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Welcome from our NEW EDITOR!

It's my pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to the autumn edition of UKATA Matters. Having been appointed as a New Director at our AGM in June 2013 it has always been my intention to take a very proactive role in the Association and so I am delighted to take over as the Chair of the newly formed Development, Marketing and Finance Committee.

Ultimately, Development, Marketing & Finance are tasked with building the UKATA brand and ensuring it remains firmly at the forefront of our industry.

Our aim is to position UKATA members as the 'go to' training/service providers that clients can trust and rely on. We also have some very exciting action plans going forward so that we may secure our Association's position as Industry leader and that, you, our members needs are not only met but exceeded.

In this edition you can meet your new Chair Eddie Strong and Vice Chair Dave Nichol along with the new executive board. There is an in-depth report on our AGM and conference; a particularly good read for those members who were unable to join us this year. Our Technical & Training Committee has been busy working on our collective response to the consultation document, which closed on Monday 30th September 2013.

I am delighted to announce that for the first time UKATA will be taking part in next year's Safety & Health Expo. Get all the latest news on pages 15. The Expo provides the industry with a world leading event and next year for the first time the Expo will be held at London's ExCeL. Additionally, and again a first, the annual IOSH conference will run alongside the Safety & Health Expo. I believe that this

will provide an enormous boost to the profile of our brand and introduce us to a much wider marketplace of potential clients and also to the media, both within our industry and to the wider public. I will of course keep you informed as we get nearer to the event.

We are also in the process of developing a brand new website and would welcome your comments and suggestions at this early stage, after all it is your website so tell us what you would like to include and we will do our best to incorporate your ideas wherever possible. UKATA ICT & Financial Controller, Craig Evans, will be heading up this project so please email your thoughts and ideas directly to craig.evans@ukata.org.uk or contact the office on 0844 372 2810.

Inside you can also find out how to get involved in other ways, we actively encourage membership engagement and have lots of opportunities available. So, if you have any comments, suggestions or articles to be considered for inclusion in UKATA Matters then please do get in touch, you can email us at any time at: ukatamatters@ukata.org.uk because if it matters to our members then it matters to us.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely
Jacqui Royall

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Chairman's Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself via UKATA Matters as the newly appointed Chairman of the UK Asbestos Training Association.

As one of the last founding members of UKATA still serving on the Executive Board, a past Vice Chairman and original Chair of the Membership Committee, I have seen the Association grow from the initial 29 founding members who transferred from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) - Asbestos Training Providers Group (ATPG), to what is now recognised as the leading asbestos training association within the UK; our 160 strong membership is climbing, and setting standards across the asbestos training industry.

Trusted by the leading construction groups, UKATA members are amongst the best training providers out there, delivering verified, audited and uniformed training to the various trades and disciplines, in an endeavour to do their part in ensuring that the legacy asbestos has dealt us over the years, is brought to the forefront.

As with any association or trade body, serving on the various committees takes an enormous amount of time, commitment and hard work. UKATA came at a time when the UK economy was not at its best, that said, six years on, UKATA is a force to be reckoned with and an association now known and synonymous with asbestos training. The brand UKATA is recognised by many and continues to go from strength to strength.

As a leading voice on asbestos training, we are represented as a stakeholder on the HSE Asbestos Liaison Group (ALG) Committee and also invited by the HSE Policy Unit to comment

on the proposed changes of the Control of Asbestos Regulations, specifically Regulation 10, Information, Instruction & Training, following on from the Löfstedt report, appertaining to the new Approved Codes of Practice (ACoP). To make all this happen takes a lot of time, energy and unfortunately money, so at this time may I say thank you, to the membership for believing in UKATA, for joining and continuing to be a member and for taking the time to participate in the Association by being a member and supporting the Executive and sub-committees to serve on your behalf. I would also like to thank the Executive Board of Directors for giving up their time freely to make it happen, without the support of the Executive Board, UKATA wouldn't have developed to the position it now holds within the asbestos industry and specifically the asbestos training industry.

As with any Captain of any ship, you need a crew, and I am delighted to be



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supported by Dave Nichol as the Vice Chairman. Dave has been the past Membership Chairman in addition to assisting and serving on the Technical and Training Committee. The remaining nine Directors of the Executive Board complement Dave and myself, and we all continue to develop UKATA further.

Last but not least there is the engine room which makes the day to day operation of the Association work; our recently appointed CEO, Terry Barker, Craig, Gill, Debbie, Jackie and the newest member of the team, Leane.

Finally as you may or may not be aware, the Public Consultation period for the ACoP that is to support the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 came to a close at the end of September. We have reviewed and consulted with membership and submitted our opinions both for and against. More information on this is contained within the pages of UKATA Matters and we now await the outcome with interest. We will be sure to let you know of any further developments.

Eddie Strong

Vice Chairman's Welcome



As the new Vice Chairman of UKATA, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the members.

Some of you may already know me as I have been involved with UKATA for several years now as a Category C member. I have been involved with the sub committees providing my experience and expertise to benefit the association, but my main role over the past two years was Chair of the Membership Committee. This position ensured I was involved with members and ensuring that the highest

