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OBITUARY – HAROLD EDWIN MERION ('HARRY') EAGLES by The Editor



'Harry' Eagles
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Harold Edwin Merion ('Harry') Eagles, died in Medway Maritime Hospital on 29 December 2002 after a long period of deteriorating health. He was in his eightieth year. He became a Chartered Civil Engineer in 1955 and spent much of his working life in local government in London. It was in 1981 that he first became associated with the affairs of the ICE's historical engineering panel and later became its representative for the Kent area, a position which he held until 1998.

Many Panel members will remember the very enjoyable and informative visit based at Canterbury which he organised in 1988. Members will also recall his willingness to assist in their historical research. He made a significant contribution to the Kent chapter within the Panel's book *Civil Engineering Heritage: Southern England* first published in 1994, and he contributed to a number of local publications dealing with the civil engineering history and heritage of Kent. He had an easy and cheerful manner and has been missed from recent Panel meetings.

Our condolences are extended to his daughter Caroline, son John and his friends and family.

DR JIM SHIPWAY'S GRADUATION by Roland Paxton



Dr Jim Shipway being congratulated by the Chairman
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Congratulations to Jim Shipway, Panel Member for the West of Scotland, on obtaining his PhD from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, for a thesis entitled 'Some aspects of the development of the girder bridge 1820-1890'.

CONSERVATION ACCREDITATION – PRESS RELEASE

Information supplied by Eunice Waddell

The scarcity of engineers skilled in conservation has led to the proposal to form a list of those qualified and formally accredited to deal with the conservation of the built environment.

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and the Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE) have jointly formed a Conservation Accreditation Register for Engineers (CARE), whose purpose is to create and regulate an accreditation scheme for Engineers. English Heritage and Historic Scotland fully support this development. The Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers has been invited to join the scheme.

The CARE Panel, chaired by Ian Hume, MStructE, has been working hard since its formation in the autumn of 2002, preparing guiding principles and assessment criteria. Its next task is to form the assessment teams who will ultimately consider applications for accreditation from engineers versed in conservation. Accreditation should prove a major asset to engineers wishing to work on historic structures and it is hoped that CARE will encourage more engineers to acquire the necessary skills and seek to qualify.

The CARE Panel hope to be ready to invite applications for accreditation in the summer of 2003

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