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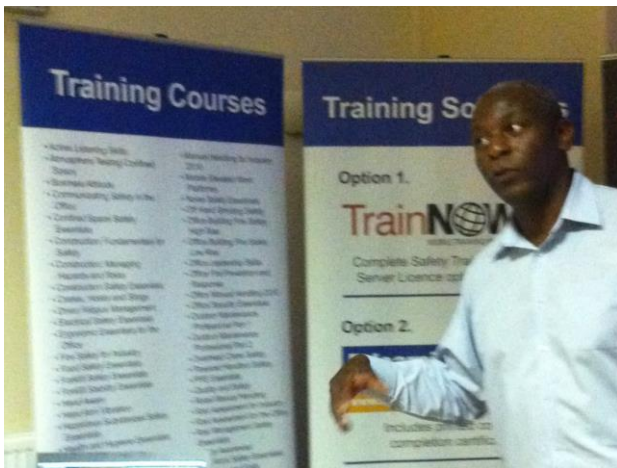
# Newsletter

September 2014

## Monthly Meeting – 8 September 2014

George Allcock, Chair, welcomed everyone to today's meeting, especially our new Member Ralph Sanders of Live Safety and Risk Management Limited and guest James Cronin of Colonel Duck Productions, a creative media company producing health and safety training videos for the construction industry.

Liz Prohett, Secretary introduced today's speakers:



### E Learning Health and Safety Enid Huggins

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Enid, (a BHSEA Member) and her colleague (above), a Training Consultant from EHLS, explained that E Learning Health and Safety, is a Birmingham based company. Their on-line Vocam courses have been used extensively for over 20 years by all sized companies, including the Ministry of Defence, London Underground and Mitie Facilities Management.

Vocam are an international company that researches and produces health and safety courses specifically for the UK market. Their e-learning courses are actual re-enactments, not cartoons or text-only e-learning. The courses are industry approved and independently assessed and approved by RoSPA. In addition, E Learning Health and Safety is a QBE insurers approved supplier.

## **Rapid Results College**

**Gareth Lewis**

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Gareth previously worked for a health and safety training provider in Bromsgrove and is now Head of Corporate Client Relations at RRC.

Formed in 1928, they offered a wide range of courses across numerous business disciplines but now focus purely on health, safety and environmental training in a multitude of delivery formats.



## **ACT Associates**

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ACT Associates, are based in Stourbridge. They provide flexible solutions to health, safety and environmental training needs,

supplying through classroom training, e-learning and blended learning options, together with support through their audit and consultancy services.

## **Astutis**

**Mark Lewis & Steve Terry**

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Steve (right), explained that their presentation would focus on three of their accredited e-learning health and safety courses: IOSH Managing Safety, NEBOSH Certificate and NEBOSH Diploma, and demonstrate the functionality of their Learning Management System (LMS).



## **Speed Dating!!**

The audience then separated into four groups and each group received a 15 minute presentation from each of the companies outlining their individual e-learning software packages.

## **Styles of Learning:**

Following the presentations Mark Hoare made the point that younger people have a different approach to learning and the concept of e-learning is now widely accepted. It is acknowledged that it is especially useful for refresher training. George Allcock stated that the purpose of most training is to change or improve the actions of people so it is also very useful to have an element of coaching and mentoring. In this regard, after training support for example from the employer and peers, to monitor actions and behaviours would complement the e-learning.

Whilst e-learning is not intended to be a substitute for classroom style learning, and should not be seen as a panacea for all training needs, it is widely recognised that it has a very important part to play in the education process.

All of the companies presenting today may be contacted by any BHSEA Member wishing to arrange a complimentary course and free trial.

George thanked all speakers for their attendance and their informative and interesting presentations, which had been well received by all.

## **Members' Corner**

George invited members to consider whether they could deliver a ten minute presentation at a future monthly meeting on a health and safety related subject, that would be of interest and value to other members. Anyone interested should contact Liz Prophett, [secretary@bhsea.co.uk](mailto:secretary@bhsea.co.uk)

## **A History of BHSEA:**

George then went on to give a brief overview of the Association, for the benefit of both new and long-standing members.

To some members it may be a surprise to learn how long our Association has been in existence. In fact, we celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005. George then went on to discuss some of the health and safety milestones since 1900. These were originally outlined in the anniversary booklet which is available on the BHSEA website:

- In 1930 the Health and Safety Inspectorate contacted local industries concerned about the number of accidents. As a result the Birmingham and District Industrial Safety Group was formed.

- In 1943 a sub-committee was formed and this later led to the formation of IOSH.
- In 1951 the first safety training course for power press operators was developed.
- In 1956 the Association purchased the Acocks Green premises, at which many training courses were conducted by group members and the Factory Inspectorate.
- In 1960 the first Training Director was appointed.