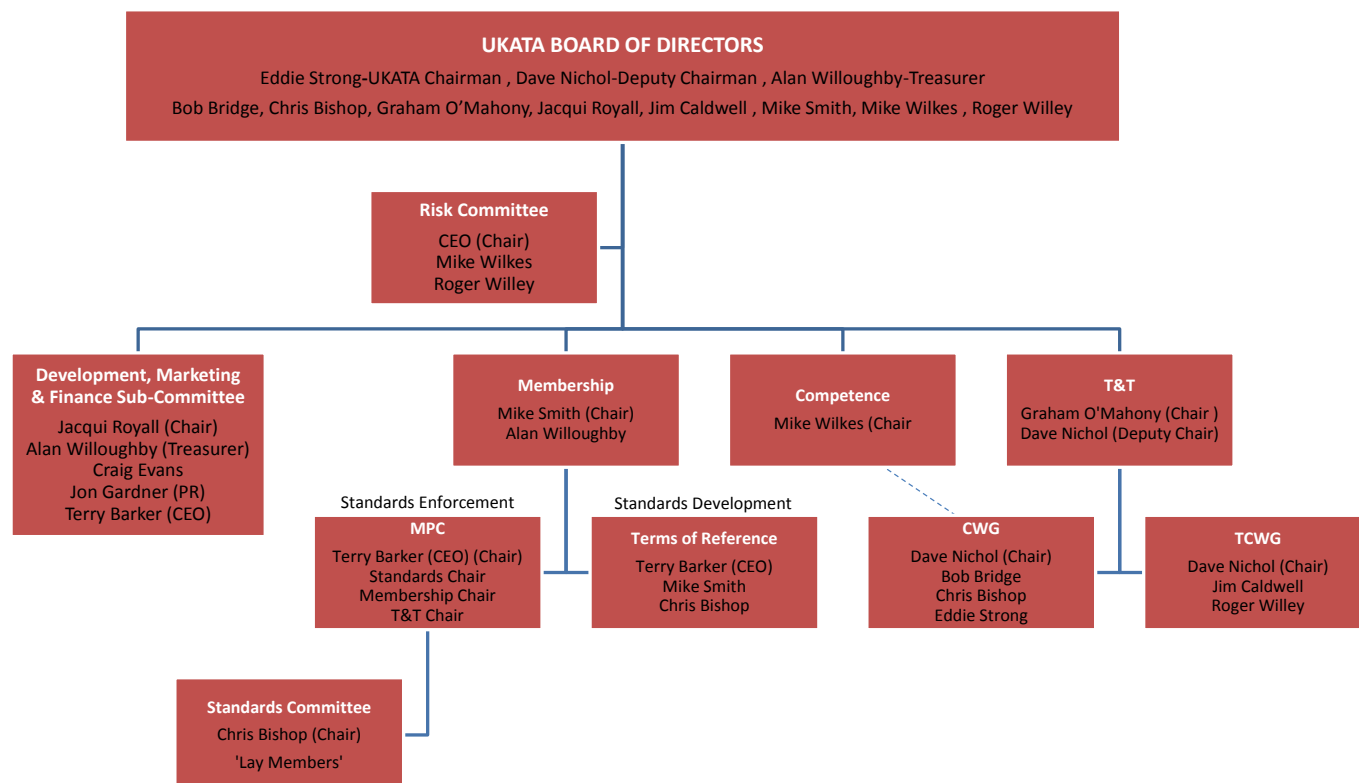
of standards were met when prospective and new members joined UKATA. Although I am no longer in this role, I will continue to work on other matters which play an important part in the development of UKATA and to support members going forward, particularly in areas such as competency and tutor testing – a lot of work has been done in these two very important areas.

I have seen many changes over the past few years with UKATA, increasing the brand and awareness of the dangers of asbestos and setting the standards for training providers within the UK. Looking forward I can see the future development enhancing the Association and brand even further, which will benefit members. It's been a busy time of late at UKATA with the incoming

Chair Eddie Strong, and new Executive board members. I can also see the next twelve months, with much work to be done by the Executive Board and I am ready to assist the Association further and support the Chairman in his new role.

David Nichol

NEW TEAM STRUCTURE



Legislation update

UKATA lobbies for clarification on planned ACoP revisions

Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 – ACoP Consultation

As all member readers are aware, since the introduction of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 back in April 2012, the long awaited consultation for the Approved Code of Practice has subsequently now been released.

In summary, the proposed changes are:

- Revisions to reflect changes to the Control of Asbestos Regulations made in 2012. Including material supporting Regulations 2, 3, 9 and 22 relating to notification of certain non-licensed work with asbestos and consequent arrangements, segregation of asbestos work areas, medical examinations for employees and keeping health records.
- Material supporting Regulation 10 has been reviewed and updated to help employers understand how they should comply with the requirement to provide information, instruction and training for employees. It also clarifies the legal position on certificates and records of training.
- It is also proposed that the two previous ACoPs L143 (Work with materials containing asbestos) and L127 (The management of asbestos in non-domestic premises) be consolidated into a single revised ACoP (L143), withdrawing L127.

In light of the deadline for consultation responses and the publication date of UKATA Matters, UKATA consulted on all members views during September. Thank you to all those who made representation, these views have been reviewed and consolidated in the response by UKATA to the consultation and have been submitted to the Health and Safety Executive.

The main thrust and concern that UKATA members expressed with the consultation and proposed ACoP were in relation to regulation 10, Information, Instruction and Training, specifically paragraphs 205 – 255. The matters of concern within regulation 10 which UKATA have expressed in the response are:

- Refresher Asbestos Awareness training and the statement “there is no need to refresh awareness training”
- The allowance for an employer to deliver refresher awareness training, having attended an asbestos awareness course.

- The contradictions in relation to “periodically” and “regular intervals”, it is felt that this needs clarity and to be made clearer for employers.
- There are three main types of training, UKATA believes that a fourth is required, for example “Duty to Manage” as this type of training doesn’t fit in the three main categories.
- The exclusion of the need for certification as there is no legal requirement to be issued with or possess a certificate.

We all wait in anticipation for the publication which is expected in December 2013, UKATA Matters and the team will keep all members up to date with any developments of exact dates when we can expect to see the revised ACoP L143.



UKATA New-WWW-s!

I am very pleased to announce that UKATA are currently in the process of developing a brand new website. With so much business now transacted online it was felt that the Association needed a new website to reflect this and to better communicate not just with existing members but to a wider audience interested in Asbestos training and related matters.

I have been tasked with delivering a new website that is more dynamic, up to date and capable of engaging with visitors who might be new to UKATA. While the website will be made more visually attractive, this will be far more than just a cosmetic change. The underlying objective has been to deliver far better SEO, making it easier for people to find us online.

The UKATA brand development must be supported in each and everything we do and the website is an important piece in this puzzle. Now more than ever a website is a shop window for the Association and our services so it is important that we get it right. I am working in collaboration with our agency BeyondPR

and together we are very keen to hear from our members with their thoughts, ideas and feedback for the website and welcome them to contact me to discuss any suggestions they may have, these can be directed to me in the UKATA office in the usual way.

It is a crowded marketplace out there and it is essential UKATA does all it can to

standout and our website is an important sub-set of our overall marketing strategy. Once the site is launched, I'm sure members will agree with me that the new site will be a big improvement on our previous site and presents a much better face to the world.

Craig Evans
ICT & Financial Controller

The new website will be more modern and fresh, but we also need a much improved, interactive feel to the experience.

Even a casual glance at other websites will make it immediately apparent to members why UKATA needed to update the presence of the Association online. The past website had a solid, traditional feel but was difficult to locate through the popular search engines and somewhat clunky to navigate. A view was taken early on in the development process that any site needed to properly reflect the diverse, modern and progressive nature of the Association and our members, particularly at a time when Health and Safety issues are going more international. As UKATA aims to be the best in the business, everything we do, including our online presence must reflect this.

