



*Institute of Clerks of Works and
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comments*

STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT CHAPTER

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	Dates of Meetings
2013	11 th December (mince pie event)
13 th March (9 th Annual General Meeting)	2014
18 th March W.Mids CPD– “Secure by Design” at Walsall Housing Group	
10 th April	8 th January
8 th May	
12 th June	12 th February
10 th July Jolly at Marquis pub, Penkhull	12 th March (10 th Annual General Meeting)
	9 th April
14 th August Annual Jaunt	14 th May
Venue to be determined	
11 th September	
9 th October	
13 th November	

Details of speakers or special events will be as published in The Site Recorder
Staffordshire and District Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of the month, with special events as shown on the program, and we most cordially welcome all Clerks of Works and colleagues to attend our lectures and events. We usually find some time for open discussion to which we invite your participation.

We meet at Stoke on Trent College in the Directors Suite – for further details please ‘phone the secretary on 01782 822326

Or contact the secretary on: stevemeredit@btinternet.com

I.C.W.C.I - Staffordshire and District Chapter **Chairman's Report 2012- 13**

Chairman.	Mr Paul Marshall	MICWCI.
Vice Chairman.	Mr Ernie Walker	LICWCI.
Secretary.	Mr Stephen Meredith	FICWCI.
Minutes Secretary	Mr Robert Anslow	MICWCI
Treasurer.	Mr Ken Edmondson	FICWCI.
C.P.D. Officer.	Mr Robert Baker	LICWCI
Chip Secretary	Mr Stephen Meredith	FICWCI.

Staffordshire & District Chapter ICWCI - Chairman's Report 2012 to 2013

I realise that it is now nearly a year since I took over as chapter chairman. It was with sadness that I took over from Rob Parkes as he had to step down due to ill health. His input into the meetings is sadly missed and I must thank him for handing on the chapter in such a strong state.

The year has been a busy one for the chapter. As is now our practice we've had a summer jaunt to Shropshire to visit the Roman remains at Wroxeter and to Attingham Park. Many thanks to those involved in the organisation of this.

The chapter's meetings in Walsall to involve Clerks of Works in the West Midlands have continued with considerable success. These have been CPD meetings, thanks must go to Rob Anslow and his colleagues at the Walsall Housing Group for arranging for us to use their excellent conference facilities, to Bob Baker for organising the CPD speakers and to the speakers themselves.

Our CPD activities have not been confined to the West Midlands and we've continued to hold them in Stoke, again thanks to Bob and the speakers.

It is pleasing to see the number of candidates being interviewed for membership or upgrade. We are pleased to have been able to interview one in Walsall recently. Congratulations to all those who attended interviews and thanks to the ChIPs panel.

Rob Anslow and I attended a course at head office in Peterborough regarding the ChIPs panel ; it was most useful and a welcome opportunity to meet people from other chapters and the head office team.

Our regular chapter meetings continue to be well attended. Many thanks to everyone who turns out to these; particularly on cold wet winter evenings. A final thankyou to everyone who has provided support over the last year: Rob, Steve, Ken, Ernie and Bob in particular.

Chapter Secretary's Report

I feel that 2012/13 has been a fairly successful year with good attendances at our Chapter Meetings and our CPD meetings in the West Midlands at the offices of the West Midlands Housing Group. We are very grateful to the West Midlands Housing Group for allowing us to use their office and also to Rob Anslow for making the arrangement and to Bob Baker for organising the CPD presentations.

It was with some sadness that we accepted the resignation of our Chairman, Robert Parkes FICWCI, at our AGM in March. Rob had been our Chairman since 2004. I know that Rob had hoped to complete 10 years as Chairman but unfortunately ill health had forced his resignation. We were however, pleased to welcome Rob back to our November meeting to present him with his past Chairman's certificate, tie and also an inscribed tankard from the chapter members.

Our congratulation and thanks go to Paul Marshall MICWCI on accepting the position as our new Chapter Chairman.

On a personal level I would like to thank Rob Anslow for taking on the role of minute secretary.

From past experience I know that producing the meeting minutes every month can be an arduous task.

Another success this year was our sponsorship of the Stoke-on-Trent Colleges Awards presentation evening. As one of the three main sponsors we were given special mention in the programme of events as well as from the platform during the award presentation. Paul Marshall, Ken Edmondson and I attended to see the award presented to Ashley Marshall for his outstanding practical skills in carpentry and joinery. Funds have been secured from the institute to sponsor this year's event.

This year's "Annual Jaunt" was to the Roman town of Wroxeter and Attingham Hall in Shropshire. Unfortunately, this was less well attended than our previous days out. Suggestions for this year's jaunt will be gratefully received.

I attended the Institute's AGM and Chapter Representative's meeting at Peterborough in April. The main item for debate was the institute's new Articles of Association. These were, after some minor alterations, duly adopted and have now come into force.

We have held a number of interviews for membership of the institute and Mr Ron Dower has upgraded to full membership.

Thanks to members of the Chapter Interview Panel for their time with particular thanks to Rob Anslow and Ron Dower for joining the panel. Rob Anslow and Paul Marshall have attended interview panel training.

At the time of writing the chapter bank account holds the sum of £177.62. The sum of £100 has been earmarked for sponsorship of this year's college awards evening.

Ken Edmondson will report on the members own social fund.

