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Welcome

A very warm welcome to our Summer edition

Editor in Chief : Jacqui Royall



A very warm welcome to the late summer edition of UKATA Matters.

As always it has been a very busy few months with June seeing our attendance at the Safety & Health Expo, our best year yet, with visitor numbers up and interest in the association at an all time high. The team have been working hard to ensure that all the leads and opportunities from the Expo are followed up, read the full report on pages 8 - 9.

This year saw UKATA turn 10 years old and to mark the occasion we held a gala dinner on the evening of the AGM & Conference. See all the details of the AGM, Conference and the winners of the UKATA Excellence Awards on pages 12 - 17 I am sure that for those who attended, we can all agree that the evening was a spectacular success!

It is hard to believe that the association is only 10 years old considering where we are today, firmly at the forefront of our industry and the go to name for Asbestos Training Providers. As we have grown so have our team and the board of Directors considered that the time was right to look at the structure of the association and ensure that it is both fit for purpose and also fit for the future, it was therefore decided that our association needed the services of a Chief Operating Officer and I am delighted to announce that Craig Evans our General Manager has been promoted to that role. I would like to add my personal congratulations to Craig on his promotion which is indeed most well deserved. Going forward Craig will be further assisted by the Senior Leadership Team, freeing Craig from day to day duties to take-up a more strategic role and work closely with the Executive Committee, also attending events and meetings on behalf of the association.

Looking ahead we have the Contamination Expo coming up, for which we are partners and have a number of speakers lined up including our current Chair Graham O'Mahony. If you would like to see Graham he will be attending on Wednesday 12th September. Plans for the Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign 2018 and an exciting new initiative currently being discussed with The Department of Work and Pensions, is detailed on page 21.

Finally, if anyone has already had the opportunity to pop into head office, it will surely not have gone unnoticed that we have a brand new address and a brand new suite of offices, located just across the road from our old unit. To say this is a breath of fresh air is an understatement, staff and directors now have an office fit for purpose and a professional environment to work and receive visitors, if you are in the area it is well worth dropping in for a cuppa and a look round. As with any move I know that it has been stressful and there has been much hard work done in preparation for the move but it has all been worthwhile as the end result looks fabulous and a big thank you must go to all our staff who worked tirelessly to make the move happen so smoothly and efficiently.

With a busy programme for this Autumn and Winter I expect to have much news for our last edition of UKATA Matters for 2018 due out late November into early December, in the meantime may I wish everyone an enjoyable and successful few months ahead, don't forget if you have any news or items of interest let the team at Head Office know and we will do our best to include all suitable content.

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Welcome

from The Chief Operating Officer



Craig Evans -
The Chief Operating Officer

Welcome as your newly appointed Chief Operating Officer.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for recognising my dedication to the association in my new position as Chief Operating Officer of UKATA. I would also like to thank Members for their positive comments and encouraging support.

As regular readers will know, I have been with UKATA now for over six years and it is very encouraging to see the association go from strength to strength. I have been heavily involved with all aspects of developing the association to its current status today, particularly with strategic and operational planning and hope to drive further growth for the association over the years to come.

I am committed to improving the current membership opportunities and working with the board of directors in an advisory capacity to maintain best practice and progression for the association. This includes developing the staff team to ensure they can approach enquiries in a confident and concise manner.

The apprentice team are progressing well, with both Max and Saffron having completed their secondment within the marketing department. Leonie started her three-month secondment just as we went to print, having spent the last nine months within the membership department.

Contamination Expo

My first official engagement in this role will take me to The Contamination Expo in September, where I will be joined by UKATA "Veterans" Gill Lewis & Debbie Nixon. I look forward to seeing many members at this event.

IOSH Conference 2018

UKATA was recently invited to exhibit at the IOSH Conference 2018 and I must say we were delighted to accept the invitation. Exhibiting at the IOSH Conference is a great opportunity for UKATA and provides a strong platform for UKATA to continue raising awareness of asbestos and further promote training. I look forward to joining IOSH and members at what I know will be a very successful conference. Read more on pages 26 & 27.

Office Move

To further recognise the level of progression of UKATA, we have relocated to a purpose-built office on the same development at Markham Vale. From a small unit with no windows, to a bright and airy office, complete with more windows than staff. We are delighted with the space and if you are in the area please feel free to call in to meet the team, the kettle is always on.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Contamination Expo 12 - 13 Sept..... NEC Birmingham

IOSH Conference 2018 17 - 18 Sept ICC Birmingham

10 Years of Service

Debbie Nixon and Gill Lewis celebrate their 10 year anniversary with UKATA this year and were awarded with a long service award in July at UKATA Excellence Awards, see page 17 for more information. On a personal level I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to both Debbie and Gill for their commitment to the association and ongoing support.

Excellence Awards 2019

The UKATA AGM & Excellence Awards was a great triumph. The feedback received from members was extremely positive and the majority of members expressed an interest making the events an annual event. This will be discussed with the Board of Directors and further details will be provided in the near future.

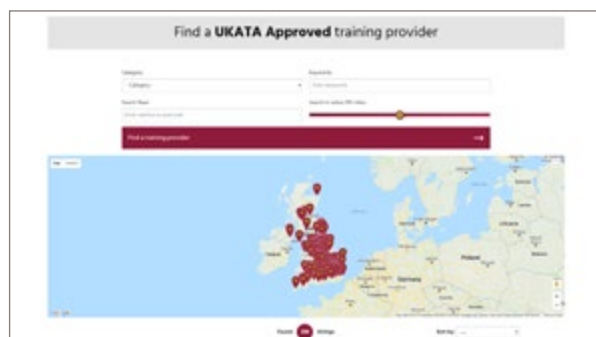
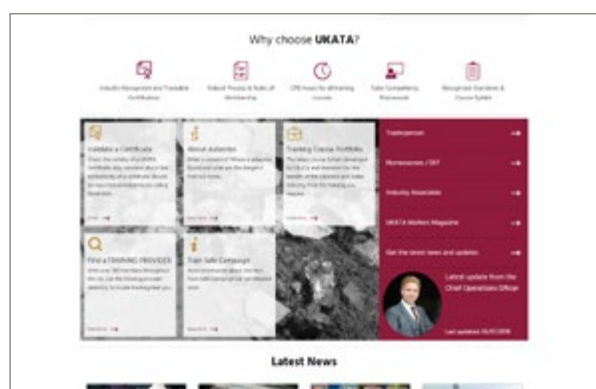
Website

I am extremely pleased to announce the soft launch of the new website began on 10th August 2018. After rigorous beta testing, the office team and a selected panel of experts were involved in the soft launch phase. The live launch is anticipated before 14th September, just as we arrive back from the Contamination Expo!