The training centre at Acocks Green was subsequently taken over by RoSPA, following the introduction of a government grant to set up regional organisations. BHSEA still owned the premises but continued to receive a rental income until the last tenant, the NHS, left in 2013. This income has helped to fund the service that the Association provides.

The premises have now been sold and the sale proceeds are about to be re-invested for a better return. At the earlier committee meeting it was decided to invest the bulk of the assets in four separate funds to gain the yield/income necessary to continue to operate as hitherto. The next task is to look at how we can effectively use the current asset of the Quinton premises. Also, how we can improve our service offering and add value for the membership and others. Our next Report and Accounts will provide further information.

George then showed us an example of a Newsletter from 1950. Interestingly, a lot of the major organisations of the day eg Lucas Industries, are no longer in business. Another newsletter referred to one of the earlier Secretaries, Andy Chappell, who retired in 2012 and was awarded the RoSPA distinguished service award to honour his 15 year service with BHSEA.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **❖ 2014 BHSEA Programme Meetings - Dates for your Diary:**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13 October 2014</b>  <b>Construction-CDM &amp; HSE Policies Update.</b>  Gordon Crick, HSE  And Members' Corner speaker:  Alan Hicks of Knotweed Services Limited</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10 November 2014</b>  <b>Respiratory Sensitisers</b>  Professor Sherwood Burge, Heart of England NHS.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8 December 2014</b>  <b>Face Fit Testing &amp; Tight Fitting Respirators</b>  Alan McArthur, 3M PLC</p>	

### ❖ **Neil Boon announced the forthcoming Construction events:**

- 2 October: Worker Involvement SHAD (Safety Health Awareness Day) sponsored by the HSE and led by SKANSKA, at Wolverhampton Science Park.
- 18 November: Health in Construction SHAD (including refurbishment), at the National Metal Forming Centre.

For further information and to book your place, please contact Dee Welsh of the HSE at [dee.welsh@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:dee.welsh@hse.gsi.gov.uk).

### ❖ **The Midlands Construction Summit is taking place on Thursday 27 November at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham.**

This Event will bring together the Midlands construction industry and its supply chain to explore future opportunities for developing a clear and achievable action plan for their organisations to lead the way in harnessing the Industry & Government's joint industrial strategy for a leading world class UK construction sector – Construction 2025.

**Conference Speakers include representatives from;** Birmingham City Council, Thomas Vale/Bouygues UK, Barratt Developments, VINCI Facilities and the Government's Chief Construction Adviser – Peter Hansford. **Plus an additional panel discussion including representatives from;** Major Contractors, National House Builders and key supply-chain material/system providers.

For an '**Early Bird Discount**', use the promo code BHSEA15 when booking on line, this will entitle you to a 15% discount on the ticket price.

To book, visit: [www.midlandsconstructionsummit.co.uk](http://www.midlandsconstructionsummit.co.uk)

## **News Items**

### **Ladder Exchange 2014**

People and businesses across the UK again have the chance to trade their old ladders in for discounted new ones this year, with the [Ladder Exchange](#) 2014 beginning on 1 September and closing at the end of the year.

Accredited and run by industry body the Ladder Association, the Ladder Exchange takes old, potentially dangerous ladders out of circulation by offering people a cash incentive to trade them in.

Safety for the people who actually work on ladders is particularly being promoted during the 2014 Exchange. The accompanying new HSE guidance released this year, explains that people working with ladders must be "competent, have received instruction and understand how to use the equipment safely".

As in previous years, running alongside the Exchange will be the 'Idiots on Ladders' contest. Anyone can send in pictures of dangerous ladder use to the Ladder Association Facebook page ([facebook.com/ladderassociation](https://facebook.com/ladderassociation)) or email to [info@ladderassociation.org.uk](mailto:info@ladderassociation.org.uk). The public vote will then determine 2014's biggest "idiot on a ladder".

Check out the Ladder Exchange website ([ladderexchange.org.uk](http://ladderexchange.org.uk)). Details are also available by phoning the Ladder Association directly on 0845 260 1048.

### **HSE Consultations/Reviews:**

#### **1. CD273 – Consultation on proposals to exempt self-employed persons from section 3(2) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, except those undertaking activities on a prescribed list.**

[www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd273.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd273.htm)

The Consultation period has in fact ended (31/08/14), however, you may have missed it? For information, “prescribed activities” are those:

- that have high rates of injuries and/or fatalities, such as agriculture;
- where there is a significant risk to members of the public, for example fairground attractions;
- where there is the potential for mass fatalities, such as explosives; and
- where there is a European Union obligation to retain the general duty on self-employed persons, for example at temporary or mobile construction sites.

