

# IQ NEWS

## North of England Branch



The Institute of Quarrying  
North of England Branch

### Health & Safety Executive

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January



The HSE helps workers understand how they can stay safe and well at work.

It was touch and go whether the Technical Evening was going ahead due to the adverse weather conditions however, as usual the evening received an excellence attendance. Thanks to Mike Tetley, HM Inspector of Quarries who has been our speaker for a number of years and always brings a wealth of experience which provides members with in-depth information and advice.

### AGM

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

The 2018 AGM saw Iain Smith tenure his office as the North of England branch Chairman and hand over the reins to Hazen Bowskill, Quarry Operations Manager Heights Quarry, Aggregates North.

Hazen will be assisted by the 'motley crew' below who all work determinedly to ensure the North of England branch is the best.



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| Vice Chair     | Mike Young      |
| Secretary      | Susan Arnott    |
| Vice Secretary | James McCartney |
| Treasurer      | Mike Parkin     |
| Committee:     | Greg Anson      |
|                | Jo Banner       |
|                | Alan Connolly   |
|                | Chris Costello  |
|                | John Eustace    |
|                | Tony Plumb      |
|                | Iain Smith      |

## Nexus

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April



The branch welcomed Mike Bennett, HSEQ adviser for Nexus (Tyne and Wear Metro) at the Tarmac Office in Birtley. Mike gave an in-depth talk surrounding non Technical skills and part of his talk focused on employees being deemed competent by certification but not having the correct personal qualities to be deemed safe. In his words “I had over 200 train drivers report to me in the early 90s, all competent, but I would not like to be on a train half of them are driving” which raised much discussion by branch members.

One striking fact since the rail industry has focused on training non technical skills last year saw the first year of zero fatalities involving railways (excluding rail/human interfaces) in 200 years which is a sobering fact considering how long quarrying has been taking place and our fatality rating

## Shotton Surface Mine

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May



Members from the North of England Branch visited Shotton Surface Mine operated by the Banks Group, a site which has up to the present date produced in excess of 7 million tonnes of coal.

Jim Donnelly, Banks’ Development Director welcomed everyone and gave a very interesting introductory presentation about the Company, its ethos and range of activities that include coal extraction, renewable energy, housing developments and remediation schemes.

Neil Cook, Site Manager and colleagues then gave a site tour which enabled our members to grasp the sheer magnitude of the site and equipment used; including one of the two 500 tonne plus RH200 excavators and a CAT789 200 tonne payload dump truck.

As if managing a site of this size is not an achievement in itself, the site has added challenges being bordered by an internationally acclaimed pharmaceutical plant, the East Coast mainline, the A1 trunk road and the iconic Northumberlandia earth structure.

May we take this opportunity to express our thanks for the hospitality shown to us by the Banks group personnel for a truly memorable visit

## North Yorkshire Moors Railway

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May



Following the success of last year’s trip, our members were once again enjoying dinner with a difference aboard the NYMR Pullman dining car being whisked in vintage steam splendour from Pickering to Grosmont and back.

With our experienced ‘fireman’ Chairman; Hazen Bowskill, and ‘steam newbie’ committee member; Jo Banner on the footplate firing the engine, there was no shortage of steam power to hand.

The food and service on board was superb as was the craic.

Special thanks to Jo Banner of Banner Contracts who sponsored this event and Bearing Traders who sponsored the manufacture of the trains Institute of Quarrying head plate which will be auctioned at the annual Dinner Dance for charity.

# IQ Forthcoming Events

## Hillhead Show and HS Laboratory, Buxton

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June



The branch is offering members an opportunity to spend a day visiting Hillhead Show, the world's biggest and best show located in a quarrying environment and also a visit to HS Laboratory, Harpur Hill, Buxton. HSL is a world-leading provider of Health and Safety solutions to industry and government.

### Itinerary

- Hillhead Show Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Overnight accommodation at the Palace hotel, Buxton
- Evening meal in Buxton
- HS Laboratory Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

As always, there are a limited number of places available. To book a place on the event please contact Susan Arnott on:  
Email: [susan.arnott@tarmac.com](mailto:susan.arnott@tarmac.com) Telephone: 0191 492 4161

## IQ Annual Dinner Dance – Hilton hotel, Gateshead

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Please come along and join us at our Annual Dinner Dance. The evening will provide you with great food, great entertainment, great music and most of all great company – a night not to be missed.

Dinner Dance tickets are priced at £80 per person (£800 table of 10 and £960 table of 12). Smaller groups may be asked to table share. I am sure you will agree, great value for money.

Main Dinner Dance sponsor will be **Banner Contracts** and the **Colton Group** will be our Dinner Dance ticket sponsor. Thanks to both Companies for their continued support.

We will be raffling a number of top quality prizes to raise money in support of this year's charity **St Teresa's Hospice** in Darlington, Co Durham.

If you would like to join us, a please email [susan.arnott@tarmac.com](mailto:susan.arnott@tarmac.com) to confirm your reservation; we look forward to hearing from you soon.



A selection of photographs below were taken at the 2017 IQ Centenary Dinner Dance.

**WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT**

**£5,785** raised for Macmillan cancer support

The IQO Annual Dinner Dance absolutely smashed money raised in previous years, mainly due to the IQ plaque which was auctioned on the night.

We were delighted to meet Michelle Muir, Senior Fundraising Manager - County Durham & Warrington and hand over the cheque for £5,785 raised at the dinner dance for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Michelle explained that the Macmillan charity does not receive anything from the government so large donations like this are so important to help reach anyone affected by cancer.

To give you an idea as to what this money will fund... It costs £26 to fund a Macmillan Nurse for one hour £210 for a day... So this donation has funded a Macmillan nurse for 27.5 days!

**WOW!**

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