The new website has been developed on a significantly improved platform which increases the speed and operation of the site. The website benefits from an improved search facility to locate training providers and much more asbestos information and documents.

I have been closely involved on this project, which enabled me to put my IT hat back on, get creative and obtain feedback from existing website users, ensuring the best possible product to promote UKATA training providers. Furthermore, Phase 2 of the website development can now get underway which will see a hub dedicated to members and the consolidation of the Certificate Generator and Tutor Registration System.

The web address remains the same www.ukata.org.uk and your feedback would be welcomed.

A promotional banner for the IOSH 18 Conference. The background shows a group of people in business attire looking at documents. Overlaid on this is the text 'We're exhibiting at' in a large, bold, purple font. Below this is 'IOSH 18 CONFERENCE' in a large, bold, purple font. Underneath that is 'SHAPE A NEW WORLD OF WORK' in a smaller, bold, purple font. Below that is '17-18 SEPTEMBER | ICC BIRMINGHAM' in a smaller, bold, purple font. At the bottom, there's a pink bar with the text 'For the latest conference details, visit www.ioshconference.com' and a Twitter icon followed by '@IOSH_conference #IOSH2018'. The IOSH logo is also present in the bottom right corner.

Asbestos in the News



Company fined for poor condition of asbestos containing materials

7 June 2018

A company which manufactures and distributes furniture was fined £6,000 for failing to properly assess the risk from exposure to asbestos containing materials.

The Court heard that, during an inspection on 6 August 2014, concerns were raised by a Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspector about significant damage to what appeared to be asbestos containing materials which were encasing the structural columns and beams of the premises.

An investigation by HSE found that a company failed to properly assess the risks to employees' exposure to asbestos containing materials and failed to take measures necessary to protect employees from exposure to asbestos. The investigation also found that the company failed to ensure that anyone working on the premises was aware of the presence of the material (to make sure that it was not disturbed and to deal with any inadvertent disturbance to prevent the spread of asbestos fibres).

The company pleaded guilty to breaching of Section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and was fined £6,000.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector said: "This incident could so easily have been avoided had the company simply monitored the condition of the asbestos containing materials (ACMs) at their premises and had in place robust procedures to deal with any deterioration or damage to those ACMs.

"Companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate action against those that fall below the required standards."



Contractors fined for carrying out unsafe asbestos removal work without a licence

1 May 2018

Two contractors were sentenced today after removing asbestos pipe lagging without taking the necessary precautions to reduce exposure to asbestos.

The Magistrates' Court heard how the two contractors were carrying out refurbishment work at a residential property. Having removed the ceiling in the back room on the first floor of the property, the contractors discovered pipework running along the length of the roof space, wrapped in lagging. Samples taken of the lagging confirmed it contained asbestos.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that, between 10 June 2016 and 12 July 2016, the two contractors removed the lagging, despite knowing it contained asbestos. Neither contractor held a licence to undertake this type of work nor did they have the necessary training. The investigation also found the asbestos removal was carried out without the required measures in place to reduce exposure to asbestos, thereby putting themselves and the house owner at risk of exposure to asbestos fibres.

One of the contractors pleaded guilty to breaching regulations 8(1) and 11(1) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and was fined £576 and ordered to pay costs of £847 costs.

The other contractor pleaded guilty to breaching regulations 8(1) and 11(1) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and was fined £692 and ordered to pay costs of £844.

After the hearing, HSE inspector said "Asbestos is responsible for the premature deaths of approximately 5,000 workers each year.

"In this case, it was foreseeable that, in the absence of measures to reduce asbestos fibres becoming airborne during removal of the pipe lagging, that people were at risk of being exposed to them. It was reasonably practicable for the work to have been removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor under fully controlled condition thus reducing the risk of exposure to asbestos.

"Our website and other publications clearly state that asbestos pipe lagging should only be removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor, by trained asbestos operatives, and under fully controlled conditions to reduce exposure to asbestos."



Asbestos removal company and managers sentenced after forging documents

12 April 2018

An asbestos removal company, and two of its managers, have today been prosecuted after forging documents in order to obtain an asbestos licence from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The Magistrates' Court heard how, between 16 March 2012 and 10 March 2016, an asbestos removal company used both forged medical certificates and forged asbestos training certificates for their asbestos removal operatives. These forged documents had been made by their asbestos operations manager and included medicals in the name of the company operations manager, and forged training certificates for both the company operations manager and the managing director. The doctor who had allegedly issued these medical certificates had retired sometime earlier to live outside the UK.

The HSE investigation found the defendants had used forged documents to obtain an asbestos licence from HSE in order to trade. The investigation also found the company could not show that they had properly trained or adequately monitored their workers who were exposed to asbestos.

The asbestos operations manager pleaded guilty to breaching Regulations 10(1)(a) and 22(1)(c) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. He was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison suspended for two years and was ordered to carry out 200 hours of community service. He was also ordered to pay costs of £1,000.

The company operations manager pleaded guilty to breaching Regulations 10(1)(a) and 22(1)(c) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and was ordered to undertake 80 hours of community service and pay costs of £1,000.

The asbestos removal company, pleaded guilty to breaching Regulations 10(1)(a) and 22(1)(c) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and was fined £13,000 and ordered to pay costs of £10,000.

HSE inspector said after the case: "Putting people at risk from asbestos by not training them or monitoring their health, as required by law, not only puts their lives at risk from an incurable set of diseases, but is also wholly unnecessary.

"There are ample affordable training providers and approved doctors who can carry out these functions at the convenience of the contractor. Taking deliberate shortcuts by creating forged documents will not be tolerated by HSE and we will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards."



Surveyor fined after failing to detect asbestos

12 April 2018

A specialist asbestos company has been fined after failing to detect asbestos at a demolition site.

The Magistrates' Court heard how the asbestos company were commissioned to conduct refurbishment and demolition surveys by a construction company who were contracted to demolish garages for a client. The asbestos company stated in their surveys that asbestos was only present in the cement roof sheets, there were no areas that could not be accessed, and that there was no asbestos insulation board present in the garages.