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Huge AGM success



AGM roundup

The AGM was very well attended and the UKATA board would like to thank every member who made the effort to come along and whose presence went towards making the 2013 AGM the best attended in the history of the Association. The UKATA Board would also like to extend their gratitude to the UKATA Office Staff for all their hard work with planning, organising and making the event so successful. The new

Executive Committee was voted in; with Eddie Strong elected as the new Chairman, replacing Mike Smith.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Executive Committee and Eddie Strong to the role as Chairman. We would also like to pay tribute to Mike. We are sure that everyone will agree that Mike has done a fantastic job as Chairman during his tenure. Thanks to Mike's

efforts, Eddie takes over with the Association in the best possible shape for the future.

"It is an honour to have been elected by the members to the position of UKATA Chairman," said new UKATA Chairman Eddie Strong. "These are exciting times for the Association and I am looking forward to helping the newly elected Executive Committee drive the Association's aim's forward in the following

year for the benefit of all our members. There is a lot of work to get through between now and the next AGM but I am confident that working together we can achieve our objectives. Mike has left a very strong legacy of engagement with the members and this is something both the committee and I are keen to build upon in the year ahead."

This year's AGM took place on Friday 21 June at Aston Villa Football club and following on from the success of last year's event, once again this year's AGM and conference did not disappoint and proved in the opinion of the many members who attended, to be the best yet.

For many members the conference in particular was the perfect mix of information, networking and educational process all rolled into one.



Conference roundup

Members who attended will recall that this year's conference was not only informative but a powerful and moving event that will live long in the memory.

First up was head of the HSE Asbestos Licencing Unit (ALU) Archie Mitchell who gave the conference a refresher course on developments and policy in Asbestos Licensing and the current work involving the approved code of practice and

the 2012 regulations.

Mr Mitchell focused on the importance attached to competency, making clear that every employer must ensure that only competent employees enter a respirator zone and emphasised that for the purposes of the regulations, 'competent employee' means one who has "received adequate information, instruction and training." Mr Mitchell also

highlighted that information, instruction and training cannot be passed off as one-off events; but rather that such training must be provided at regular intervals and adapted where necessary to take account of changes to types of work carried out, or methods of work as appropriate and that the penalties for failing in this remain severe.

"We are grateful to Mr

Mitchell for taking the time to come and outline for members the latest state of play with regard to training and regulations," said UKATA CEO Terry Barker. "His serious message notwithstanding, Archie delivered parts of his absorbing presentation using humour to reinforce his points, not least that the training must be provided in an appropriate manner and not as an afterthought."

Huge AGM success



Setting the legal standard

After lunch, Hayley Saunders, a Senior Associate of Shoosmiths LLP gave the conference a masterclass on Health and Safety, Trading Standards and the current state of play concerning environmental legislation.

Hayley pointed out that in the six months between October 2012 and April 2013, some 29 fines of over £100,000 were handed down for work related safety offences. Yet this is occurring against a backdrop of a 35% cut in funding for the HSE amid wider ranging reforms of the health and safety landscape and culture, with a greater focus on higher risk activities and a reduction in the number of inspections.

While the approach to simplify regulation and legislation will be welcomed by UKATA members, the worry is that reduced inspections and funding cuts will lead to breaches of legislation being missed.

Inspectors are clearly not happy with many of the proposed changes either, amid fears over the consequences of less

proactive inspections. Negative reactions were summed up in the words of one Inspector who chose to remain anonymous: "I didn't sign up to be a traffic warden."

One of the most telling points raised by Hayley, was of the stark contrast between those groups convicted of work related manslaughter. Of the 42 people convicted since 1975, 35 were directors, senior managers or owners and only 6 were employees. The clear inference is that employers tend to be found liable for breaches, rather than individual employees but that finding employees themselves guilty is by no means unheard of.

Hayley summed up the good news in the sense that inspections are going to be much reduced and less proactive - save for

higher risk areas, but the bad news means that even small breaches of the law could end up costing money and with the whole appeal process being geared towards making it very difficult to challenge the decision of an

inspector, the stage is set for interesting times ahead for those, like UKATA members, who have to work within the prevailing regulations and as ever, be mindful of the legal frameworks within which we must operate.

STOP PRESS:

The date for the UKATA AGM 2014 has been set for 4 July.

Make sure it is in your diary, further information in the next edition of UKATA Matters.



21st Century Boy

Hayley was followed by Professor Roger J Willey of ACS Physical Risk Control, who lectured to the conference on Asbestos in the 21st century. His presentation focused on the perceived and real risks, in connection with the 'one fibre kills' theory and what has happened to the concept of 'real risk' over the last few years.

Professor Willey's lecture outlined the many ways asbestos has been employed throughout industries, from shipping to housing. His observations that asbestos is more of a problem in publicly funded housing stock and buildings (therefore a significant on-going problem for LAs, the NHS and MOD for example) rather than private did not come as a surprise to UKATA members, but his remarks on just how much we are still surrounded by asbestos products was revealing.

Post mortem studies show that more than 60% of people in the UK have asbestos fibres in their lungs at point of death, which rises to 100% in urban environments. What is interesting is that the asbestos in these cases was nothing to do with cause of death.

Statistics would suggest that while there is no safe level yet identified for asbestos exposure, it is the inhalation of fibres that leads to problems. This is complicated by a latent period that can last for anywhere between 10 and 40 years.

Up to 2010, Asbestos deaths for England and Wales still stood at 4,132 and while far too high a figure for an entirely preventable condition and over 1,000 deaths more than road traffic accidents, heart disease still rules with 166,000 deaths per annum.

Given the latent period, the Professor introduced to conference the Peto Prediction, which postulates that the number of asbestos related deaths is expected to rapidly increase over this decade, peaking as high as 7,500 deaths per year by 2016. If this occurred,

Asbestos would move up to a worrying fourth place in the league table of killers nationally and head and shoulders above everything other than heart disease and cancer.

The silver lining in this killer cloud is the Helsinki Criteria of 1997 which decided that whether you get the full blown disease or not depends upon your cumulative exposure to asbestos or what you breathe in (f/ml), multiplied by how long you breathe it in for (years), or (f/ml) x (years). They concluded that to contract asbestosis or lung cancer the exposure level must be greater than 25f.yrs/ml. To express this in simple terms, to exceed this level, you would need 1.3 weeks exposure to 1000f/ml or if the exposure level was at 10 f/ml, you would need to be exposed for 2.5 years.

The bad news is that Helsinki did not consider fibre type. The risk is far higher for crocidolite (5 f. yrs/ml) as opposed to chrysotile fibres (100-200 f.yrs/ml) for example. The ultimate conclusion from all of this is that while it takes more than one fibre to kill, length of exposure and the type of fibre or fibres you are exposed to matters and therefore knowledge of asbestos, proper training in how to deal with the more dangerous asbestos fibres or dust, remains essential, or more workers will suffer the consequences.

