD events and MATE accreditation support sessions to AGMs and more.

This month's features include:

- [An afternoon with Dr Charles Mynors](#) organised by the North West Branch on 1 February
- The next [MATE session](#) on 28 February (North West Branch)
- [Policy into Practice: South-East Branch Day School and AGM](#) on 1 March
- Don't forget that booking for the [IHBC Annual School - Nottingham 2019 Heritage, Risk & Resilience: confronting conservation calamities](#) opens soon! Stay tuned!



If you want to include any Branch event or news in the next edition get in touch with Carla Pianese at support@ihbc.org.uk

BRANCH NEWS & UPDATES

Yorkshire Branch News

In 2018, the IHBC Yorkshire Branch launched a [Blog](#) informing on the main events, activities and branch networking in Yorkshire. Stay tuned!

South Branch News

2018 has been a very productive year for the South Branch. Have a look at their [annual activity summary](#) (committee papers). In addition, the South Branch would like to formally pay tribute to David who has recently retired from the treasurer role of South Branch Committee. This is a role which David has very successfully held for an extraordinarily long time.

Note of Recognition for David Birkett RIBA IHBC FSAI

The Branch Committee members write:

'David has been for many years a full member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) with his office at Ptolemy House in Wallingford, specialising in work to Historic Buildings. David has secured many architectural awards including The Chiltern Society Award 2000, Downlands Prize Shortlist 2000 /2001/2005. David is also a longstanding Fellow and past treasurer of the Society of



Architectural Illustrators (FSAI) producing extremely fine sketch illustrations in black and white line or line and watercolour.

David has been an invaluable help to us on the South Branch Committee full of original ideas, helping to set up key events as well as presenting at a good few of them. He has unfailingly given so much of his time and essential advice to all of us interested in conserving historic buildings. David has often given his time freely to places such as the Chiltern Open Air Museum where he helped by writing a detailed specification for re-thatching a

building all at no charge.

Recently at one of our AGM events at Shaw House (Oct 2017) in Newbury David regaled us with his early experiences as a trainee architect in Buffalo New York where he worked in a practice for a year as a very young man. He was heavily pressurised to come to the Catholic Church service each Sunday and the ensuing social gathering afterwards. To his credit (despite not being a Catholic) David did this under some duress.

It was only after he returned to England he found out the practice he had been working at in Buffalo had been raided by the police and the most senior managers had been sent to prison for up to 10 years for participating in a cartel arranged at the Church each Sunday at which key business contracts were settled.

David gave us another hugely enjoyable presentation at the IHBC South Branch "Last Orders" conference at the Kings Head in Aylesbury (September 2017) reminding us how he played a key role in saving The Bird Cage Inn in the market town of Thame, Oxfordshire. The earliest parts of the building date from the late thirteenth century, and the building was constructed in phases over the next 100 years.

It is a hugely important (Grade II*) very prominent timber framed building in the very centre of Thame which suffered a catastrophic structural failure several years ago. David rushed to the site doing everything necessary to secure the building. This was despite considerable pressure from the local Conservation Officer to seek formal approval before any works commenced. David's view was a simple one "We will save the building first, all the paperwork can follow".

David also helped to arrange a fascinating conference (Living in a Material World, November 2013) which was heavily oversubscribed and a private tour of the BBC Monitoring Service at Caversham near Reading. This is a newer, immense building which he worked on as an architect fraught with challenges not least of which the CIA have a floor to themselves so security is amazingly high at all times'.

Regarding his time as treasurer for IHBC South Branch David says:

"I have the privilege of being the first Treasurer when the IHBC first arose from the swamp of the ACO. That I vaguely remember was quite Blokish and the refinements of administration were still in the cocoon of early pond life: I was put in post and since 1993, I have hung on with my home-made spreadsheet with the sole signature. It's been hugely enjoyable and an honour to serve in this role for so many years".

We wish David, now setting up his architects drawing board at his home in Abingdon and his wife Cherry every possible success hereafter. David has kindly agreed to continue as a member of the South Branch Committee for which we are all extremely grateful.