On Wednesday 1 February 2017, the demolition of the garages went ahead but work was immediately stopped when suspect material was found. Another surveying company was brought in and confirmed the presence of large amounts of asbestos insulation board in the demolition rubble.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that the survey carried out by the asbestos company was incorrect and misleading.

The asbestos company pleaded guilty to breaching Section 3 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. The company was fined £6,700 and ordered to pay costs of £1,000 and a victim surcharge of £170.

Speaking after the case, HSE inspector said "This incident could so easily have been avoided by simply carrying out correct control measures and safe working practices.

"Companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards".

Safety & Health Expo 2018

For the fourth year running UKATA exhibited at The Safety & Health Expo in London.

The annual show, now in its fifth year at The Excel Exhibition centre, welcomed safety and health professionals from around the world for 3 days of networking, seminars and legislation updates.

The event attracted over 14,000 visitors, with a large number visiting stand T350 to discuss membership opportunities with Craig Evans, Debbie Nixon, Gill Lewis & Victoria Castelluccio who were representing the association at the show.

Members of UKATA and fellow associates were also present at the event where the shortlisted candidates for the UKATA Excellence Awards were announced (more info on pages 12 – 17).

The Inspirational Speaker Series was an unforgettable highlight. The show welcomed a fantastic line-up of world class speakers, including comedian and mental health expert Ruby Wax OBE, English rugby legend Sir Clive Woodward OBE and Nicky Moffat CBE, formerly the British Army's highest-ranking female officer. Craig Evans managed to secure a seat to hear Ruby Wax present, he returned to stand full of enthusiasm to share the inspirational talk with the rest of the team. Ruby Wax led an exercise, getting every crowd member to clap once and concentrate on the sensation vibrating through the fingers and hands. Taking time to concentrate on singular senses, she said, deactivates the gland producing cortisol. Like tapping your head and rubbing your belly, it is not able to do two things at once, and "happiness is being able to focus on what you want to focus on".





“We made computers to give us more spare time. To have them do jobs so we can do things we want to do. The joke’s on us, now we’re the slaves and they’re having a great time.”

Ruby Wax

AGM 2018

Held at Radisson Blu, East Midlands 6th July 2018

Representatives from UKATA Member companies attended the Annual General Meeting to hear the latest news, achievements and plans for the association and hear from two key industry speakers.

Following the formal business which was shared with attendees and issued to all members following the meeting, the election process commenced.

New Directors

The following Directors were welcomed to the board:

Licensable Director:

Matt Dawes

(Bradley Environmental Consultants Ltd)

Non-Licensable Director:

Jacqui Royall

(Asbestos Training Ltd) – re-elected to the board

Asbestos Awareness Director: Chris Gerrard

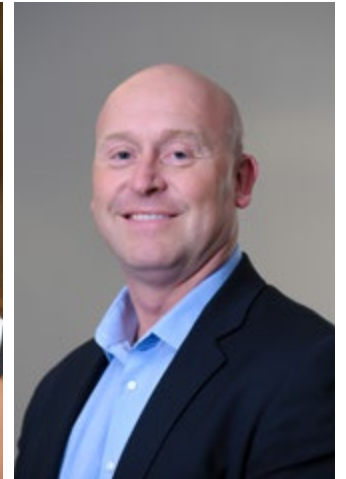
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Matt Dawes



Jacqui Royall



Chris Gerrard

Speakers



Sam Lord

Sam Lord is a Principal Specialist Inspector for the Health and Safety Executive providing technical occupational hygiene support to frontline inspectors as well as engaging with internal and external stakeholders. Her presentation included the preliminary findings of HSE research into current exposures and work practices in the asbestos licensed sector.

Professor Roger Willey

Roger Willey founded one of the first commercial Asbestos Test Houses in Scotland in 1978. Over 40 years Roger and his staff have completed well over 100,000 asbestos based projects and have undertaken research, consultancy and training on five of planet earth's continents.

Roger has been involved in many of the important developments in the Asbestos Industry – from the early days before the Asbestos Licensing Regulations, up to today's highly regulated frameworks.

His presentation described some of Roger's experiences: The GOOD, the BAD, the UGLY and the VERY UGLY.

As always he presented his own slightly off beat view of the world.



New Appointment

Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

Prior to closing the meeting, Chair Graham O'Mahony announced that he had one more item to raise.

In a move to drive growth, the decision was made to appoint Craig Evans to its newly created role of Chief Operating Officer.

The Chair, Members and the Team welcomed Craig Evans, Chief Operating Officer with a rapturous round of applause.

Formerly the General Manager of the UK Asbestos Training Association (UKATA), Craig's new appointment as Chief Operating Officer (COO) reflects the role he has played in developing the organisation over the last six years.

Within the newly created role, Craig will also take on more public-facing engagements in order to free up board Directors' time and respond to increasing industry demand for UKATA's services.

Commenting on Craig's appointment, UKATA Chair, Graham O'Mahony explained: "Craig shares UKATA's drive and focus to maintain and improve the industry's understanding of the dangers of asbestos and reduce the risks surrounding the material.

"He is a highly respected member of the team and his extensive knowledge of the industry as well as his strategic planning skills will be key in the future development of the association."

Craig added: "I am delighted to accept the role of Chief Operating Officer with UKATA. Having pushed the association forward over the last six years I am looking forward to further expanding UKATA and developing the team."

He added: "I am very excited by our future plans to expand further and develop new syllabi in order for members to continue to deliver high-quality asbestos safety training to even more people and ultimately reduce injury caused by asbestos exposure."

A former winner of Business Person of the Year at the prestigious Derbyshire Times Business Awards, Craig has more than 10 years' experience in leadership and management roles.



UKATA EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018

Celebratory dinner & dance plus Excellence Awards

To celebrate their 10th Anniversary, UKATA held a celebratory evening to include Excellence Awards across 6 categories.

July 2018 saw the celebrations take place at the stunning East Midlands Radisson Blu Hotel, attended by more than 100 guests including Olympic Medal Winner Kriss Akabusi.



Charity Auction

The evening began with a charity auction lead by John Green, items including football memorabilia and signed photographs were on display for members to place their bids, an exciting live auction item – Harry Kane signed football boot, saw members in a bidding war, with the final call hitting over £1,000! The event raised over £3,000 with profits donated to Mesothelioma UK.