Dust to dust

no excuse for flouting the law on asbestos safety

Archie and Hayley were both hard acts to follow and Professor Willey's presentation had given delegates a great deal of food for thought, but led in very appropriately to the final presentation of the day.

By tradition, the last speaker at a conference usually has a very hard job on their hands, with their work cut out to hold the interest of delegates whose thoughts are turning to getting home. Photographer and Journalist Neil Hodge had no such problems and undoubtedly used his journalistic and photographic skills to hold the conference spellbound from a presentation that many members are still talking about.

Neil regaled members with a snapshot of his life and work dedicated to raising awareness of asbestos and its related disease Mesothelioma not just from here in the UK, but worldwide. His hard hitting presentation 'Dust to Dust' certainly pulled no punches and while undoubtedly hard to watch, it reminded many at the conference, including M4 Chairman Clive Chamberlain of why we do what we do and why the work of UKATA and its members remains so essential.

"Neil's presentation and its graphic images shocked and stunned the conference but I think his images and words were ones we all needed to see and hear," said UKATA CEO Terry Barker. "Hard hitting drink driving campaigns each year have changed people's attitudes and I'm sure Neil's presentation will have reminded members why UKATA does what it does."

The disturbing images (some too powerful to include in

UKATA Matters) followed the lives of people with Mesothelioma and covering in horrific and harrowing detail their diagnosis, treatment, operations and sadly their deaths too.

The presentation was a stark reminder of the misery and death asbestos and its related diseases still cause and at the heart of it, what UKATA and its members work towards.

Neil Hodge

Photojournalist documenting the ongoing dangers and effects of exposure to asbestos

"For the past five years I have been working on a self-funded photojournalism documentary project to highlight the ongoing dangers and effects of exposure to asbestos in the UK and in emerging countries, such as India, where its use is still prevalent. The project has not been without difficulties: while mesothelioma sufferers and their families in the UK have been willing to share their plight, the media has remained largely indifferent about the issue, wrongly believing that it has little relevance since asbestos is no longer used.

I intend to continue with my work and to ultimately produce a book of photographs and investigative journalism to show the continued dangers of exposure to asbestos, and why it should be banned. For those who may be interested in seeing more of my work or to request me to speak at an event, you can visit my website at www.neilhodge.co.uk, and contact me at neil@neilhodge.co.uk

I would also like to thank UKATA for providing the opportunity for me to speak at their conference."



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Member Profile:

M4 Property Solutions (Hot Property)

M4 Property Solutions Limited has now been a member for just over a year. UKATA Matters caught up with company director Clive Chamberlain to find out why they became members and what membership means to them twelve months on.

Based in Chippenham, M4 Property Solutions offers training and support for safe, constrictive business. As you would expect being members of UKATA, the company's focus is on asbestos, together with fire safety, manual handling, COSHH and water hygiene, specifically, the control of Legionella.

Also part of the company's remit is surveying and asset management. M4 also provides technical advice and support to schools, colleges, SMEs, Local Authorities and Housing Associations. M4's director is Clive Chamberlain who, as a former EHO and property manager, is now applying his years of experience in these fields to M4's growing portfolio of clients, with a little help from UKATA:

"We value our membership of UKATA hugely," said Clive. "It brings recognition of our skills and acts as a champion for the asbestos training industry. We benefit from our shared objectives and the professionalism of the UKATA staff, which has proved a hallmark of our first full year as members."

Since becoming members, M4 has enjoyed a very successful year, securing contracts with several national household names. Their success rate in the test is very high and they have been receiving great feedback from clients and delegates alike. The company

points out that UKATA membership has been a key part of their approach to bidding for, and securing, new contracts.

"There is no doubt the excellent certificate generator has given us the edge when bidding for work this year," added Clive. "UKATA is recognised by the clients we work with as the leader in the business, so it does impress people when they see we are members and the UKATA staff couldn't be more helpful."

Clive and his team has also appreciated the marketing materials and shared information that enables the company to keep up to date with the very latest from the world of asbestos training, and like so many other members, has found the AGM and conference to be a big boost too.

"I don't think we expected much from the annual conference, but there is no doubt the conference impressed us," added Clive. "It was both thought provoking and informative and was also a great place for networking, with fellow professionals, so we got a lot more out of it than we expected to."

Clive has a very personal link to the work he does, as a close family member is now suffering chronic lung disease following a career working with asbestos, so like many other people who attended

the conference, he found Neil Hodge's presentation a particularly moving and emotive experience, "My own experience certainly enables me to bring some personal conviction to my courses when dealing with asbestos," remarked Clive. "I have developed a training sample case with high quality samples set in resin with a backlight. This is totally safe and meets UKATA, COSHH and REACH regulations and is very well received at training courses."

Cynics would point out that as a new member, it's easy to see all the advantages that membership brings but perhaps not be as switched on to what could be improved. But Clive believes that new members can come in and see the Association with fresh eyes and perhaps see benefits in things some longer established members may take for granted, and also have an eye for where things could be improved too.

"Everyone has their own opinions on how things can be improved, but for me, I would like to see a syllabus introduced for Cat B training," added Clive. "I have already mentioned the conference and while some of the courses this year have been really good; it would be nice to see some expansion of the regional events programme too, which I think really benefit smaller companies such as ourselves based out in the regions."



Clive also believes in more emphasis on the correct use of samples for training purposes and has joined other members in suggesting that UKATA branded work wear should be considered by the Association – with Clive's suggestion being professional looking twill shirts.

"It's great to hear that M4 has had such a successful year as UKATA members," added UKATA Membership Secretary, Debbie Nixon. "We like to think that membership pays dividends, but it is always nice to hear that from members themselves, especially new ones. "To address Clive's comments, I can tell him and other members that more regional meetings have been organised and that M4 are not alone in recognising their value. We welcome all feedback and the branded work wear is an interesting idea that I'm sure will be considered by the marketing group, particularly with London Calling in 2014 and the challenges that our members and the Association faces in the years ahead."

London Calling!



UKATA Matters can now exclusively reveal that we will be exhibiting at the Safety and Health Expo 17-19 June 2014 at the London Excel. Hailed as the market leading annual exhibition for the health and safety industry, the UKATA board agree this is a must-attend event for UKATA to both maintain and develop the Association.



"If we are to fulfil our objectives of further raising our profile and attract new members both large and small, as well as corporate clients then we must be engaged with the industry in which we operate," said new chairman Eddie Strong. "London Calling will be a major part of our marketing campaign for 2014 and we see it very much as a flagship event and a springboard for our drive to bring even more training providers under the UKATA banner," added Eddie.

