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#### **Appointment of Royal Commissioner ... Archivist, ICE**

We are pleased to announce that Roland Paxton, Chairman of the Panel for Historical Engineering Works, has been appointed, by Warrant of Her Majesty the Queen, as Member of the Royal Commissioner on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.

It is understood that this is the first occasion on which a civil engineer has been appointed to one of the Royal Commissions for Historical Monuments.

Roland Paxton is currently Senior Research Fellow at Heriot-Watt University, and has worked tirelessly to ensure the preservation of excellence (one of the stated objectives of the Panel) by actively promoting the conservation and restoration of the best of the historical engineering structures of the past.

#### **Bessie Hughes ... Paul Dunkerley**

Panel Members and guests who have attended the Annual Meetings over the past 15 years will be saddened to hear of the death of Bessie Hughes on 7 April at the age of 80. PHEW visitors were always assured of a warm and hospitable welcome at the home in Cheadle Hulme that she shared with her husband Roy, and her good humour will be missed at future Annual Meetings. In her earlier years, Bessie had been a teacher and also a local councillor, and she had organised the Ladies' visits during the 1980 Liverpool Meeting.

In recent years, Bessie had suffered from gradually increasing lameness, which was partially relieved by a hip replacement operation. The replacement of her other hip placed too great a strain on her heart, and she died peacefully in hospital the day after the operation. Bessie's funeral was held at Stockport Crematorium on 15 April, attended by Anna and Paul Dunkerley on behalf of Panel Members and their guests.

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