Kriss Akabusi

UKATA invited Kriss Akabusi to attend their 10 Year Anniversary celebratory dinner to deliver a motivational speaker slot.

As soon as Kriss walked through the door he had the audience completely captivated. He shared moving stories and gave encouraging words in respect of teamwork! Kriss was energetic, and the crowd were willing participants throughout his presentation, which was upbeat with an element of humour and wit.

Kriss shared tales from his sporting past, combined with inspirational memories of his experiences of working as part of a team.



UKATA EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018

Excellence Awards

Six organisations were recognised for their commitment and innovation to asbestos training at the UKATA Excellence Awards.

The awards were free to enter and open to all UKATA member companies.



Essential Site Skills Limited
Advertising Campaign Award



MCP Environmental LLP
Corporate Social Responsibility Award



Santia Asbestos Management Limited
Customer Service Award



Caerphilly County Borough Council
Workforce Development Award



Asbestos Training Limited
Training Initiative Award



Airborne Environmental Consultants Limited
Innovation Award

Highly Commended

Due to the high level of entries the judging panel awarded the following members with a Highly Commended certificate:



The Health & Safety People Ltd
Workforce Development Award



Training & Safety Consultants Ltd
Training Initiative Award



Ferncroft Environmental
Innovation Award

UKATA EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018

Chairman's Award

As well as organisations, two individuals were honoured at the awards in recognition of their service and dedication to the Association since 2008. UKATA's inaugural Chairman Peter Robinson received the Chairman's Award recognising his contribution to the Association for over 10 years.



Lifetime Achievement Award

Professor Roger Willey received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Considered the leading authority on maritime asbestos related legal cases, the UKATA award recognised Professor Willey's personal commitment to raising awareness of the dangers of asbestos by regularly speaking at national events and seminars.



Outstanding Contribution Award

Mesothelioma sufferer and campaigner Mavis Nye was also recognised at the awards, for her outstanding contribution to raising awareness of asbestos. Since contracting the asbestos-related disease in 2009, Mavis has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the condition. Last year she launched the Mavis Nye Foundation which aims to support individuals affected by asbestos related cancer and fund mesothelioma research.

Already, the fund has raised £100,000 which will be used to provide grants to newly diagnosed victims of mesothelioma and reimburse their travel expenses during the search for treatment. In addition, the charity wants to support medical students to become mesothelioma doctors and offer grants to secure Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNCs) in the UK.

Unfortunately, Mavis was unable to accept her award due to other commitments, however this will be presented to her at The Contamination Expo in September 2018.



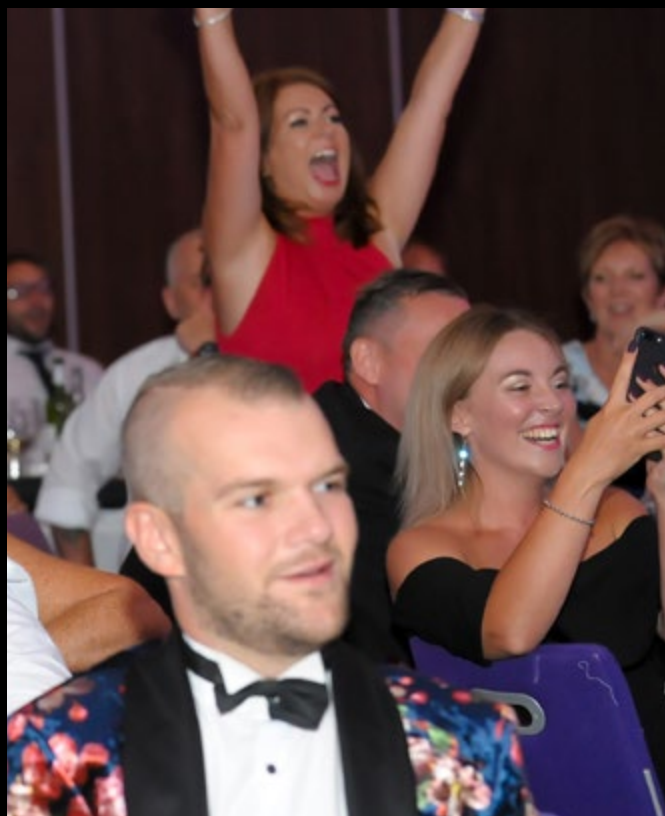
10 Years of Service Awards

Organising an awards ceremony in a small office with a tight-knit team was made slightly more challenging when the decision was made to present two deserving long serving staff members with a service award. Sneaky phone calls to the engravers and video presentations to be proofed out of earshot, made completely worthwhile with Gill Lewis and Debbie Nixon accepted their award presented by newly appointed Chief Operating Officer Craig Evans.



Gill and Debbie are both dedicated to the association and committed to their roles. They were full of joy at the ceremony, quite rightly so!

Can we do it again?



Holding the awards was an excellent opportunity to not only mark 10 very successful years but also recognise the individuals and organisations that have made this possible.

The feedback from members was extremely positive and the board have been approached to finalise their decision for 2019.

If you have any further feedback regarding the awards/ categories please submit to victoria.castelluccio@ukata.org.uk



CONTAMINATION EXPO SERIES 2018



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EUROPE'S LARGEST EVENT FOR CONTAMINATION PROFESSIONALS

Thousands of the UK's top hazardous materials professionals will head to Birmingham's NEC this autumn to learn, discover, network and share solutions.

Making its highly anticipated return on 12 & 13 September, this year's Contamination Expo Series will bring together seven of Europe's premier contamination exhibitions: Land Remediation Expo, Spill Response Expo, Clean Air Technology Expo, Hazardous Materials Expo, Wastewater Expo, Nuclear Decommissioning & Remediation Expo, and Geotechnical & Geoenvironmental Expo.