The event organisers said "London is a central hub for the UK, with easy travel links from the UK and many global destinations. Moving to London allows us to evolve and innovate in line with the ever changing health and safety industry and ensure we're

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providing you with a world class event that meets your needs! As part of our ongoing commitment to provide the industry with a world leading event, we are delighted to be moving home to London's ExCeL in 2014. As part of this move, and for the first time ever, we will be hosting annual IOSH conference alongside Safety & Health Expo.

The Expo is not just about the UK market, it remains Europe's leading annual exhibition for the occupational safety and health industry and the only show to be supported by the IOSH, RoSPA and the BSIF.

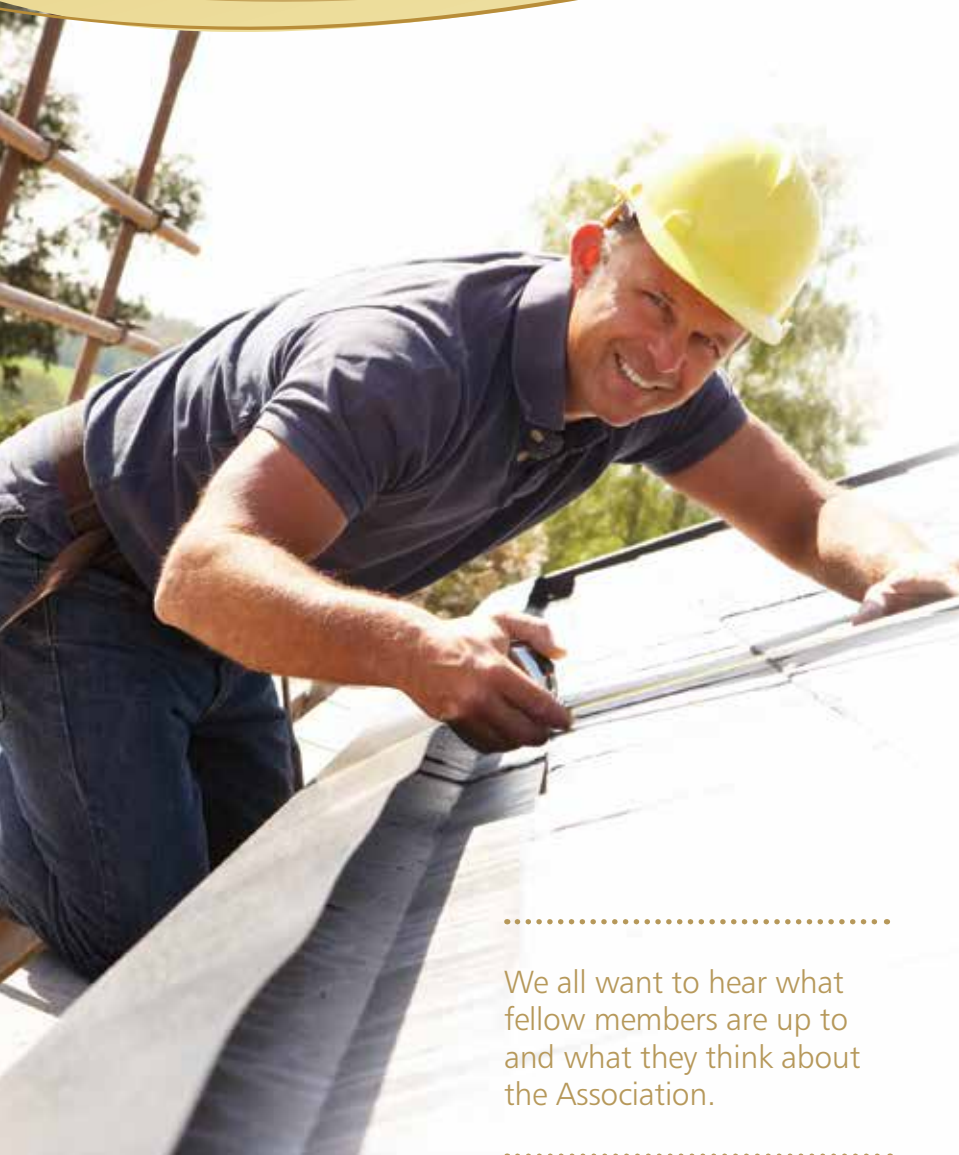
This is the first year for the event in London, in the wake of 16 successful years at the Birmingham NEC, and reflects the growing profile of the event and recognition of the growing international aspect to the industry.

As well as introducing UKATA to potential new members, the show also presents a unique opportunity to share our ideas, opinions and best practice with the great and the good from the health and safety sector and network with our existing contacts as much as looking forward to making new ones. It will also offer UKATA the chance of national and industry press recognition.

You will no doubt hear and see much more about next years UKATA appearance at the Expo in the coming months and the Development, Marketing & Finance Sub-Committee will be working very hard in the background to bring the membership an outstanding and professional exhibit stand. In the mean time if you have any views, comments or suggestions regarding UKATA's attendance at this event you can email us any time or you can visit the official Expo website at: <http://www.safety-health-expo.co.uk>.

Raise your profile

with a UKATA Matters member profile!



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We all want to hear what fellow members are up to and what they think about the Association.

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The editorial team here at UKATA Matters have been inundated with information from many of our members who wish to be featured in our regular member profile piece, but we still want to hear from more members.

In this issue we have featured M4 Property Solutions and our intention is to feature a new member in every issue, and whilst a number of members have already supplied information which we are preparing for future issues, we would still like more.

So if you have a story you want to put across to fellow members, contact Craig in the UKATA office who will provide you with a member profile Proforma. Simply fill in your details, answer the questions posed and your business could soon be at the heart of UKATA Matters.

The editor's decision on which profiles to publish is final, but the editorial team are naturally very keen to hear from as many different types of member as possible, so whether you are a massive company or a one man band, don't be shy and put pen to paper and get involved.

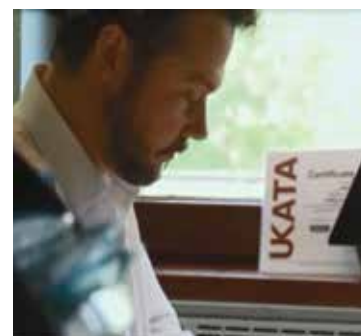
"Many members have pointed out that networking between each other is one of the things they like most about UKATA, so it clearly makes a lot of sense to get involved," said UKATA CEO Terry Barker. "We all want to hear what fellow members are up to and what they think about the Association, so we do hope other members will join the debate. There is a lot to talk about and the more members who speak, the stronger the Association will be."

At the moment, the plan is to publish two issues of UKATA Matters each year and to attempt to showcase as wide a variety of members as possible, so request your Proforma today and you could soon be the breaking news in the next issue!

