

Dear Member

11th May 2010

Meeting dates for autumn 2010 and spring 2011

I write to give you all the provisional dates I have agreed with the Institution for our evening meetings in the autumn and spring:

Monday 4th October

Monday 25th October

Monday 15th November

Monday 13th December

Monday 10th January Annual meeting in Adams & Baker Rooms

Monday 31st January

Thursday 17th February Sutherland History Lecture by Antoine Picon on *The aesthetics of engineering*

Monday 14th March Roland Paxton on *Creation of the Bell Rock Lighthouse - Design and Construction 1806-11* Joint meeting with CHS

Monday 4th April

Monday 9th May

Monday 6th June

These are of course subject to confirmation.

I am always pleased to receive offers and suggestions for the unfilled dates.

I am sorry to have to tell you that our valued member Oliver Cox died on 24th April, just after his 90th birthday and after a few months of decreasing strength due to repeated infections. Andrew Smith reports that he saw him earlier this month and they were planning a couple of talks he intended to give in Jamaica when his strength permitted. Members will remember Oliver talking to us, with Jonathan Coad, about the cast iron hospital in Jamaica, and, with his late wife Jean, he shared with us the secrets of the Alton Estate at Roehampton.

For those who missed Ian Firth's Sutherland History Lecture *Lessons From History: The Steel Box Girder Story* on 25th February or those who wish to hear & see it again, I have just discovered that it is streamed as a 'Webinar' on the IStructE website – at <http://istructe.emea.acrobat.com/p90264629/>

Yours ever

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