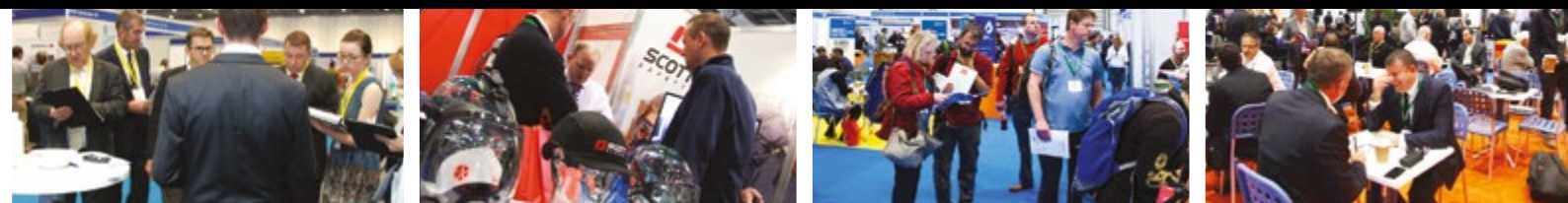
In 2018, Hazardous Materials Expo is set to be one of the busiest areas within this all-encompassing Series - an event dedicated to the removal, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials; strategies for asbestos management, removal and training; and promoting the most environmentally-friendly construction strategies.

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12 & 13
SEPT 2018
NEC BIRMINGHAM



Over two action-packed days, a lineup of the hazardous materials industry's most forward-thinking suppliers will exhibit their latest innovations at the show, while a schedule of educational seminars will be delivered by renowned experts and influencers within the field. Confirmed keynotes for this year's show already include the European Asbestos Forum's Yvonne Waterman and Jasper Kusters, ACAD's Graham Warren and UKATA's Professor Roger Willey.

CPD-accredited talks will take place across the show's six seminar theatres - providing an unrivalled depth of insight on the sector's most pressing issues and topics.

And with asbestos being a key focus for the seminars at Hazardous Materials Expo 2018, the UKATA-sponsored Theatre 24 will be a hub of knowledge for visitors looking to take their asbestos strategies and practices to the next level.

In this theatre, some of the most renowned and respected names within the world of asbestos, including UKATA's Graham O'Mahony BSc and Chris Bishop, MCD™'s Kapish Gobindlal and asbestos activist Mavis Nye, will speak about their current work in the industry.

What's more, Hazardous Materials Expo will run side-by-side with four other leading environmental exhibitions for the very first time in 2018 - with every visitor to the Contamination Expo Series having unlimited access to the neighbouring RWM Exhibition, Flood Expo, Future Resource Expo, and Marine & Coastal Civil Engineering Expo.

Go to contaminationexpo.com/ for more information on everything happening at Birmingham's NEC on 12 & 13 September, or head to <https://bit.ly/2AuEPIg> to register for your free tickets.



Technical & Training

New Addendums

UKATA is pleased to announce the launch of two new Addendums to the Asbestos Awareness and Non-Licensable Work with Asbestos Including NNLW courses aimed specifically at Operatives and Managers on Civic Amenity sites and Waste Management activities. These new Addendums will mean a that the training provider can tailor some of the content to make it relevant to those attending and achieving a better learning experience.

Asbestos Awareness for Waste Management and Civic Amenity Site Operatives and Managers

The Asbestos Awareness Syllabus and this new accompanying Addendum, will assist delegates to meet their legal obligations when undertaking work on Waste Management and Civic Amenity Sites where asbestos waste is knowingly or inadvertently received and provide them with an awareness of the types, condition and visual images of asbestos products which may arrive at the site where they work.

This new Addendum to the training portfolio is open to all UKATA Professional Members who consider themselves suitably knowledgeable and experienced to deliver this new content. More information and guidance on this can be found on our website within the Training Portfolio section.

Non-Licensable for Waste Management and Civic Amenity Site Operatives and Managers

This new addendum will assist delegates to meet their legal obligations when undertaking Non-Licensed or Notifiable Non-Licensed Asbestos work on Waste Management and Civic Amenity Sites where asbestos wastes are knowingly or inadvertently received. The Addendum also addresses the requirements and procedures for safely undertaking Non-Licensed and Notifiable Non-Licensed Asbestos Works at such sites.

The Addendum is open to all UKATA Non-Licensable and Licensable Members who consider themselves suitably knowledgeable and experienced to deliver this new content.

More information and guidance on this can be found on the UKATA website within the Training Portfolio section, alternatively call 01246 824437 with any questions.



Brand Development & Marketing



Train Safe Work Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign

This campaign has now been running for 3 years with the support of many UKATA members past and present. The campaign has proved a huge success with in excess of 4,000 hours per annum pledged by members, free of charge, to offer asbestos awareness training to those who need it most.

Asbestos related deaths remain the UK's biggest workplace killer with the death rate now reaching in excess of 5,000 per annum.

The purpose of the Train Safe Campaign is to raise awareness of the risks associated to working with asbestos and to ensure the correct information, instruction and training is delivered to the industry.

New Initiative for 2018

Advanced discussions with The Department of Work and Pensions are underway, with a proposal currently under review on plans for Train Safe Campaign 2018. The concept of the is to work with in partnership the Department for Work & Pensions and Job Centre Plus to deliver Asbestos Awareness training to those actively seeking employment. Further announcements will be made following the UKATA Board Meeting in September, with this in mind members may want to consider making their pledges in preparation for this years campaign which we intend to run from 8th October 2018 to coincide with Job Centre Plus Construction focus.



Award Winning

Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign was commended in 2018 at The Health & Safety Excellence Awards in recognition for the significant improvement in health and safety. UKATA Director Jacqui Royall was accompanied by Events & Marketing Officer Victoria Castelluccio to collect a certificate of excellence in recognition of the success of the campaign at a star studded event in Birmingham.

Member News

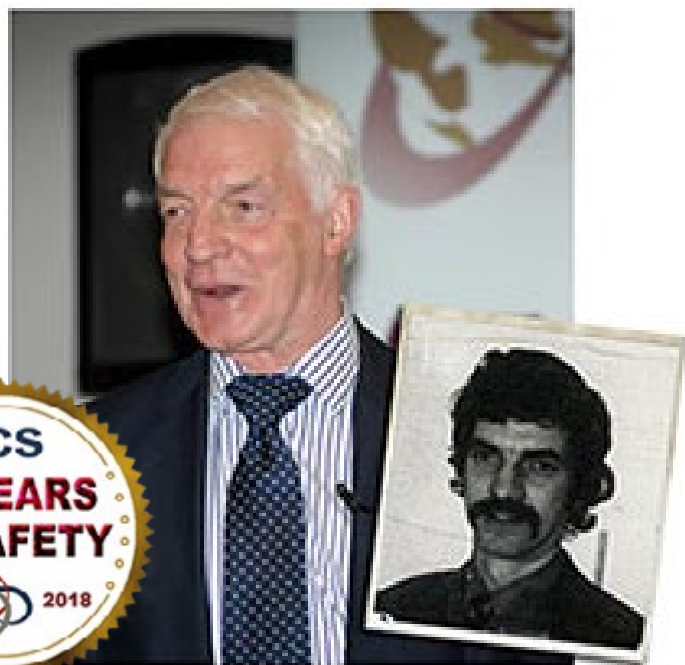
ACS Celebrating 40 years of safety

In 1977 Managing Director of ACS Professor Roger Willey began work on developing tests to identify asbestos. At the time there were no HSE guidance notes and no industry standards. His investigations took in x-ray diffraction, infra red spectroscopy, polarised light microscopy and electron microscopy.