UKATA appears on BBC's The One Show

Eagle-eyed Members watching 'The One Show' on BBC1 over the summer will have noticed UKATA making an appearance centre stage.

When Chartered Surveyor, Nick Hancock, was featured on the BBC program to talk about his record breaking attempt to spend 60 days in a 'rockpod' on Rockall, proudly displayed on his windowsill was his UKATA certificate. A brief cameo roll for UKATA, but an appearance on prime time BBC TV nonetheless! Former UKATA Chairman Mike Smith takes the prize of first person to blink and report the sighting to UKATA HQ!



“On the road again”

Autumn Regional Meetings dates announced!

Following an extremely successful programme of Regional Meetings earlier in the year, UKATA Chief Executive Officer, Terry Barker once again invites all members to attend the Autumn series of Regional Meetings. Terry welcomes the opportunity to update members on the latest initiatives as well as listening to members views, opinions and to answer any questions.

The Autumn Regional Meetings will take place across seven locations throughout October and early November. Details of the Regional Meetings, including, dates, times and venue can be found here:

REGION	DATE	MEETING	BUFFET
North East	Tuesday, 22nd October, 2013	1.30pm – 3.30pm	1.00pm
Scotland	Wednesday, 23rd October, 2013	10.30am – 12.30pm	12.30pm
North	Thursday, 24th October, 2013	10.30am – 12.30pm	12.30pm
Midlands	Tuesday, 29th October, 2013	10.30am – 12.30pm	12.30pm
South West	Wednesday, 30th October, 2013	9.30am – 11.30am	9.00am (breakfast)
North London	Wednesday, 30th October, 2013	2.00pm – 4.00pm	1.00pm
South London	Thursday, 7th November, 2013	10.30am – 12.30pm 1.30pm – 4.00pm (Compliance Training)	12.30pm – 1.30pm

NORTH EAST: ACAD, TICA House, 34 Allington Way, Yarm Road Business Park, Darlington, Co Durham, DL1 4QB
Tel: 01325 466 704

SCOTLAND: CIRCA Consultants, 30 Nisbet Street, Glasgow, G31 5ES
Tel: 0141 556 2290

NORTH: Coal Consultants, 1st Floor, 3 Phoenix Court, Wakefield Road, Brighouse, HD6 1PF
Tel: 0113 3971040

MIDLANDS: Bradley Environmental Consultants, 20 Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, West Midlands, B63 3US
Tel: 0121 550 0224

SOUTH WEST: Almondsbury Interchange Hotel, Gloucester Road, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4AA
Tel: 01454 613206

NORTH LONDON: Safety Services (UK) Ltd, Unit 9, Lakeside Industrial Estate, Stanton Harcourt, Oxon, OX29 5SL
Tel: 0845 402 5050

SOUTH LONDON: HILTON MAIDSTONE, Bearsted Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5AA
Tel: 01622 734 322

We sincerely hope that members will be able to attend one of the venues offered as the Regional Meetings are an excellent way of meeting members and hearing first hand UKATA's latest achievements and plans for the future.

If you have not yet confirmed your attendance, please complete and return the invitation recently sent to you or contact the UKATA office.



Asbestos in the news

no excuse for flouting the law on asbestos safety



Despite UKATA's attempts to highlight the importance of training when it comes to the safe removal of asbestos, this year has seen no respite from prosecutions of those who proceed to remove asbestos without the necessary training, showing a complete disregard not only for the law, but more importantly, the safety of themselves and others.

In June, two self-employed builders from Birmingham (trading as G Builders) pleaded guilty to breach of the Health and Safety at Work Act and were each fined £2,000 and ordered to pay £1,200 each in costs.

The two (Mr Ram and Mr Singh) had begun work on a home renovation for a client and despite neither holding the necessary licence to remove the asbestos boards in the property, they did so anyway. They failed to carry out an asbestos survey, nor did they ask to see one, (which is required by law) before any demolition or refurbishment work is undertaken.

In failing to take adequate steps to prevent both the exposure to and spread of asbestos fibres generated by their work, they put the householders, themselves and others at risk of inhaling the potentially harmful airborne fibres. The subsequent clean-up of the site cost the City Council more than £6,500.

"Despite repeated warnings and the increasing severity of fines and jail terms handed down by the courts, clearly many builders are quite prepared to put their own lives and those of others at risk by removing asbestos without the necessary safeguards," said UKATA

CEO Terry Barker. "Sadly, it seems repeated prosecutions are not enough to get the message across that asbestos removal is not a job for amateurs. Even those who have been trained need regular refresher courses to ensure their work remains of a high standard."

UKATA's mission is made difficult by the mistaken view that asbestos related diseases are a thing of the past. In reality over 4,500 people a year in Britain still die each year due to diseases caused by exposure to asbestos. While it can be disposed of quite safely, it remains a job for competent and trained professionals, as the diseases

caused by asbestos have no cure.

"Only a builder who has received the appropriate training in the safe removal of asbestos from a qualified UKATA member should ever consider taking on a job that may involve asbestos removal. An estimated 70% of buildings may contain asbestos, so it is well worth builders seeking the appropriate training and bringing themselves up to speed on the dangers posed by this killer substance."



A night on the tiles with asbestos could be a killer

While the case above highlights the smaller builders, sadly, disregard to the dangers of asbestos is not restricted to 'one man bands', as some large prosecutions this year have also shown.

In September, Poole Investments plc was fined a massive £60,000 and ordered to pay a further £20,000 in costs after pleading guilty to not one, but three breaches of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 at a disused tile factory.

Amazingly, the company had allowed people and workers on the site, despite being

fully aware of the presence of asbestos - from a survey the company itself had commissioned!

This report clearly stated that asbestos was present and that the area should be made out of bounds – but this warning went unheeded, exposing numerous people to unacceptable risks.

"This case shows that the courts are rightly not shying away from handing down big fines for breaches of asbestos regulations," added UKATA CEO Terry Barker. "The fact that the company allowed work to take place before an asbestos report was commissioned and when it knew asbestos was present, still allowed workers on site beggars belief. This

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case does highlight just how much work UKATA still has to do."

Asbestos worker death

UKATA Matters is also sad to report that a worker was killed while removing asbestos from a school in Wales in July.

James Paul, 26, died while removing asbestos from Cwmcarn High School. The school was closed to staff and pupils at the time due to fears over asbestos fibres.

James worked for a firm specialising in the safe removal of asbestos and while there were fears his death may have been asbestos related, at time of UKATA Matters going to

press, the inquest reported that the cause of death was electrocution. Whether asbestos had any part to play may come out as the inquest continues.

