



Contractors Mechanical Plant Engineers

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER



Welcome to another edition of your National Newsletter.



CMPE NEWS

A Christmas message from your National Chairman:-

To All members of CMPE within the branches Nationwide.

Greetings to you all

May I, together with my wife Jo, wish you and your family all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

May I request that you all do your very best to try and improve the number of members within your branches. Regrettably membership has diminished somewhat, yet our Association's Certificate of Competence, now being operated by our Agents VMR is proceeding favourably and professionally.

Those of you who didn't know, I served the first COCs in my last year as National Chairman in 1983/84, No.1 to Norman Leatherbarrow of North West Branch and No.2 to a pal of mine, Graham Hudson of Manchester Branch. I started the scheme with great assistance from Jack Carr, Tom Jones and Pat Moore, all guys who socialised with CMPE and at the same time building businesses by meeting up with their competitors on a monthly basis and exchanging business in a sociable manner. Nowadays, people don't meet personally, unfortunately. Everything is done on line which is sad. However CMPE is

still a movement for business and pleasure and hopefully we can pass on this policy to our younger generation.

I will do my best to keep this Association going in strength, and if I can be of assistance, in any way, please contact me on 07770 444484 when convenient.

Again all the best to you and your families.

Yours truly, National Chairman Dave Hodges.

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CMPE CHARITY DONATION

Hi, again to you all.

Just a line to inform you of our annual donation to a charitable cause in the name of our Founder, Joe Russell. The donation has always been known as The Joe Russell Award Scheme. This donation is the responsibility of the National Chairman to suggest a cause/charity in their year of office. This year I have suggested Derian House Children's Hospice based in Horwich, near Bolton in the North West.

I will be presenting a cheque for £500 at the RMI Club & Institute, Ramsbottom Road, Horwich BL6 5NH on Sunday 7th January 2024 at 1.00pm, where Jo and I will be entertaining with a trio after the presentation.

Should any of you wish to attend you will be most welcome. The award will take about 15 minutes and the entertainment will go on till 3.30pm. You will be most welcome and I hope it will publicise our National Association.

The music by the way, as usual, is The American Songbook i.e. Sinatra, Bennett, Ella etc.

Hope you can make it.

Regards

David Hodges, National Chairman.



STAFFS & MIDLANDS BRANCH

On Wednesday 13th December, Staffs & Midlands Branch held a Turkey Trott golf competition at Chesterton Valley Golf Club for their members & guests.

The first photo is of Vic Spillard presenting a turkey to the winner Gabe Jackson.

The second photo is of Vic Spillard presenting the second prize turkey to Carl Falconer.

The third photo is of the meal after the competition.



Gabe Jackson receiving his winners turkey from Vic Spillard.



Vic Spillard presenting the second prize turkey to Carl Falconer.



The meal after the competition



INDUSTRY NEWS

Plant hire firms could be owed tax back after GAP's landmark legal victory.



Plant hire company GAP Group has won a tax dispute with HM Revenue & Customs that could have repercussions for whole industry, its trade association is saying.

GAP Group has succeeded in an appeal against HMRC relating to the rate of VAT charged on red diesel supplied in its equipment for hire.

The Scottish Plant Owners Association (SPOA) described it as a landmark victory that could reverberate across the whole plant hire sector. Companies may have been charging a higher rate of VAT on red diesel than necessary, depending on their specific circumstances.

The case centred around GAP's total fuel revenue in the financial years March 2017 to March 2020. HMRC maintained that the supply of plant machinery and the supply of diesel should be taxed together at a VAT rate of 20% as a single supply.

However, GAP argued that these were two separate transactions for VAT purposes, where the rate of VAT on the fuel, in this case red diesel, should have been just 5%.

While the construction industry no longer has access to rebated red diesel, it might be worth checking back into old accounts.

John Sibbald, president of the SPOA, said: "The SPOA welcomes this decision by the First Tier Tribunal. We are fortunate to have a member that has the resources to mount an appeal of this magnitude. The reality, however, is that lots of our members are SMEs and have simply followed the very limited and, in some cases, misleading guidance available. As a result, they could very easily have charged VAT at the incorrect level. The SPOA is grateful to member GAP Group for its actions in both bringing this case against HMRC and for highlighting this issue to the plant hire industry."

He added: "HMRC has confirmed that there will be no appeal to this decision. I would urge all plant hire companies to take specific advice from tax experts if they are concerned about the level of VAT charged on fuel."



Plant hire association chief resigns after six months.

Just six months into the job, Construction Plant-hire Association chief executive Stu McInroy has handed in his notice.



Giving no hint as to the reason, the organisation issued a statement today simply saying: “The Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA) has announced that the organisation has accepted the resignation of CPA chief executive Stu McInroy.”

Mr McInroy joined the CPA in June this year from the Road Safety Markings Association where he had worked for five years.

He had spent 21 years in the Royal Air Force, reaching the rank of wing commander before moving into the world of trade associations in 2009 – the Bookmakers’ Committee, then the National Pawnbrokers Association and the Road Safety Markings Association.

CPA president Brian Jones said: “On behalf of the CPA Council and the CPA team, we would like to thank Stu for his service to the CPA and wish him well in his future endeavours. The CPA has a great team of professional and dedicated staff and our primary focus is to continue to provide first-class support to CPA members and to continue to put construction plant-hire at the forefront of policy makers’ minds.”



NHS offers £300m to whoever can get its building plans on track.



NHS England is advertising for a project management firm to get its faltering hospital construction programme on track.

The new hospital programme delivery partner is in line for a seven-year contract worth £307m.

The new hospital programme (NHP) was created to fulfil the Conservative party’s 2019 manifesto commitment to build 40 new hospitals by 2030.

A National Audit Office report in July exposed the slow progress that has been made on the programme to date.

NHS England is now seeking expressions of interest from “suitably experienced organisations with the capability of delivering a high profile and important professional services contract”. The contract notice stipulates that “the successful tenderer will provide expertise in scheme design, programme and project management and commercial expertise to allow NHP to develop a more standardised approach to design and delivery, increase participation from suppliers in the health infrastructure market, and unlock efficiencies and accelerate delivery to allow NHSE to meet the government's commitment to deliver the biggest hospital building programme in a generation”.

Interested firms are directed to the Atamis e-sourcing portal health-family.force.com

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