Eventually Roger helped choose the dispersion staining microscopy technique; the current standard set out in HSE Guidance. This was just the start of a much longer journey that will be documented throughout 2018.

Reflecting on the work of ACS so far Professor Roger Willey says

"I am so proud of the lives we have saved over the last 40 years and that we continue to save going forward into our next decade".



Enquin celebrates 15 years

Enquin Environmental recently celebrated 15 years in business. The Cardiff-based asbestos consultancy, formed in 2002 with just four members of staff, has grown steadily to develop a strong UK commercial base, employing over 30 staff across three offices.

In 2009, Enquin were amongst the first Asbestos Consultants in the UK to be recognised as a UKATA Approved Asbestos Training Provider.

The Company prides itself on delivering a high quality, customer focused service to a loyal client base. It first gained UKAS accreditation for Testing and Inspection in 2003 and has successfully retained this accreditation ever since.

The team comprises of specialists who collectively have over 350 years' experience in the asbestos industry.

Michael Tully, Managing Director comments "We are proud to have achieved 15 successful years of trading and believe our success is down to customer focus and our long term customer relationships. We moved to bigger premises in 2005 and due to increased customer demand, doubled the size of our in-house Laboratory in 2014. We have also recently taken delivery of a purpose built Mobile Analytical Laboratory for use on sites where a Laboratory cannot be set up easily."

Staff and partners were invited to spend some time together to celebrate this important milestone, with a range of activities organised, including a celebratory Dinner.



C&C Training support Learning at Work Week



Back in May this year, C&C Training supported the campaign 'Learning at Work Week' by giving away FREE online training. The courses on offer were Accuracy & Attention to Detail, Asbestos Awareness Refresher & Manual Handling. This was a great opportunity for C&C Training to show case their e-learning courses whilst giving something back to support their client's development. The campaign was a great success with a total of 74 delegates taking part in the training.

C&C Training added

"We look forward to supporting the local communities and our customers further in future campaigns."

UKATA helps housing trust blaze a trail in asbestos awareness

When a £17million planned programme of works on housing stock was halted in 2003 due to insufficient asbestos records, Midlands-based housing association, The Wrekin Housing Trust, realised it needed a more robust framework for recognising and dealing with asbestos risks. Over a five-year period, the Trust overhauled its policies and procedures and introduced a comprehensive training programme with the help of UKATA.

Fifteen years on, the Trust boasts an enviable reputation as trailblazers in asbestos management within the social housing sector. Building Facilities Manager at the Trust, Jason Scott, has been in demand to run masterclasses across the country for the Housing Quality Network, and consults with other housing associations and local authorities on best practice.

"The Wrekin Housing Trust formed in 1999 taking over the management of 13,500 council properties in Shropshire, just before the legislation change banning the use of chrysotile asbestos in the UK," said Jason.

"Maintenance and refurbishment was high on the list of priorities, but after scheduling a £17million programme of works, we realised the asbestos records were outdated and unfit for purpose, and factored in a comprehensive survey programme before commencing work. At one point, we were surveying around 400 properties per month, it was a huge undertaking.

"We tendered for partnership contracts with specialist contractors for asbestos removal and disposal to ensure we had everything in place before renovation works started, whilst also ensuring the safety of both our tenants and our workforce.

"When UKATA formed in 2008; we joined almost immediately and remain the only housing association member. Our partnership led to me completing courses to become a UKATA approved asbestos awareness trainer

to offer in-house training to our trades teams as well as external courses to contractors as an extra revenue stream.

"The course highlights the dangers of working around asbestos, identifies the various types and covers the precautions necessary for personal safety and safe disposal. It's even been used as a best practice case study by contractors and consultants on safe working practices around asbestos."



The Wrekin
Housing Trust

"In total, the organisation invested £762,000 getting everything up to standard. We now set aside £½million per year just for asbestos surveys and specialist removal and disposal contractors, and an additional £10,000 per year for in-house training. We still have around 11,000 properties that contain asbestos, so it is a necessary spend as asbestos is something our tradespeople could be exposed to daily."

Over the past ten years, the Trust has led masterclasses on best practice in social housing asbestos management all around the country, with Jason personally consulting with colleagues across the social housing sector on making improvements to procedures.

"Ideally, all social landlords should provide the same level of training and have a solid set of procedures in place relating solely to asbestos management," added Jason, "When asked for my recommendations, I always advise using a UKATA approved company to conduct work on properties, or suggest access to UKATA training."

Member News

Shield Environmental Services Support The British Lung Foundation



Shield Environmental Services continues their support of the British Lung Foundation (BLF).

Shield Environmental Services works in many areas of the construction and marine industry offering specialist services to contractors from fire and security systems to demolition and asbestos removal.

Shield can assist with projects that start from scratch with demolition and asbestos removal services, including enabling works such as scaffolding, to setting up and maintenance of a premises or ship with our insulation, outfitting, electrical, and fire and security services.

Owing to our history and extensive experience with asbestos, our knowledge has grown and has made us one of the leading companies in the UK for our asbestos removal services. As such, our expertise has made us aware of the dangers caused by asbestos and mesothelioma, the cancer it can cause if disturbed or removed unsafely.

With such a cause so close to our hearts, it is unsurprising therefore, that we would find an affinity with the BLF, whose cause is the treatment of lung conditions, including mesothelioma. Their work supports the research made into this illness that is currently responsible for around 2,500 deaths every year.