An investigation has been launched, with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) looking to establish the circumstances surrounding his death. It is believed he was working in a suspended ceiling space at the time the incident occurred.

This is obviously a tragic incident and UKATA Matters would like to join others, along with our members, in offering our thoughts and sympathy to Mr Paul's family at such a devastating time.

UKATA speaks at IOSH Branch Meeting

A training Bridge on Asbestos in Suffolk

On 20 September, UKATA director Bob Bridge continued his work on asbestos training, presenting to the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) East Anglia Branch meeting in Ipswich.

Entitled 'Planning the on-going control of asbestos in workplaces', the thrust of Bob's presentation on Friday was that on-going control of materials containing asbestos requires planning and training.

From 1.30 to 3.30, Bob introduced the various aspects of implementing and maintaining awareness training in conjunction with Broadland environmental group. The Business Development manager of Broadland, John Geraghty looked at the various aspects of maintaining an asbestos

management plan to ensure the effective control of known suspicious materials.

This meeting was part of a programme of sessions that usually attract anywhere between 80 -100 Health and Safety advisors from all areas of industry. As IOSH members, most people present at the meeting already have a good understanding of the law with regard to Health and Safety and the regulations governing the safe removal of asbestos, so rather than covering the basics, the sessions tend to focus on the advanced topics.

"My aim is to provide an insight into the work of training providers and as well as providing practical examples of the good the bad and the ugly, I use working examples to show practical solutions," said UKATA Director Bob Bridge. "I also look to raise the profile of the HSE website and registration process generally."

The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) has the biggest health and safety membership in the world and was the first European safety body to be awarded NGO status by the national Labour Organisation. Founded back in 1945, the IOSH has been a charity since 1962 and has more than 40,000 members in 99 countries and is the only chartered body for health and safety professionals in the world – making it the perfect match for UKATA's on-going mission to promote asbestos safety.

At the end of the meeting delegates leave with the ability to identify good



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standards of training and management and the ability to distinguish between the different levels of training offered.

The IOSH run regular branch events all usually conducted on Friday afternoons and are normally offered to their members free of charge. However, the meetings are open to members and non-members and members are encouraged to bring guests along. The meetings are usually very popular and well attended because the meetings can be used towards the IOSH CPD and resulted in Bob having a good, enthusiastic audience for his presentation.



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"I always welcome large audiences, but they can be difficult to interact with during the presentation, and we always look to make the information as accessible as possible," added Bob. "Most people are put off by detailed PowerPoint's and the delegates are no different, so we pick venues and methods that encourage interaction. To keep everyone engaged. I use stories, tales, pictures and movies in addition to audience participation and they always go down well."

The events are also intended to see that delegates have an enjoyable afternoon, with the opportunity to discuss issues with both providers and other members. Ultimately, the aim is to meet the delegates' needs to achieve CPD in both 'refreshing knowledge' and

skills and 'learning new ones'.

While Bob's presentation was very well received, there remains strong demand for other speakers who would be willing to address branches of the IOSH to take part, so if you feel you have got what it takes, contact the UKATA office. IOSH has branches throughout the country.

"Ideally, we would like to organise speakers to be able to discuss different aspects of asbestos planning," said UKATA CEO Terry Barker.

If anyone in principle would be interested in attending or speaking at IOSH regional events, please do not hesitate to contact the UKATA head office.

IOSH also organise workshops on topics of

interest from time to time. UKATA may well look to be involved in some more of these in the future. Members should keep an eye on future editions of UKATA Matters and the UKATA website for details.

"I would recommend that members get involved and consider attending future IOSH branch meetings," added Bob. "It is genuinely a two way process and I like to think I have got as much out of it as the delegates have. Generally delegates have very good questions at the end of the event, as we are already speaking to a knowledgeable audience, while meeting new people and providers is a great way to network and discuss the latest thinking on asbestos safety."



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Winner of UKATA Matters £4,000.00 Prize Draw Announced

The lucky winner of the £4,000 Prize Draw from the summer edition of UKATA Matters, the newsletter of the UK Asbestos Training Association has been announced as Expedient Training Services Ltd of Jarrow, Tyne and Wear.



The Prize is a comprehensive business IT businesses security audit from Panoplia Security Services worth over £4,000. The Panoplia team will spend 1-2 days reviewing the current state of Expedient's IT systems, ultimately delivering a comprehensive report on both real and perceived risks, together with recommendations on how to mitigate against them.

We are looking forward to welcoming Panoplia to our offices, listening to what they have to say and taking on board their advice.

"Our warmest congratulations to Expedient Training Services on winning our prize draw," said UKATA CEO Terry Barker. "Panoplia offer discounts to UKATA members for their services but I'm sure Expedient will welcome receiving the fruits

of their work and wisdom free of charge."

"Everyone at Expedient is thrilled to win the UKATA Matters prize draw," said Expedient's Training Safety Health Environmental and Quality Manager, Lorraine Brown. "As a business, it's not every day you win a professional business audit worth thousands of pounds, so we are looking forward to welcoming Panoplia to our offices, listening to what they have to say and taking on board their advice." Expedient Training Services Ltd (ETSL) is one of the UK's leading training providers for the construction, utilities, engineering and manufacturing sectors. Founded in 2002, Expedient Training Services provides the complete training solution to all of its corporate and individual clients with a customer focused approach that adds value.

Many companies are not aware of the technological and physical threats to their business and may be blissfully unaware that their systems,



intellectual property and website may not be safe.

The question many businesses face is how to stop the leakage of information from employees and other non-authorised sources and Panoplia has the answers; specialising in plugging any potential security gaps they find; without stretching hard pressed financial and human resources in the process.

"I would like to congratulate Expedient on winning the UKATA competition and we are very much looking forward to a trip to the North East to meet Lorraine and the ETS L team, and working with their IT consultant," said Panoplia's Nick Besant. "We can use our experience to recommend simple changes to business practices that can reduce the technological and physical threats to the organisations we work with, often without any additional capital expenditure."

UKATA is a leading authority in asbestos training in the UK, a privileged position that has only been achieved by hard

work, dedication and a focus on Quality and Standards that is second to none. From a standing start, UKATA now has over 160 fee paying Members with many more Membership applications pending. Forthcoming new legislation likely to mean the demand for Training and Consultancy services offered by Members will increase further. UKATA is always keen to talk to prospective Members who are 100% committed to the highest professional standards.

For further information on UKATA, visit www.ukata.org.uk



Win an overnight stay in a luxury Peak District boutique hotel

Plus special UKATA member rates at The Maynard in Grindleford

UKATA Matters has teamed up with luxury boutique hotel The Maynard in The Peak District's Grindleford, to offer one lucky reader a fabulous mid-week stay for two (including dinner, bed and full Derbyshire breakfast!). The Maynard is one of the finest independent hotels in the Peak District, and the prize is worth over £200.



