

## John Evans



The Society is sad to advise of the death of John Evans at his home in Reading two weeks ago.

John had a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Manchester University and a master's degree in construction law and arbitration from King's College, London. He was a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers

He began his career with Rendel, Palmer and Tritton in Victoria Street working on, among other things, checking of large box girder bridges.

From 1973 to 1999 John worked for Earl and Wright in its various forms (John Brown E&W, Kvaerner E&W, Kvaerner H&G Offshore Ltd, Kvaerner Oil & Gas Ltd) becoming one of its most senior project managers. It is probably not an exaggeration to say that at the time, E&W were the world's foremost fixed steel substructure designers.

John's most prestigious role was probably as engineering manager for BP's Magnus self-floating tower substructure but he also played significant roles on a range of other innovative structures including Clyde, Thistle, Murchison, Gullfaks, Snorre, Brae, Veslefrikk and Oseberg. In the mid 1980's he was the principal author of Statoil's jacket design manual and in the early 1990's he supervised the Chevron Alba jacket, template and piles from study phase through to the end of detailed engineering. He also acted as expert witness or arbitrator in various construction disputes.

In accordance with John's wishes his body will be cremated but there will be no ritual or service.

John will be missed by all his friends and colleagues.