#### **2. Review of the implementation of the National Local Authority Enforcement Code for Health and Safety at Work – One year on - Seeking your views.**

There will be a public consultation seeking to review the implementation of the National Local Authority Enforcement Code for Health and Safety at Work (the Code). Views are being sought from local authorities, businesses, as well as bodies representing these groups, to test perceptions and identify ways to improve implementation.

If you have an interest in local authority health and safety regulation and the businesses they regulate, please take a few minutes to complete the short questionnaire which is accessible using this link:

<http://webcommunities.hse.gov.uk/connect.ti/laenforcementcode/> which will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

**The consultation will run for 8 weeks, closing 3 October 2014**

#### **‘Fragile roofs – fragile lives’:**

A new film produced by CITB and HSE which can be found at [www.citb.co.uk/fragilerooofs](http://www.citb.co.uk/fragilerooofs). The film is free for industry to download, copy, share and use.

**The Construction Dust Partnership** pages can be found at [www.citb.co.uk/cdp](http://www.citb.co.uk/cdp). There is also a CDP news article in July's SHP magazine (page 11)

#### **Two White Papers have recently been produced by HSL:**

- "Measuring the safety climate in organisations" to help you understand organisational health and safety culture and how it can be improved.
- "Making the case for culture" to help you to construct a robust business case for measuring your safety culture.

Members requiring a copy should contact the Secretary [secretary@bhsea.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bhsea.org.uk)

## Consultation on two draft ACOPs

The draft documents are on the HSE website. The Consultation pages provide instructions on how to make comments.

[CD275 – Consultation on draft Approved Code of Practice \(ACOP\): Safe use of lifting equipment \(L113\)](#) - seeks your views on the revised version of the Approved Code of Practice (L113) relating to the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER) – **closing date for the Consultation is 14 October 2014**

[CD274 – Consultation on draft Approved Code of Practice \(ACOP\): Safe work in confined spaces \(L101\)](#) - seeks your views on the revised version of the Approved Code of Practice (L101) relating to the Confined Spaces Regulations 1997 – **closing date for the Consultation is 30 September 2014**

Any responses should be sent to the appropriate email address below:

[LOLERACOPConsultation@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:LOLERACOPConsultation@hse.gsi.gov.uk) for the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations

or [CSRACOPConsultation@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:CSRACOPConsultation@hse.gsi.gov.uk) for Confined Spaces

**The Government Response to the HSE Triennial Review** has been published today on the Gov.uk website: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/triennial-review-report-health-and-safety-executive-2014](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/triennial-review-report-health-and-safety-executive-2014)

## HSE Statistics 2013/2014

### Headlines: Numbers killed at work reduces but mesothelioma deaths on the rise

Provisional data from HSE indicates that the number of workers killed in Britain last year has fallen to the lowest annual rate on record.

- 133 workers were fatally injured between April 2013 and March 2014

The latest number of deaths from mesothelioma show that 2,535 people died in 2012, which is an increase from 2,291 in 2011.

See HSE website and Press Release for further information..

This year the **Electricity At Work Regulations** 1989 are 25 years old.

Introduced to improve workplace safety, the EAWR 1989 have become the main driving force behind the development of electrical safety preventive maintenance programmes among organisations of all types and have had a considerable impact in reducing risks in the workplace.

To mark this milestone, electrical test specialist Seaward has produced a special white paper (available as a free download [www.seaward.co.uk/eawr25](http://www.seaward.co.uk/eawr25)), looking at the impact of the EAWR 1989 and how electrical safety measures have developed over this period. The document provides an overview of electrical portable appliance testing and includes a look at the relationship of the regulations with the HSE guidance notes and the IET Code of Practice. Also included are relevant statistics on the progress made in reducing workplace injuries linked to electricity.

### **New items on the BHSEA Website**

Please see the website [www.bhsea.org.uk](http://www.bhsea.org.uk) for three recently uploaded HSE presentations from the SHAD held on 17 June (click on 2014 at the top left of the BHSEA page, and see last item under the heading 'Presentations from Safety and Health Awareness Days):

- Update on Use of Ladders
- Overview – Issues Relating to Work at Height/Fragile Roofs
- 'Construction Dusts: Much more than a Nuisance', by Martin Lee, Construction Sector, Health Risk Management Unit.

Note that BHSEA's next meeting is a construction meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting**  
**2.00 pm Monday, 13 October 2014**

at the Birmingham Medical Institute

***CDM & HSE Construction Policies***  
***Update***

Gordon Crick,  
HM Inspector of Health and Safety, HSE

***Members' Corner Speaker***

Alan Hicks of Knotweed Services Limited  
The subject is Japanese Knotweed & its impact on building structures including the health & safety implications of treatment techniques.

***Don't forget the buffet lunch at 1.15 pm***