MATE webpage launched! Explore creative ways to guide your IHBC accreditation to Full Membership

The IHBC has launched web guidance on its Membership Application Training Event (MATE) webpages, as a one-stop-shop to advise on our accreditation support sessions. Visit mate.ihbc.org.uk

The purpose of the **MATE (Membership Application Training Event)** seminar is to help demystify the accreditation process. You will have the opportunity to talk with full members about your application and hear about how to approach the process.

Any queries or for booking please get in touch with Kate Kendall at lets@ihbc.org.uk

If you need more guidance to upgrade your conservation accreditation with us, and in line with national and international standards, do remember you can:

1. Visit our new [MATE webpage](#)
2. Volunteer with our professional [Branches](#)
3. Meet us at our local and national [CPD events!](#)



Looking for Professional Volunteering?

If you would like to get involved with Branch activities & events, please consider volunteering for a branch officer post. The positions are not onerous, communications happen mainly by email and Branches hold meetings quarterly.

There are currently interesting Branch Officer positions available with:

Northern Ireland Branch

If you would like to discuss how you can contribute please contact the Secretary, Sarah McNamee at sarah.mcnamee@midulstercouncil.org

Yorkshire Branch

If you would like to discuss how you can contribute feel free to contact the Secretary, David Rawlins at rawlinsd@icloud.com

For any other Region in the UK, please get in touch on the relevant [Branches webpage](#) and select the Branch you are interested in.

EVENTS

February 2019

1 February

North West Branch - An afternoon with Dr Charles Mynors

Manchester

Dr Mynors has written extensively on the law in relation to the historic environment. This afternoon, from 1:15 – 5:15pm at BDP Manchester, will look at the issue of the extent of listing, from 'What is a listed building?' Dr Mynors will cover the extent of listing including objects and structures fixed to the building in the list, and likewise the extent of curtilage, using case law examples. There will also be an opportunity for questions from the floor.

Places are limited, the cost is £15 for IHBC members and £17.50 for non-members and a sandwich lunch will be provided.

To secure your place please email your details to christine.davis@bdp.com

28 February

North West Branch – MATE session

Manchester

We are holding another MATE seminar with the NW Branch.

There will be a presentation from Kate Kendall, IHBC Education, Training & Standards Liaison Officer followed by small group discussions.

Kate Kendall said: 'These events are a great way for prospective applicants to find out how to understand their skills, knowledge and experience in the context of IHBC membership criteria and accreditation. And all this is free too, offered to anyone interested in IHBC membership as part of the IHBC's charitable support for the care of the built and historic environment.'

To book your FREE place please email Kate Kendall LETS@ihbc.org.uk

March 2019

1 March

South East Branch - Policy into Practice: IHBC South-East Branch Day School and AGM Event

Woking

IHBC South-East Branch invite you to attend a day of talks with speakers from Historic England, Woking Borough Council and the Heritage Trust Network providing an update planning policy developments, including the NPPF, and a roundup of local projects followed by an introduction to IHBC Annual School, to be hosted by the Branch, in 2020 and the SE Branch AGM.

There will be a short introduction to the work of the History Centre followed a buffet lunch. In the afternoon delegates will have the opportunity to visit the Muslim Burial Ground and also the Grade I Listed Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking, the oldest purpose built mosque in Britain.

Ticket prices £30 IHBC members, £40 IHBC Non-Members (plus Eventbrite fee)
Book [HERE](#)

8 March

South West Branch - Lime training day at Mike Wye & Associates Ltd

Devon

Draft Programme below (the running order may change as the day is finalised).

10:30 Meet for tea/coffee and biscuits!

- Lime Introduction, Specification & Case Studies (covering dampness issues, renovation and cob walls): Mark Rees, Mike Wye & Associates
- Practical Demonstrations: Lime render/ plaster build ups, lath and plaster, cob walls
- Traditional and Ornamental Plaster Work: Sean Wheatley Plastering
- Tour of Mike Wye & Associates

13:00 Lunch

- GEOCELL Foam Glass and Limecrete Floors: Carl Sanger, GEOCELL UK Sales Executive
- Pavatex Wood Fibre Retrofit Insulation: Andy Mitchell, Natural Building Technologies
- Q&A

16:30 – Finish

Further details to be circulated, but register your interest with Maureen Pearce at maureen.pearce@teignbridge.gov.uk

20 March

North West Branch - Decision Making Consistency Seminar, led by Andrew Shepherd, Architect

6-8pm, Deloitte, Manchester

Case study-based seminar, leading to lots of interesting discussion! Real life cases which often ended up being determined by the Planning Inspectorate are used. These are presented with the basic facts, which are then discussed by the participants, with their views as to whether consent(s) should have been granted. Free to attend.

