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Booking form for IET Essex Summer Outing Saturday 24th June, 2006

Charge for the outing is £23 per person not including lunch. The restaurant on site at Hyde Hall provides hot and cold meals etc.
Any special requirements please phone Mike Gibson on 01245 357620 to discuss, or e-mail: <m-gibson@supanet.com>.

I wish to book _____ place(s) on the summer outing.
I enclose a cheque for £_____ made out to **IET Essex Branch**. Please include details below where applicable:-

Name _____

Address _____

Phone:- _____

Guest names _____

E-mail:- _____

Send cheque, a stamped and addressed envelope and this cut-off slip to:-
Mr. M. Gibson, 11, Sidmouth Road, Chelmsford, CM1 6LR.

Please note: All arrangements made by the IET Essex Branch to visit engineering or other works or establishments are made by the IET as an agent for each person participating and consequently the IET accepts no responsibility for any loss, injury or inconvenience caused to such person in consequence of his/her visit.



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Just a couple of things to let you know about in this, the first newsletter under the banner of the IET.

First; see the form on the back page for the summer outing. This was a traditional part of the old IEE programme but we look forward to more visits in the future as they were a key part of the IIE programme in Essex. Watch for the new session programme.

The second item is really just to inform you that the ex – IIE and IEE people have been meeting on a regional level to decide how the people in each region want to manage their affairs. The East of England Development Group has met a few times and the following points were quickly agreed.

1. People wanted a Branch based organisation, each with their own budget to continue to run local events for local people.
2. A Regional meeting of Branch Chairmen would meet 2 or 3 times to discuss best practice and other items of mutual interest. This would be funded by the five Branches in turn.

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3. Branch boundaries to stay largely as before the merger but with a new branch to be based round North Cambridgeshire.

There has been a bit of tinkering with borders but basically the new IET Essex covers the Essex County as the IEE did before, i.e. excluding the area around Colchester which with Essex University is firmly anchored in what was Suffolk and is now the IET Anglia Coastal Branch. We have also agreed to give up the three post codes on the Essex coast around Clacton and Frinton to Anglia Coastal as their presence cut off from Essex was an anomaly.

**It is worth pointing out that where ever you live you can elect to "belong" to another branch for your travelling convenience or if you have special interest in that Branch activity.

It is worth also pointing out that we do need your help on the Committee, vacancies for Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Publicity Officer exist in the new session. Please contact the Hon. Secretary Mike Gibson if you are interested in these positions. I have to say that Chairman would be preferably chosen from the existing committee to ensure continuity.

We look forward to seeing you on the summer outing or at events in the new session starting in September.

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IET Essex Branch Summer Outing Saturday 24th June, 2006

The IET Essex Branch Summer Outing follows the same formula as in previous years to provide something of interest for both members and their partners. We go by coach to the nuclear bunker at Kelvedon Hatch for a self guided 1½ hours tour using personal handsets for information and guidance. We then take the coach to the RHS gardens at Hyde Hall for lunch and individual touring of the gardens. Hot or cold lunch or snacks can be obtained in the restaurant on site.

The Cold War Nuclear Bunker at Kelvedon Hatch, built in 1952, is located under 100 feet of earth and 10 feet of concrete inside a hill. Entering via a bungalow, which camouflages the entrance, a long horizontal passage leads into the lowest of three floors. Built to house up to 600 government personnel it includes a massive duplicated power and filtration plant, water supply, radar room, communications room, BBC studio, scientists room for plotting nuclear fallout patterns, canteen, fully equipped sick bay, military command and operations room, government ministers operations room etc. It is recommended that flat shoes are worn for this visit.

Hyde Hall is one of four RHS gardens, occupying 24 acres, it contains 25000 plant cultivars and the National collection of viburnum shrubs. Highlights of the Gardens include the Dry Garden, colour themed herbaceous borders, model garden for wild life, farmhouse garden, wild flower meadows, naturalistic perennial hillside planting, rose garden and Rose Rope Walk, shrub rose border, Australian border, fish filled ponds, lawns and spring bulbs in a woodland setting. With the region experiencing the worst drought in living memory, very topically, the 1600 sq metres Dry Garden demonstrates how a garden can be created without the need for artificial irrigation in low rainfall areas. It contains 730 different species and cultivars from five continents selected for their tolerance of drought, exposure and high light levels along with garden worthiness.

The provisional itinerary and timetable is as follows:-

9.15 am	Board coach in Railway Street,* near Chelmsford Station.
9.20 to 10.00	By coach to the Nuclear Bunker
10.00 to 11.30	Individual touring of the Bunker using personal handsets for information and guidance
11.30 to 12.15	By coach to Hyde Hall
12.15 to 13.15	Lunch at Hyde Hall
13.15 to 16.00	Individual touring of Hyde Hall Gardens
16.00 to 16.30	By coach to Railway Street, Chelmsford

* **N.B.** Suggest parking in nearby long stay commuter car park in Townfield Street adjacent to Railway Street and Chelmsford Station. (Saturday all day parking £2.30)