



281st Meeting of the IOSH Thames Valley Branch  
held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the University of  
Reading

Members present: Nick Bathurst, Paul Beaumont, Vince Butler, Jane Brown, Tanya Chalkley, John Chandler, Charlie Cribbes, Simon Cutmore, Joe Fullbrook, David Heath, Achilleus Iheozor-Ejidfor, Grahame Jamieson, Colin Johnson, Julian Marks, Brian Middlemiss, Richard Mumford, Andrew Panting, Tyrone Partridge, Max Paswal, Andrew Price, Steve Pulling, Aline Manot Ronceray, John Steed, Chris Stops, Greg Szurek, Leeroy Thompson, Steve Turner, Chris Williamson, Tom Wilson,

Apologies for absence: Graham Dandridge, Graham Parker, Jim Prowse.

Visitors: Sophie Hudson, Martin Ronceray

Matters arising : None

Members questions and anecdotes.

Several members complained that the recent branch presentations are not on the Thames Valley website, resulting in members not being able to complete their CPD reflections. The Secretary had sent them to IOSH but subsequently found they had been placed on the new website under 'recent events'.

Steve pulling ( Treasurer) gave feedback from two council meetings he has attended. IOSH are trying to get the budget under control and this is reflected in the reduced branch funds this year. We are a 'prudent' branch and so have a tight budget but some branches have had their budgets slashed, having spent lavishly in the past. We are however committed to maintaining the branch meetings at their current frequency and the same refreshments. We can save on projects – the Berkshire College of Agriculture student project will now not take place next year.

Vince Butler attended the Workplace H&S conference in Singapore recently. He particularly mentioned the effect of disruptors in society – how recent advances in technology can make previous tech redundant, example being the smartphone which has replaced many older machines. The question is – are we as Safety professionals ready for these advances and can we be proactive?

Forthcoming meetings : 10th October on 'A half life in Health & safety' Speaker : Julian Marks

Topic for the evening: Industrial First Aid – Steve Jezard of Industrial Response first aid training Ltd..

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

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