Ian Jarrold, Head of Research at the British Lung Foundation, said: "Mesothelioma is a truly terrible disease. It is almost always fatal and there is currently no cure. But we're hoping to change this.

"We're so grateful to Shield Environmental Services for their ongoing support, and we're delighted that they're continuing on as a Mesothelioma Patron. It's thanks to our fantastic corporate partners, and everyone who donates to the BLF, that we're able to invest in vital research, and give hope, help and a voice to patients with mesothelioma across the UK."

Since 2016, Shield Environmental Services has been honoured to be a Silver Patron of the British Lung Foundation and such a natural partnership means that we are pleased to announce that we are continuing our support of the research and the works of the BLF for another year.

SOCOTEC, formerly ESG, has presented Children with Cancer UK with a donation to the value of £1621.17



The UK's leading provider of testing, inspection and compliance services has awarded the charity with a donation, which has been raised from fundraising activities organised across several SOCOTEC sites in the UK. Throughout 2017, SOCOTEC encouraged staff to dress informally on set Friday's in exchange for a small donation. Other fundraising activities included bake sales.

Following employee engagement workshops, SOCOTEC decided towards the end of 2017 that they would like to support one national charity across the group. Children with Cancer UK was one of 10 shortlisted. The shortlist was selected based on the organisation's charitable commitment percentage; this is the per cent of total donations spent in direct furtherance of the charitable mission, as opposed to administrative expenses.

Children with Cancer UK is the leading national children's charity dedicated to the fight against childhood cancer. Almost 4,000 children and young people are diagnosed with cancer every year in the UK and the charity aims to determine the causes, find cures and provide care for the children and their families.

Ian Sparks, CEO, SOCOTEC UK, commented: "Each year, SOCOTEC shortlists ten charities and all funds raised from Informal Fridays and other activities are donated to the chosen charity and we are delighted that as a company we managed to raise over £1,600 for Children with Cancer UK, which is such a worthwhile cause."

RSK's Zoe Brunswick winner at REBA Employee Wellbeing Awards

Zoe Brunswick, human resources director at environmental consultancy and UKATA member RSK, has won a REBA Employee Wellbeing Vanguard Award at the inaugural Employee Wellbeing Awards 2018. The awards, which were presented on Thursday, 8 February, celebrated the very best examples of success in improving employee well-being in the workplace. RSK was also shortlisted in the Employee Wellbeing Award for Physical Wellbeing category.

"I am very proud to have won an Employee Wellbeing Vanguard Award, as it is important to give employers recognition that they care about their people," Zoe commented. "This is really positive, both internally to employees and externally, as it enables businesses to attract and recruit the highest-calibre candidates."



The REBA Employee Wellbeing Vanguard Awards were open to human resources and well-being professionals who champion well-being within their organisation. Presented by the Reward & Employee Benefits Association (REBA), the awards hope to play a part in spreading best practice by identifying and sharing good employee well-being practices. The finalists, chosen from a high standard of entries, were assessed on how they lead the way in implementing a successful well-being agenda.

Zoe joined RSK, which now employs more than 2000 people worldwide, in 2007, and has been instrumental in setting up a hugely successful Health and Well-being Initiative with which all in the company can engage.

The RSK logo, consisting of the letters 'RSK' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.



The initiative began in February 2015 with the company's Healthy Heart Month, which aimed to raise awareness of cardiovascular health and encourage every employee to get involved, irrespective of their usual activity level. It included RSK's first Pedometer Challenge, where staff members were invited to see how many steps they could clock up over a four-week period. The Health and Well-being Initiative has since seen employees take part in six more events over the last three years, including Let's do Lunch, Give a Thought to Sport, Mindfulness Month, Diversity Day, Stress Awareness Month and a second Pedometer Challenge. The aim was to raise awareness of mental, social and emotional, as well as physical, well-being across the company.

The panel of judges recognised Zoe's leadership and commitment to employee well-being, which has brought RSK's offices in the UK, Ireland, Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Asia together as one. Zoe was announced a winner at an exclusive ceremony held at the Ham Yard Hotel in London, UK, for representatives from 40 organisations that submitted 80 entries for the 11 award categories.

The Vanguard Award came aptly as Zoe launched RSK's latest health and well-being event in February 2018, a third Pedometer Challenge. This has already seen a record 475 people in 95 teams clocking up as many steps as they can. The goal is to collectively beat the previous Pedometer Challenge total set in 2016, which stands at an impressive 89 million steps, and promote physical activity across the company.

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Better-than-ever speaker line-up

Delegates at IOSH 2018 will hear Dame Judith Hackitt (pictured) summarise the findings of her independent review into building regulations and fire safety, highlighting the need for culture change across the built environment.

And that's not all. Mark Gallagher, who has held senior management roles in Formula One motor racing for three decades, will look at how the sport has made safety its

central priority. Dominic Wigley, Group Health, Safety and Security Director for Merlin Entertainments, will recall the Smiler rollercoaster accident at their Alton Towers theme park, how they managed the aftermath and the lessons learned.

We also have Nick Pahl, CE of the Society of Occupational Medicine; Salman Khan, EHS Head - Siemens, Middle East, North Africa and Pakistan; and Ian Hynes, CEO of Intersol Global.



Managing OSH risks key for popular TV shows

Award-winning soaps, reality TV and chat shows are just a few of the programmes that keep millions of UK viewers glued to their televisions.

But none of it would be possible without successfully managing an array of health and safety risks.

From well-known cast and presenters to the film crew behind the cameras, Ruth Denyer and the risk team work with the production at ITV to support them in managing these risks while they create must-watch television.

"We run a creative business where we are producing different content all over the world every day, so our risk profile varies from day-to-day if not hour-to-hour," said Ruth, who is Group Operational Risk Director.

"We don't have a fixed staff population and have people doing different things every day, so this does present a challenge. In 2017, we made over 8,400 hours of

content through over 50 labels in 11 countries, supplying over 200 channels.

"Without good health and safety management this would not be possible."

Ruth will be among speakers at IOSH 2018. With Alison Hodgetts, ITV's Group Head of Health and Safety Risk Management, they will look at the organisation's 'Leading Risk' programme, which aims to instil ownership and responsibility for health and safety within the leadership teams across the ITV Studios business.

"We want to engage leadership in health and safety management; there is a perception that a completed risk assessment form means they are on top of health and safety risks. We wanted to build a much deeper understanding of risk management as an integral element of production activity rather than just a form-filling exercise," said Ruth.



