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North of England Branch



The Institute of Quarrying
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Friday, 18th September 2015, Hilton Hotel, Gateshead

2015 Dinner Dance

After the fantastic success of last year's dinner dance we are once again holding the event at the Hilton hotel, Gateshead. Feedback from last year's dance was amazing and we are looking forward to another great night.



The 2015 Institute of Quarrying Annual Dinner & Dance sponsored by Chepstow Plant International Limited.



2015 Annual Dinner & Dance ticket sponsored by the Colton Group.

Diary of Events

Social Event:
Friday, 9th October 2015, start 6pm.

F1Karting



Industry Visit:
Wednesday, 18th November 2015, all day.

Nissan Sunderland



Our Branch Industry Visits In 2015



14 IOQ members at the Caterpillar factory, Peterlee

Wednesday, 15th April, 2015

Caterpillar factory, Peterlee

Fourteen members were lucky enough to be given a tour of Caterpillar's world class production facility at Peterlee to look at their focus on health and safety plus their lean manufacturing process.

The impressive facility is not simply an assembly line. The ADT's are manufactured from flat steel, with the only major parts which are manufactured elsewhere being the engine and transmission (from the USA) and the cabs (from France).

The visit was enjoyed by all members and were left with a greater appreciation of the 6 sigma methodology which Caterpillar Production System employs, along with an admiration for the commitment which Caterpillar are showing towards training. Hopefully some of the learning outcomes will flavour the way in which we approach production and training in our roles in the aggregates industry.

Our Branch **Technical** Events In 2015

Thursday, 12th February 2015

HSE Presentation

The branch were once again pleased to welcome Mike Tetley, HM Inspector of Quarries and HSE along to the technical event to speak on the 'topical issue', of Dust and RCS (respirable crystalline silica), Geotechnics (rockfall and rules) and Guarding. As you will all be aware Mike has a wealth of experience in the Quarrying industry and provided members with indepth information and advice.



The evening provided an opportunity for the Chairman to present Mike Parkin, IoQ Treasurer with a medal to commemorate his 40 years in the industry.



Our Branch **Technical** Events In 2015

Thursday, 19th March 2015

Annual General Meeting

The meeting saw the 2 year term of office for branch Chairman, Iain Smith come to a close. The committee thanked Iain for his hard work and commitment during his term of office and as a result of everyone's efforts the branch has had a fantastic revival during this time.

Members voted Jo Banner in as Chairman. With a fantastic programme of technical/social events as well as CPD days we are confident that the North of England branch will continue to grow and develop even further during an exciting year ahead.

Branch Officers:

Jo Banner - Chairman
 Luke Brooks - Vice Chairman
 Greg Anson - Secretary
 Susan Arnott - Vice Secretary
 Mike Parkin - Treasurer

Committee:

Iain Smith - Tarmac
 Dan Ternent - Tarmac
 Tony Plumb - Ward Bros
 Marcus Dorey - Tarmac
 Michael Bibby - Kal Tire
 Craig Slaughter - Tarmac
 Hazen Bowskill - Aggregate Industries
 Barry McCarron - Blue Group



Iain Smith and Chairman Jo Banner

Thursday, 14th May 2015

Tees Barrage

Supervising working near water but getting your feet wet.

Members were given the opportunity to focus on managing work near water, whilst also being able to get 'hands on' practice on rescue techniques at Tees Barrage white water centre. The event consisted of a practical rescue session provided by the highly qualified instructors before descending the rapids in a raft. This was followed by a classroom session looking at how we manage working near water in quarries and how we can apply the learns from the practical session.



Monday, 25th June 2015

Go Ape

Importance of good supervision when working at height.



Members enjoyed the chance of some interactive training on the importance of good supervision when working at height. The 'Go Ape' venue provided an opportunity to get hands on practical experience on the risks and what sensible precautions to take when operating at height. This was followed with a classroom presentation on how the learns could be taken into the workplace. As with all IOQ technical events this was a CPD event.