

Warwickshire Area – 2019-20 – Chairman’s Letter

Dear IMechE member in the Warwickshire Area

Welcome. As well as promoting our new season of events, I’d like to highlight some other items to you. As some of you have seen, we’ve created a LinkedIn page; we’ll try to advertise events there – along with the usual IMechE website and emails – <https://www.linkedin.com/company/imeche-warwickshire/>. We’re also gaining experience with internet streaming such as YouTube Live to improve access to events.

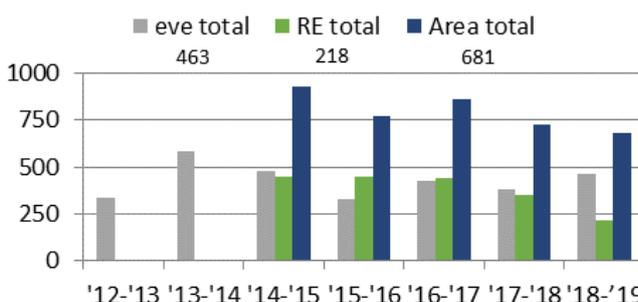
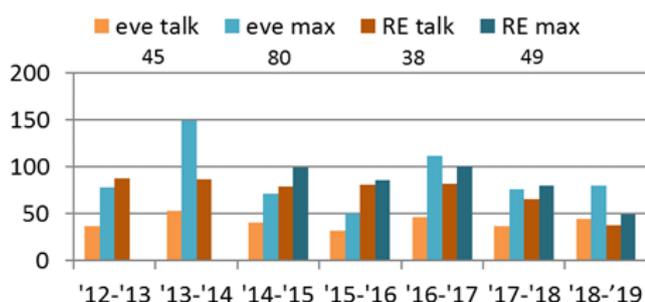
On the committee sadly we’ve recently lost our Website Officer, Neha Dhoonooah. My time in the Chair is nearly up, too. If you’re interested in joining us, or have any other enquiries, please have a word at an event, email me warkschair@imechenearyou.org, or attend a committee meeting – details of these are made available online a couple of weeks or so in advance.

Review of 2018-19

During the past season we held 10 evening talks and three visits. Our Retired Engineers section (joint with IET) arranged 5 talks and two visits. The following charts show 2018-19 attendance data just beneath each key. The first plot shows that we’ve not had an evening event with attendance over 100 for a couple of years, partly because we don’t wish to duplicate the efforts of Coventry Automobile Division.

While the Retired Engineers rep on our committee isn’t overly concerned at the drop in their turnout, citing ageing membership as the main reason, I’d like to encourage those recently retired to attend – or at least to let us know if the previously very popular talk+lunch format is off-putting.

Committee members have volunteered at STEM events such as the inaugural Coventry Robot Day in March – a numerical success, albeit with lessons to learn for the future. These are rewarding events with stands staffed by volunteers, not just committee members – so thanks for your help with them, too.



Preview of 2019-20

As I write, not all of our evening events planned for 2019-20 are sufficiently confirmed to go online as we now operate a rolling programme. Several ideas are in their final stages but we also have space for more, so feel free to suggest one or more topics; these could be brand new ideas or events held elsewhere. Please check for additions, and for late updates before travelling, at <http://nearyou.imeche.org/warks>

As usual we have evening membership introduction sessions. Please encourage colleagues to attend. If possible, please also help our publicity by informing your network of our events via LinkedIn.

To those able to join us, I look forward to seeing you at our events during the 2019-20 season.

Howard Warrener – Chairman, IMechE, Warwickshire Area