To book your place contact klu.wray@hotmail.co.uk

28 March

North West Branch - Albert Dock 175 Interpro: Construction

6-8pm, Maritime Museum, Liverpool

The sixth in the interpro lecture series celebrating the range of built environment professionals that have contributed to the successful regeneration of the Albert Dock. Led by the Chartered Institute of Building, this event will focus on the challenges faced in construction work at the Albert Dock both in the past and present day. The event will be debate focused with students from Liverpool John Moores University also presenting. Free to attend.

Further details to be circulated, but any queries please contact klu.wray@hotmail.co.uk

30 March

Yorkshire Branch – MATE session

York

We are holding another [MATE seminar](#) with the YO Branch. There will be a presentation from Kate Kendall, IHBC Education, Training & Standards Liaison Officer followed by small group discussions.

Kate Kendall said: 'These events are a great way for prospective applicants to find out how to understand their skills, knowledge and experience in the context of IHBC membership criteria and accreditation. And all this is free too, offered to anyone interested in IHBC membership as part of the IHBC's charitable support for the care of the built and historic environment.'

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April 2019

3 April

North West Branch - Approaches to Treatment for Common Causes of Degradation in Historic Tiles, Lesley Durbin, Tiles and Ceramics Society

5:30-7:30pm, Buttress, Manchester

Following her successful introductory talk on tiles and ceramics, Lesley is back to give us a detailed seminar on common causes of degradation. This talk will address the common causes of degradation found in historic tile schemes both

wall and floor. We will also look at the most appropriate methods of repair and conservation. The talk will focus on late 19th century and 20th century tiles but with the opportunity to take a brief look at 18th century and medieval tiles as well. The talk will be power point illustrated and will give every opportunity to question and discuss as we progress. The emphasis is on collective learning rather than instruction.

Free to attend

Refreshments at 5:30pm with the talk to start at 6pm

To book contact sgill@buttress.net

OTHER EVENTS

If you want to find out more about CPD events, talks, workshops, conferences and many more happening across the UK and beyond, visit our [Events Calendar](#).

FEATURE: ANNUAL SCHOOL | NOTTINGHAM 2019

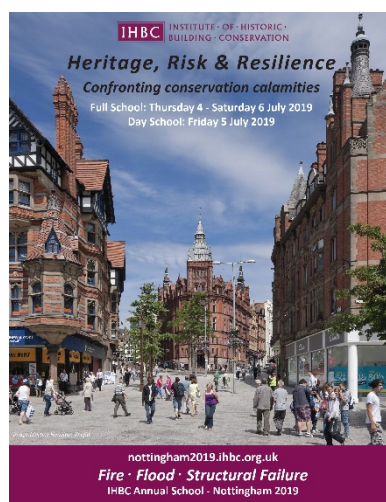
IHBC Annual School - Nottingham 2019
**'Heritage, Risk & Resilience:
confronting conservation calamities'**
nottingham2019.ihbc.org.uk

Full School: Thursday 4 – Saturday 6 July 2019
Day School: Friday 5 July 2019

Main Venue: [Nottingham Conference centre](#),
Burton St, Nottingham NG1 4BU

Social Media promotion:

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#IHBCNottingham2019



Event Description

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation will hold its 21st Annual School in Nottingham, from 4-6 July 2019, hosted by the IHBC East Midlands Branch. This year's Annual School focuses on the theme of 'Heritage, Risk & Resilience: confronting conservation calamities' and explores:

- Heritage challenges and insights into solutions for Fire | Flood | Structural Failure
- Case studies - Technical, practical and strategic advice
- Planning for the worst: dealing with the aftermath

The Annual School includes three exciting days of:

- Tours – Nottingham, Leicester, Derby & the East Midlands
- CPD support: Up to 20 hours Continuing Professional Development linked
- Business opportunities: Sponsors, exhibitors, networks & supporters

Booking opens soon, stay tuned!