

# **IOQ Lancashire Branch**

#### FEBRUARY 10, 2017

#### NEWSLETTER

#### **Chairman's Foreword**

Welcome to the revised branch newsletter Can I begin by introducing the committee:-Chairman – Mark Broadley (Aggregate Industries) Vice Chairman - Glyn Barnes (BAM Ritchies) Secretary – Sam Wrathall (Hanson) Treasurer – Ian Thomas (Aggregate Industries) Branch Representative - Gordon Dick Committee Members:-Thor Atkinson – Thor Atkinson Ltd Neild Warring – Banner Contracts Robert Cross - Tarmac Kevan Walton - Kevan Walton Associates Ltd Tom Felix – Burlington Stone Kevin Clarke – Aggregate Industries Steve Joel - Cemex Tom Wright – Aggregate Industries

We now have a good mix of committee members from the majors & independents which I think has had a positive affect the in numbers attending our technical evenings. January's technical evening was no exception with over 40 attendees & our CPD day in February has already sold out

#### **Technical Evening**

January's technical evening was well attended with a very informative presentation by Professor Phil Haygarth from Lancaster University on implications to water quality. Pollution of sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus is a key pressure on water quality and ecological health in many rivers in the UK & it was interesting to understand the mechanisms & timescales that allow sediment and nutrients to leave the landscape and enter into rivers & mitigation features, such as runoff management or storage areas, that when connected together to create a more effective treatment system

### **CPD** Day

February's branch CPD day on geotechnical awareness has sold out with over 75 attendees booked



Thankyou to our speakers & all those who are supporting this event for what is going to be a very successful event

Next technical evening Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Mine to Mill – explosive developments to achieve overall cost reduction – the pro's & con's – Henry Chalcroft Orica

Please look out for the Eventbrite invite which will be issued shortly after the CPD day

## **Centenary Charity Dinner Dance**

This years branch joint IAT / IOQ charity summer dinner dance is at a new venue at Southport on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. The Ramada Plaza hotel is a luxury 4-star hotel is set in the heart of the town's glamorous waterfront development.

We have had good early take-up but there are tables still available, if interested please contact Tony Sewell for more information (tony@ptsinternational.co.uk)

## **Golf Day**

This years branch golf day will be held at Lancaster Golf Club on the  $29^{th}$  June (more details to follow)

# **Social Events**

The committee are keen to re-instate some of our social events this year & if we get enough interest are considering a summer social event with a visit to M -sport at Cockermouth.

M-sport is the organization chosen by the Ford Motor Company to mastermind the assault on Ford's major Global Motorsport activity, the World Rally Championship. this magnificent 10 million pound development on behalf of the Ford World Rally Team & currently employs 116 people from design, engineering etc.

# **Dates for Your Diary**

14<sup>th</sup> February - CPD Day \*\* Sold Out \*\*
14<sup>th</sup> March - Technical Evening - Mine to Mill - explosives development to achieve overall cost reduction - the pros and cons - Henry Chalcroft Orica
11<sup>th</sup> April - Technical Evening & AGM
9<sup>th</sup> June - Joint IAT / IOQ Charity Dinner Dance
29<sup>th</sup> June - Branch Golf Day

riday 4 March

# Red Nose Day 2017

We are hoping to hold a raffle at the March technical evening for Red Nose Day



*Any ideas for social events please pass on to any member of the committee !* 

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