Steve Meredith FICWCI. ACIOB.

ICWCI Staffordshire & District Chapter Financial Statement

Income

Expenditure

Brought Forward	£49.43		
March	£12.00	AGM Refreshments	£15.83
April	£6.00	April Drinks at Marquis	£13.05
May	£8.00	11.05.11 Soft drinks CPD event	£2.48
June	£9.00	13.06.12 Donation for College Presentation	£30.00
July	£18.00	10.08.11 Annual Jaunt Refreshments	£4.45
August No Collection		Presentation R. Parkes	£40.00
September	£7.00		
October	£9.00		
November	£42.00		
Transfer Sec. Expenses	£30.00	December Refreshments	£15.00
W. Mids event	£23.45		
December	£11.00		
January	£10.00		
February	no collection		
Total	£234.88	Total Expenditure	£120.81
Balance	<u>£114.07</u>		

Ken Edmondson, Treasurer Members fund 9/3/13

ICWCI in the West Midlands.

Background and Overview.

I became aware of the Institute in my teenage years through a family friend. He was a plumber and had taken the Institutes membership exams and went on to work as a Clerk of Works.

The stories he used to tell, I always found interesting, I thought he was very important and thought this may be something I would like to do when I left school. He was a member of the West Midlands Chapter of the ICW.

In July 2009 I applied for membership of the ICWCI with the intention of joining the West Midlands Chapter. I was shocked that I could only attend my interview at the Staffs and District or East Midlands Chapters. Without being able to go to Birmingham as I had planned, I opted for the Staffs and District Chapter.

Since the successful completion of my interview I have attended regular meetings in Stoke and have for the last two years been the Minute Secretary. The Members made me very welcome and it was from them that I learnt the sad demise of the West Midlands Chapter.

They told a very sad tale of how a small number of Members had kept the ICWCI alive in the area, by changing the Staffs and District from a Meeting Centre to a Chapter. Over the past couple of years regular attendance has increased and it is a pity that more Members, especially younger ones don't attend, because the likes of Rob, Bob, Steve, Ken, Ernie and Bryn have a wealth of knowledge and are always willing to advise and share their knowledge. These guys have probably forgotten more than most people have known and they are all gentlemen!!

It is very sad, an area including Birmingham and the Black Country, the very heart of British industry, no longer has an ICWCI Chapter, especially with the ICWCI's long and distinguished history. The ICWCI owes the small band of Members at Stoke a big thank you that there is a Chapter at all representing the region. The Members refer to it as the "Dark Days".

I was encouraged that there where was still enthusiasm to get the ICWCI started again in the West Midlands by the Chapter Members particularly Ken Edmondson. It was agreed at the General Meetings that a CPD would be held to test the water in the West Midlands and was scheduled for November 2011. My Employer, Walsall Housing Group, agreed to provide the Chapter with a room for the CPD event.

CPD's

There have presently been three West Midlands CPD events to date; all held at Walsall Housing Groups premises.

The first CPD was held on the Wednesday 16th November 2011. The CPD was presented by Sarah Lewis of Lorient and was on Approved Document B (Fire Safety) with elements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Twenty two people attended the CPD; the Chapter deemed it to be a success and decided to carry on with future events.



Sarah Lewis presents the Lorient CPD.

The second CPD was held on Wednesday 18th April 2012. The CPD was presented by Peter Doone of Eco Solutions and was on Japanese Knotweed and how to deal with it. Twenty four people attended the CPD, the chapter again deemed it to be a success and decided to carry on with future events.



Peter Doone presents the Eco Solutions CPD.

The third CPD was held on Wednesday 21st November 2012. The CPD was presented by Steve Baker of Weatherby Building Systems and was on Insulated Render Systems. Nineteen people attended the CPD, this was despite atrocious weather, and again the chapter deemed it to be a success and decided to carry on with future events.



Mr Meredith addresses the meeting.

There is a fourth CPD event planned for March 2013, possibly on Secured by Design, but the exact date is yet to be confirmed.

A big thank you is owed to Mr Robert Baker LICWCI, the Chapters CPD Officer for arranging these West Midland CPD lectures; this is on top of arranging the Stoke ones.

The Future:

The Chapter has yet to decide its long term strategy in regard to the West Midlands. The Chapter is taking a cautious and sensible approach to the subject. The Chapter has agreed to continue with the West Midland CPD's for the foreseeable future.

It has been proposed at General Meetings, that the West Midlands should now become a meeting centre under the wing of the Staffs and District Chapter. However when the subject has been debated, it has quite correctly been pointed out this could have a damaging effect on the Chapter itself. The Chapter could lose its West Midlands regular members, who attend meetings at Stoke. This could leave both the Chapter and a West Midlands Meeting Centre in a weak position. It could result in being the end for both!! So a cautious approach by the Chapter Members is very wise.

What is for sure is the West Midlands events have strengthened the Chapters presence in the area and West Midland Members have been able to attend who are not able to make the trip to Stoke. The Chapter have also discussed holding the events at different venues and Sandwell College has been suggested.

The Chapter will hold its first Member interview for many years in the West Midlands on February 19th 2013.

From a personal point of view I would like to see more CPD's held in the West Midlands and a West Midlands Officer designated for area.

Robert Anslow MICWCI.
Minute Secretary.