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Solvents Industry Association

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SIA Annual General Meeting & Dinner 2014 Welcome to the Welcombe!

Welcome to your newly re-branded SIA!

After listening to the feedback of our members and industry peers, we have re-designed our logo as the first stage to ensuring that we are recognised as a current and credible Association. Our significant achievements over the years have brought recognition and reward, and we believe we have created a fresh and modern image to accompany these achievements. It seems fitting that we should choose to launch the new design at our AGM, in the prestigious surroundings of The Welcombe Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon.



Hosting the AGM will be my final responsibility as SIA Chairman as I look to hand over the reins to Chris Hall of Banner Chemicals. During my tenure I have been very well supported by the General Secretary, Andrew Norman and your Executive Committee. Our objective to reduce costs, whilst making the association fit for the future, is very much on track, and you can expect to see more positive announcements very soon. I am very proud of the new training course "An Introduction to the Solvents Industry", which has been developed and delivered during my tenure. I believe this is a great example of the high quality work produced by our Association. Thank you to all the members who have given such wonderful support to all of our events and please continue to show such support as we welcome in your new Chairman.

Jonathan Ward—SIA Chairman

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SIA launches new training course

***'Really well explained, pitched at exactly the right level. Use of solvents especially good'**
- SIA Training Course delegate*

The latest SIA training course, 'An Introduction to the Solvents Industry' was launched in July, with the inaugural event held at Shell in Manchester.

Aimed at those new to the industry, or more experienced delegates with a desire to broaden their knowledge, this one-day course is designed to offer a training platform with which to build confidence through a deeper understanding of the industry, its products and its challenges.

Course delegates at the July event were present from eight SIA member companies, which was hosted by the SIA General Secretary, Andrew Norman, with technical support from Karl Shone of the SIA Technical Sub-Committee. Topics covered by the course include;

- The history of solvents
- Types of solvent
- Solvents end-uses and applications
- Safety, Health & Environment
- Transport & Packaging
- Product Stewardship

Andrew Norman said, 'As this was the first hosting of the course we had a degree of trepidation as to how well the content would be received, but the response and interaction from the delegates on the day was outstanding, with very positive feedback'.

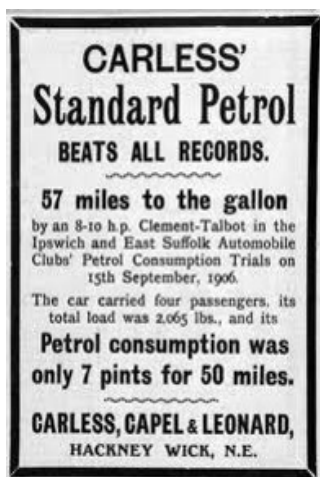
The next course will be held on Tuesday 25th November 2014, at Shell Centre in London.

The SIA has also run Customs & Excise courses in association with Customs 558 in 2013 and 2014, with a view to further staging in early 2015. These have also proved to be of great interest to SIA members.

Many thanks from the SIA to all contributors for ensuring the success of these initiatives.

To reserve your place on the next course or are interested in further details, please contact Andrew Norman, General Secretary, andrew.norman51@gmail.com

SIA Member focus— Petrochem Carless Limited



Part of the HCS Group, Petrochem Carless was one of the founder members of the Solvents Industry Association, and has recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Harwich refinery.

Starting as a 20-employee, single batch distillation facility as Carless, Capel & Leonard in 1964, PCL is now a leading manufacturer of speciality hydrocarbons, with facilities in the UK, Belgium, Germany and the USA.

Carless was a pioneer in the development of oil-derived materials and were the first to introduce the word 'Petrol' to the UK market back in 1870 (see caption left). Even back then the old bangers were achieving 57 miles to the gallon! On the subject of old bangers, Mark Brunt will be attending the AGM this year.....



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Productive year for the SIA Technical Sub-Committee



Members of the Technical Sub-Committee attending the meeting at Newson Gale in March. L to R; Andrew Norman (General Secretary), Simon Jordan (Schutz), Tom Hyde (Total), Karl Shone (Brenntag), Alex Brady (Newson Gale), Jeff Gill (Hayman), Rob Oades (Shell), Richard Walker (Caldic), Vicky Challis (Petrochem Carless)

'The work of the TSC in my first year as Chairman has been prolific' - Dr. Rob Oades, Shell UK, TSC Chairman

It's been a busy year for the SIA Technical Sub-committee in 2013-14!

No fewer than four Technical Guidance Notes have been produced over the 12 month period, one of which was almost 2 years in the making.

GN 51 — Selection of IBCs for use with Flammable Solvents

GN 57 — Confined Space Entry

GN 44— Packaging Waste Regulations (to be published in October 2014)

GN 56—Determining the correct ullage for packages containing flammable solvents (October 2014)

Recognised for the high standard of our technical publications, the SIA has produced a large number of Guidance Notes over the years, all of which are available for free download on the SIA website. SIA Guidance Notes have been regularly utilised as benchmark documents by a number of regulatory bodies when investigating incidents and implementing new industry guidelines.

The hard work is set to continue in the coming year with a number of new initiatives and the management of several legislative changes on the horizon.

If you wish to become involved with the TSC, or have ideas for future projects, we would be happy to hear from you. Contact details are on page 4.

SIA Spring Dinner — HMS Belfast



SIA Chair Jonathan Ward addressing Spring Dinner delegates aboard HMS Belfast

The Annual SIA Spring Dinner 2014 was held aboard HMS Belfast on the River Thames on the 27th March.

The ever-popular event was attended by a record number of delegates this year, and included a 4-course meal and a tour of the historic vessel, which was an active member of the British naval fleet during World War II.

Dinner as always was followed by the sale of raffle tickets, which raised £500 for the Chairman's nominated charity, Cancer Research UK. Our events committee are working hard to secure a top London venue for the next event, which will take place in March 2015.



The Solvents Industry Association is a trade association which represents the UK solvents industry, promoting the safe and responsible use of this vital group of products.

Solvents are present in almost all manufacturing processes and are estimated to be in use by more than half a million companies in Europe.

The SIA strives to deliver high quality technical support to our members through the work of our Technical Sub-Committee, and the production of Guidance Notes for solvents handling and use.

If you wish to become a member of the SIA, please contact Andrew Norman, General Secretary at andrew.norman51@gmail.com

Stories for future SIA News releases

If you have a story or item you wish to share for future issues of SIA News, please contact Andrew Norman, SIA General Secretary at andrew.norman51@gmail.com
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We would welcome your feedback / comments.

Dates for the Diary 2014

Social events

- SIA Golf Day 2014 — Menzies Welcombe Hotel, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Tuesday 14th October
- SIA AGM & Dinner 2014 — Menzies Welcombe Hotel, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Wednesday 15th October

Technical Sub-Committee Meetings

- Thursday 4th December 2014— Caldic UK, Chesterfield

Executive Committee Meetings

- Wednesday 15th October 2014— Menzies Welcombe Hotel, Stratford-Upon-Avon
- Thursday 11th December 2014— Newson Gale Ltd, Nottingham

And finally.....

Condolences

The SIA wishes to express our deepest condolences to the family, friends and former colleagues of Ieuan Thomas and George Wilshaw, stalwarts of the UK Solvents Industry, who are sadly no longer with us.



Congratulations to Peter Goody, who has recently reached the milestone of 30 years with Helm GB. Well done Peter!

Retirements

The SIA and our members wish a long and happy retirement to Simon Read of Alcohols Limited, and Andrew Ward from Total, two long-serving employees and strong supporters of the Association.

We wish them well for the future.

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