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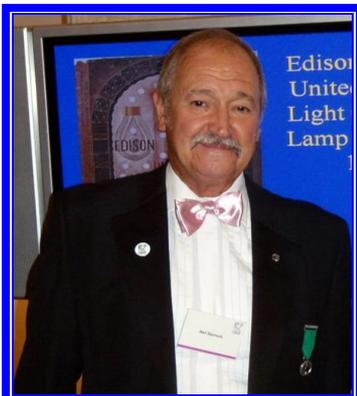
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Heritage Group on display at the Royal Society For the CIBSE President's Dinner in October

The CIBSE President, Professor David Fisk, invited the Heritage Group to showcase its activities and publications at his Presidential Dinner. This invitation was taken up on behalf of the Group by Neil Sturrock, Geraldine O'Farrell and Andrew More who organised the display pictured below and attended the event to raise our profile within the Institution.



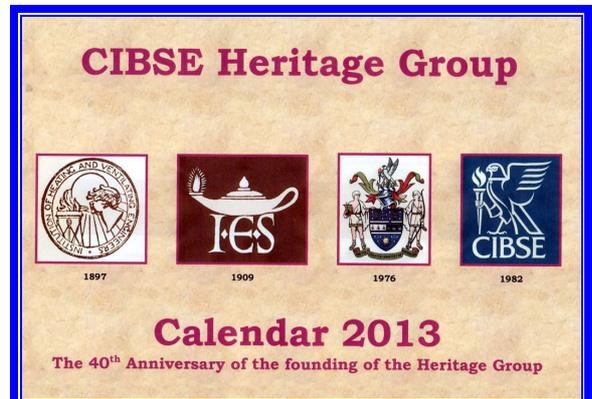
A small selection of Heritage Group pictures, posters, books and early calculators



Neil Sturrock



Geraldine O'Farrell with
Isambard Kingdom Brunel
(a.k.a Andrew More)



Our 40th Anniversary Calendar for 2013

The Award of Honorary Fellow to Brian Roberts at the CIBSE AGM at Imperial College in May 2012



Frank Ferris, Brian Roberts, President Andy Ford and Neil Sturrock

The following is an abridged version of the Citation delivered by Neil Sturrock:

President, Executive Officers of the Institution, Members and guests, I am here representing the Heritage Group of the Institution, as its current Chairman, to present Brian Michael Roberts to you for the award of Honorary Fellow of the Institution.

Many of you will be aware of the outstanding work Brian has done for the Institution through the Heritage Group including an incredible 27 years as its Chairman. Having been born and educated in Bristol, Brian began his working life with a Student Apprenticeship with Brightside obtaining the National College Diploma with a Distinction in Heating and then Associateship of the College. He then became Chief Air-Conditioning Engineer for Brightside in London before moving to Drake & Scull as a General Manager for London and later Company Chief Engineer. He was Technical Director of Airpower, later Holland Heating, retiring in 2000.

Brian joined the IHVE in 1967 and became a Fellow in 1973; he was made a Chartered Engineer and European Engineer in 1990. Before he retired he was also a Member of ASHRAE, a Member of the Institute of Plumbing, the Worshipful Company of Plumbers and the American Society of Plumbing Engineers.

He served on the IHVE Commissioning Code Committees for *Air Distribution* in 1971 and *Refrigeration Systems* in 1972. He served on the Committees which produced the CIBS *Building Energy Codes Parts 1, 3 & 4*, being Chairman of the last two. He served on the Engineering Practice Committee and *Design Notes for the Middle East*. He has represented the Institution in the production of two British Standards, *Refrigeration Safety* and *Air-Conditioning Code of Practice*.

He also represented the Institution on two ASHRAE Committees – *Cooling Load Calculations* and *Large Building Air-Conditioning*. He served on the first Editorial Boards of the *Journal* and *Opus* and the Technical Committees of BSRIA and the HVCA. In 1984 Brian co-authored *Building Services Engineering – a Review of its Development* with Neville Billington and this book is undoubtedly the most important international reference book for any study of any aspect of the history of our industry. He has also had published more than 60 papers on heritage subjects.

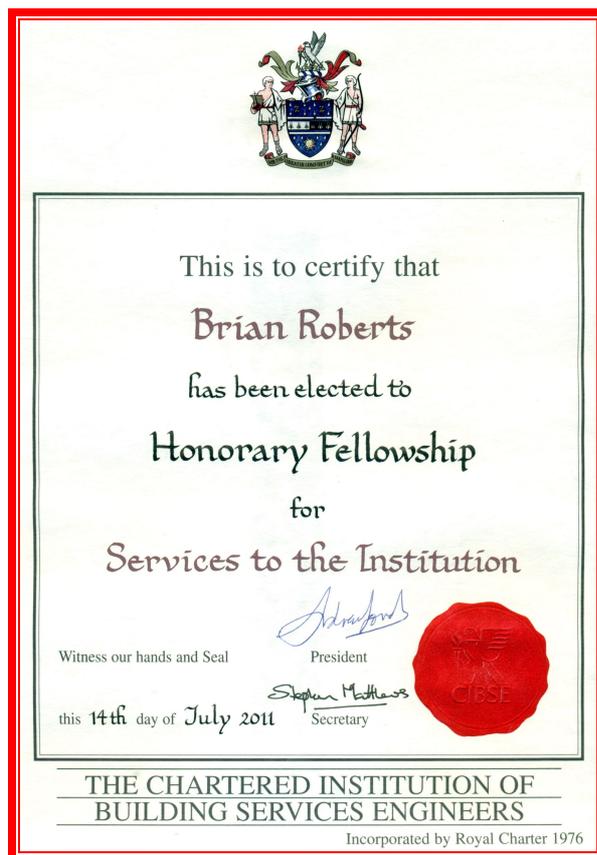
Some of our older Members may remember the series of CIBSE Christmas Lectures which ran for ten years from 1987. Brian was the driving force behind these and they were extremely successful. In 1994 he was awarded the CIBSE Silver Medal. He is probably best known by most members as the author of the CIBSE Centenary Book *The Quest for Comfort*. He was then invited by ASHRAE in 2000 to write *The Comfort Makers*, in which he gives potted biographies of almost 300 pioneers of the comfort industry. In 2004 he wrote *HVCA@100* for their Centenary.

To get a true feeling for the sheer quantity of material that Brian has produced it is necessary to visit the Heritage Group website which was given the ultimate accolade last year of a request from the British Library for permission to include it in their archive.

Brian has contributed over 100 electronic books to the Heritage Group website and it is very difficult to find a Building Services Engineering subject that Brian hasn't written a historical book about but you will also find that he has included on the website a comprehensive history of this Institution with photographs and mini-biographies of past Presidents of the IHVE and the IES.

President, may I conclude by saying how much of an honour it is for me to be the one to present Brian to you for Honorary Fellowship of the Institution, he is the absolute epitome of an engineering historian and someone for whom I have the utmost respect and admiration.

Visit the CIBSE Heritage Group at www.hevac-heritage.org



Summer Visit to MOSI Manchester Museum of Science & Industry



Arriving at the entrance to the Gas Gallery



Our Irish Representative Edith Blennerhassett caught "dashing away with the smoothing iron"

Stove Discovery



Viewing the "Gas for Light" exhibit



Victorian solid-fuel 3-section warm air stove,
St Andrew's Church at Epworth in Lincolnshire



Chairman Neil "playing with fire" (as usual)

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