



264th Meeting of the IOSH Thames Valley Branch
held on 20th March 2017 at the University of
Reading

Members present: David Armstrong, Tony Baker, Paul Beaumont, Jane Brown, Vince Butler, Dee Campbell, John Chandler, Jasmine Chapman, Colin Clark, Howard De Silva, Kris Dower, Joe Fullbrook, Jason Gawronski, Laura Graupe, Viv Harvey, David Heath, Kat Hemmings, Jon Hilton, Tony Horsfall, Brian Horne, Kevin Isles, Grahame Jamieson, Colin Johnson, Greg Jones, Lynda Jones, Susanne Lalanne, Julian Marks, Nick Marsh, Bartley McGlynn, John Mill, Paul Mrozowski, Gareth Mullen, Alistair Osakwe, Roy Packer, Graham Parker, Shirley Parsons, Tyrone Partridge, Mike Pitfield, Andrew Price, Steve Pulling, Steve Rogers, Claudia, Schodder, David Slade, Greg Szurek, Andy Tonkin, Gordon Tranter, Steve Turner, Marion Virgo, David Weekly, Tom Wilson, Chris Williamson.

Apologies for absence: Charlie Cribbes, Mark Donald, Jim Prowse, Rebecca Russell.

Visitors: Ginika Okoye.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 20th February 2017 were accepted.

Matters arising :

Steve Pulling will be standing for Council this year. It is important we have a branch member on Council, so all branch members are encouraged to vote for him.

At the AGM there will be a free draw for 2 tickets to the IOSH conference in November. The prize is for admittance to the conference but does not include travel or accommodation. The draw will be only for those branch members attending on the night.

At the Christmas social the branch held a raffle and raised the sum of £235 for the local charity 'Thrive'.

Their representative, Steve Forman gave us an oversight of the work of the charity, using horticulture to help those members of society who are disadvantaged in one way or another. The charity has clients from 14 - 90 years and has 300 volunteers at 4 centres across the country (London, Reading, Birmingham, Gateshead). The cheque was presented by Tony Horsfall on behalf of the Branch. For further information, go to : www.carryongardening.org.uk.

Members problems

A members organisation has been trialling a new device used by banksmen to improve safety around excavators. It consists of a key fob which the banksman can activate stopping the excavator if the driver doesn't see an imminent hazard. see <http://www.flanneryplanthire.com/services.php>

A member recalled a situation where asbestos was removed from premises occupied by a tenant the tenant was told the work was to take place and was excluded from the area but 5 months after the removal the tenant was oblivious that he strip had been completed - poor communication between contractor / landlord and tenant.

Topic for the evening: Mental Health

Speaker : Tim Briggs - IOSH past president

His slides are in the document library of the Thames Valley branch microsite.

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