



# NEWSLETTER

## A View of the Audience at the Red Cow Hotel



We were delighted with the attendance at the Cork and Dublin Forums.

With over 130 participants we believe that there is a real need to deliver further forums after Christmas.

With the introduction of New Exams as announced on Friday 11th the Association will endeavor to hold a series of these starting in Galway.



### SPONSORSHIP OF EVENTS

To enable the Association to run the various events we have been very lucky that the support of a number of companies has been available, in particular POTTERTON MYSON have contributed to the recent forums and indeed have been very supportive in the past.

The new year will see a new series, watch this space.

AND



From now on, if you are not a member, sorry NO NEWS.

Get in touch now to benefit from membership.

Contact [rayadmin@berassoc.ie](mailto:rayadmin@berassoc.ie) I will be happy to answer any queries.

### REQUESTED SEAI MEETING

A meeting has been requested with SEAI and the agenda has been prioritized with the various issues that the committee has been monitoring from the website and the forums.

We need new members so, go on, log on to [www.berassoc.ie](http://www.berassoc.ie) and reap the benefits.

## The Association and Skype

An important change to enhance the overall communication between the committee and indeed with the members has been our increasing use of Skype.

With the spread of regional committees and committee members, better contact is being maintained which will reflect in better representation for all.

From Tuesday the 6th of December a members group session will take place and this will be repeated the first Tuesday of each month starting @ 8.00pm for 1 hour, including the 3rd of January. Hopefully a constructive start to the new year.

Places will be limited for these discussions and there are basic requirements to allow you to use the system.



A pool of interested participants will be set up and entry will be on first come basis each month.

You will need high speed broad band and Skype 5.0 I am advised that group sessions can be up to 10 members, however for quality video sessions 5 is best.

There is no charge for participating.

A newsletter will also be distributed each month which will , among other news items outline the issues discussed during the Skype Forum.

## New Exam News

Well the news from the coal face is that the format for the new exam is the same however those guys I have had reports from that were confident enough to dive straight in said they had a rude awaking.

The questions are less about existing houses and more about new build, also here is a lot more on renewables.

Also the drawings on screen are a little more conventional.

Overall the indications are that you need the time given and attention to detail is paramount.

## Summary of Exam questions

Most of you are aware the Association published a series of sample questions compiled by Tom Sheils. They were a great help for some study prior to the test.

We are updating this list and we will review any reports coming into us and include this information, be warned they are only a help to you in prior study and are given in the spirit of sample papers.

Due note will be given to the latest Technical Bulletins, however no responsibility will be borne by the association for any errors, it is your duty to double check.

## New Business Ideas

There have been a number of ideas suggested for Assessors to enhance their earnings without deviating too much from their general everyday client base.

By that we mean as independent advisors. Two ideas that may be worth further investigating are Rainwater harvesting which is now included in new builds and existing water meters in commercial and industrial buildings is worth a proposal.

With the huge increase in utility costs check out your existing client base on the commercial side, it may be worth looking at acting as a broker.

It is a well established business idea, try Google for information.

## Stop Press

A meeting has been agreed with SEAI for the 7th of December.

We will be in touch watch this space!



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