



287<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IOSH Thames Valley Branch  
held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the University of  
Reading

Members present: David Armstrong, John Ashton, Dee Aspell, Paul Beaumont, Colin Behan, Jane Brown, Darren Carter, Charlie Cribbes, Alan Curtiss, Howard De Silva, Tim Dixon, Joe Fullbrook, Laura Graure, David Heath, Achilleus Iheozor-Ejidfor, Kevin Isles, Grahame Jamieson, Colin Johnson, Greg Jones, Patrick Kavanagh, Julian Marks, Nick Marsh, Brian Middlemiss, Tyrone Partridge, Alan Poole, Jim Prowse, Steve Pulling, Gill Saunders, Paul Sivachuk, Azeez Soaga, Chris Stops, Jennifer Toner, John Thompson, Steve Turner, Chris Williamson, Tom Wilson.

Apologies for absence: Nick Bathurst, Vince Butler, Kelly Nicoll, Graham Parker, Shirley Parsons.

Visitors: Jasmine Chapman, Alex Littlewood, H Thompson,

Matters arising : None

Members questions and anecdotes.

A member asked about contacts for face fitting of respirators. Several recommended the 3M test kit. Another member offered to provide names of companies who provided the service.

Members are reminded that the HSE has issued a safety alert regarding mild steel welding fume. The fume is now classed as a carcinogen causing lung cancer and so engineering controls must be implemented to prevent exposure. Dilution ventilation is not sufficient and respirators will be required out of doors.

Topic for the evening: . 'No time to lose – Asbestos' Louise Hosking, IOSH Vice President

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

Forthcoming meetings : 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm in the Cedars Conference Centre

Dementia – Mental health

Speaker : Peter Kelly- HSE

A parking permit is required if you intend to park on the university campus for this meeting in the Cedars Conference Centre – contact the branch secretary for one.

18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Agriculture Building

Business Continuity Speaker : Chris Fitzgerald – Thames Water

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