Boost your job prospects at all-new IOSH 2018 Careers Zone

In a competitive jobs market, climbing the safety and health career ladder is tough. How can you gain that edge to grab your dream job – or secure that long-awaited promotion?

At IOSH 2018, we'll help you find out.

In partnership with health and safety recruitment specialists The HSE Recruitment Network and IOSH's official jobs site, HealthandSafety-Jobs.co.uk, we're launching a new Careers Zone at IOSH 2018.

It includes:

- Careers advice by specialists in health and safety jobs recruitment

- Briefings in our Careers Zone theatre on how to make that next step
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- The HSE Recruitment Network director Chris Rowlands said: "Our professionally trained (not to mention wonderfully engaging) recruitment consultants will be on hand to give you advice on what employers are looking for and what you can do to make yourself a highly marketable safety and health practitioner.

We will also be running brief sessions during the breaks at conference – some top tips for furthering your career, combined with some insight into what demands the future world of work might place on you as a safety practitioner.

"We're delighted to be teaming up with IOSH and Health and Safety-Jobs on the Careers Zone, and we look forward to seeing you there."

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Mavis Nye Mesowarrior



Mavis Nye

Regular readers of UKATA Matters will remember the story of “Mesowarrior” Mavis Nye. Mavis spoke at UKATA AGM in 2017 and works closely with the association on the mutual objective of raising asbestos awareness.

Mavis shares an update on her health, the latest news from The Mavis Nye Foundation and her plans to speak at The Contamination Expo 2018.

“After 2 years free of treatment I’m coming to terms with the fact I have it again and we travel every 2 weeks to the Royal Marsden as they have allowed me to have Pembro 10mg/kg. MK3475-28 trial allowance and I can have it for 1 year. The first Patient to re challenge the drug.

I’m on my 3rd infusion now and will have a scan in September to see if it is working. If not there is a trial at the Marsden of Pembro with a new drug (they won’t tell me the name). I expect my results just after we go to print, but I will of course keep the UKATA team updated and they will share this with my supporters.

It’s good to know there is a plan and that they see a way forward. I would get depressed if I thought that I have reached the end of the road.



I must be the only cancer patient to say “Oh great that pleases me” when told they have cancer again but my thoughts are that it will help to understand Immunotherapy and help more Mesowarriors. We are not wasting a moment of my time that is left.

This has all bought more interest in my case and I have been asked to a talk at so many conference’s with The Contamination Expo in September in UKATA Theatre 24, a huge venue here in London in October and one in Amsterdam which I will report on at the time.

The Mavis Nye Foundation is thriving and growing. I will be able to advertise for young Scientists to apply for a research grant for their mesothelioma research papers, where a board will sit and sort through to choose which ones will be successful in October 2018, with a Launch in December 2018.

So onwards and upwards working hard to raise donations for this work”

Mavis Nye



I have been told my Bi-Op is being used to see what the make up is of the new growth. How does it compare to the old Bi-Op of 9 years ago, what are the changes? This just might give them answers of why I had such a good response. I hope it does.



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Update from Mesothelioma UK

New specialist nurses

Mesothelioma is a cancer that usually affects the lining of the lungs and is caused by exposure to asbestos. Mesothelioma UK is a national charity that offers advice, support and clinical help to patients and their families, around the country.

This year, we have recruited five new Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) and we now fund 18 in total. All of them are based within front line NHS services, ensuring that anyone diagnosed with mesothelioma receives equitable access to the best treatment, support and care the UK has to offer. There are still large areas of the UK without access to a Mesothelioma Specialist Nurse and it is our aim to address this by increasing our nursing team to 30 over the next five years.

Supporting our Armed Forces

Mesothelioma UK successfully bid for a government grant last year to establish a specialist information, advice and support service for armed forces veterans and serving personnel.

The funding came from fines levied on the banking industry for manipulating the LIBOR rate (the London inter-bank lending rate). Proceeds from LIBOR fines are to be used to support good causes, in particular military and emergency services charities.

As part of the new service we have employed an Armed Forces Benefits Advisor who has been busy helping clients to navigate the complex system of claiming compensation and accessing benefits – a system which is different to that for civilians.

We are reaching out to an increasing number of organisations to pool our resources to reach those veterans and armed forces personnel who need our support.

Mesothelioma UK is joining the list of agencies offering our support to those attending the Veteran's Outreach Support (VOS) drop-in session and we hope to reach many veterans to raise awareness of mesothelioma and the help that's available.

We are also attending Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club meetings around the country and have set up a private Facebook group specifically for armed forces personnel and veterans. Members can chat and share experiences and we post relevant news and information at www.facebook.com/groups/mesoUKarmedforces

We're lucky enough to work closely with the University of Sheffield on mesothelioma research and the team there have recently begun a study as part of our Supporting our Armed Force initiative. The study aims to understand more about the patient experience of mesothelioma amongst British armed forces personnel. It will involve interviews with patients, families and healthcare professionals and will hopefully result in a better patient experience.



Action Mesothelioma Day

Action Mesothelioma Day events were held across the country in July with hundreds of patients, carers, family members and healthcare professionals in attendance. The annual event is now well established and events took place in many cities including Leicester, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Plymouth and Cambridge to remember those who have died and to hear about hope for the future in the form of new clinical trials and treatments.



Competition & Fundraising

UKATA will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 28th September 2018, 10am – 12noon to raise money for cancer research.

Message from Macmillan Cancer Support:
By taking part in a coffee morning, you're making a huge difference to millions of patients, their families and friends. There are currently 2.5 million people living with cancer in the UK.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Macmillan provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care.

UKATA will be getting involved this year by selling homemade baked goods in aid of Macmillan. The UKATA apprentice team have been encouraging team members and surrounding businesses to support the cause.

In 2016 UKATA successfully raised £120 for the charity.

Get involved and share your Coffee Morning photos with us on **Twitter @UKATA_Official #CoffeeMorning**



Competition

UKATA is offering the opportunity for members to win a luxury hamper:

Answer the following question correctly, to be in with a chance of winning this prize:

What theatre is UKATA sponsoring at the Contamination Expo Series 2018?

- Theatre F
- Theatre 24
- Purple Theatre

Please email your answer to info@ukata.org.uk by 30th September 2018 and mark your email UKATA Matters Competition Issue 15.

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