The winner and their guest will enjoy spectacular panoramic views over the Derwent Valley as they savour a sumptuous three course dinner in the two AA Rosette restaurant, all expertly prepared by head chef Mark Vernon and his team. Then retire to your room for a good night's sleep, before enjoying a full English breakfast the following morning.

Located only a short drive away from Sheffield and Bakewell, The Maynard enjoys a superb location in close proximity to the picturesque Grindleford train station; both the train station and The Maynard were made famous as the favourite staging posts of the touring Australian cricket teams of yesteryear, when competing for the Ashes. The hotel has played host to the legendary Don Bradman and many more

stars of sport, screen and society over the years.

The lucky winner will discover a traditional hotel re-imagined in a contemporary style, whilst retaining its original features, ensuring the history of the building is not lost. A large selection of local art and photography adorns the walls for guests to enjoy and the décor, bar and lounge areas attract residents and non-residents alike.

For those members not lucky enough to win the prize, The Maynard has also generously agreed to offer a special 10% UKATA members discount to anyone wishing to take advantage of the hotel's facilities, to book a conference or other business event. With three function rooms to choose from, The Maynard can accommodate different sized groups and events with ease.

The Maynard's adaptable rooms can be tailored to meet all requirements. The main room can accommodate 250 people for a buffet or conference or 120 for a sit down meal. The smaller function room is perfect for everything from informal seminars to staff training. Members will need to quote the reference 'UKATA' when booking. Contact one of the hotel's team on 01433 630 321 or email info@themaynard.co.uk or visit The Maynard website at www.themaynard.co.uk

To win the prize, simply answer the question below and email Craig at info@ukata.org.uk with the answer, A, B or C by 31 November 2013. Mark your email UKATA Matters Edition 2 – Prize Draw.

QUESTION:

The Maynard has played host to legendary Australian Ashes cricket teams. What animal did one of the tourists smuggle into a teammates room on the 1938 tour?

A A Dog

B A kangaroo

C A Goat

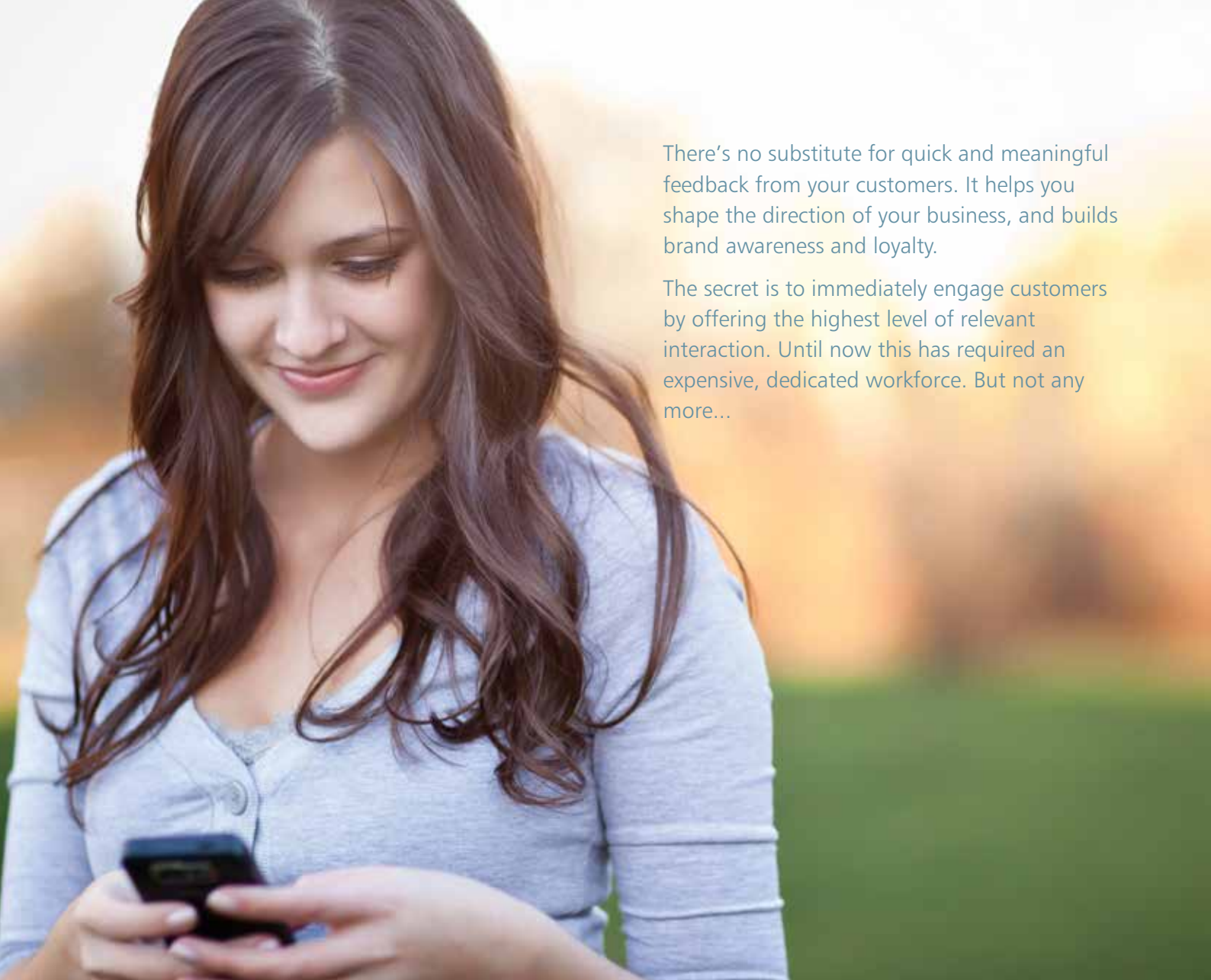
(To find the answer, visit <http://www.themaynard.co.uk/history-of-the-ashes-and-the-maynard>)

Please remember to include all your contact details on the email. Your full name, job title, email address, work telephone number and mobile telephone number. Good Luck.

Alternatively you can post your answer. Circle the correct answer and post to Craig in the UKATA office.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The luxury overnight stay competition is open to UKATA members only
- Prize is based on two people sharing a standard room for one night
- Prize will be issued as a voucher, valid for six months from date of issue and can be used only once (Sunday-Thursday only). Subject to availability
- Three course dinner, bed and breakfast included
- Additional drinks not included
- Any extras over and above the items detailed in the prize must be paid for at check out by the winner
- Normal hotel cancellation policy will apply
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