

The Diecasting Society **AGM**

Over 15 members, plus secretarial support, met for the Annual General Meeting of The Diecasting Society, held on 25 April at Thomas Dudley Ltd, in the West Midlands (UK).



Treasurer, Simon Olive, gave current details of the finances, including the investments, of the society, both of which are healthy, president Stuart Gregory then circulated a copy of the end of year accounts which were approved.

During the meeting, Olive tendered his resignation as DCS treasurer after eight years' service and was thanked by all for his diligence and work in preparing the accounts.

Following a proposal by Stuart Gregory, those present voted for a change in the DCS Constitution. The change will enable the society to provide DCS members with some financial support for apprentices, for example, help towards the cost of training courses. This support will replace the *Annual Apprentice Award* scheme.

The president gave a review of the past year's activities and discussed possible future events. It was noted that technical information is very important for members and the DCS would like to request technical papers to be submitted to the society so that it can organise a webinar event. To get involved, contact Abigail Southall at the Diecasting Society, c/o ICME. Tel: +44 (0) 121 752 1810, email: abigailssouthall@cmfed.co.uk

MEET THE CASTER

A 'Meet the Caster' event was suggested with a possible technical conference in the afternoon.

The president also reminded those present that the DCS needed to attract a younger membership and that visit booking, reduced visit prices, new events and other social activities should focus on prioritising apprentices and potential members.

A new website is now running which will continue to be updated and populated.

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EVENTS

In November the society visited The Loughborough Bell Foundry Museum in Leicestershire, which gave a fascinating and historical insight into the world of bells. It is understood that visits are important to DCS members and so a full programme has been planned for this year, both social and technical, including a series of works visits. More information on this year's events is detailed opposite.

The president thanked the sponsors and organisers of the golf events: Midlands Golf, sponsor Tandom Metallurgical Group and organisers John Paterson and Simon Olive; National Golf Tournament, sponsor Coleshill Aluminium and organiser Pankaj Wara.

A CHANGE AT THE HELM

Stuart Gregory informed members that he would be retiring at the end of the year and was thanked for all his work since 2019. John Swift of Alucast was proposed and elected as the new society president and he was welcomed and thanked by all. Gregory will remain in post until some other items are resolved then will hand over to Swift.

The DCS Council was elected which included new members as detailed opposite.

It was agreed that the DCS subscription membership rates would remain the same for 2023/2024.

New faces on DCS Council

The Diecasting Society is delighted to welcome the following new members elected to serve on the DCS Council.

- Ben Broderick – UK sales manager, Uddeholme Voestalpine HPM UK.
- Alan Gillam – technical sales engineer, Petrofer UK.
- Mike Harper – foundry manager, Skaigh Engineering Ltd.
- Steve Wood – operations director, Bridge Aluminium.

We are always looking for input from the membership and are appreciative of those members serving on the DCS Council. We value your contributions in shaping the society and in offering fresh and dynamic advice and we are delighted to welcome four new members of council. For more information on how to get actively involved with the DCS, contact: dcs@icme.org.uk



Factory tour of Morgan Motor Company Malvern, Worcestershire Thursday 29th June 2023 Arrival: 1.00pm for a 1.20pm tour

The tour will last two hours and during that time attendees will immerse themselves in a mix of rare craft skills and the latest modern technology that goes into the design and production of each Morgan sports car. Visitors are guided through every workshop each one with its own sights, smells and sounds. An experienced and knowledgeable tour guide will lead the tour.

Ticket Price

DCS Members: £35.00
Apprentices and under 21: £20.00

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

We are pleased to announce the following will be taking place this year.

Thursday 29th June

Morgan Motor Company – Works Visit

Malvern, Worcestershire

DCS Members: £35.00, Apprentices/Under 25: £20.00
Limited numbers, please book

Wednesday 19th July

JCB Hydrogen Plant – Works Visit

Limited numbers, please book

July – Date to be confirmed

Go Karting

A fun event – apprentices versus management

Friday 8th September

National Golf Day

Sponsored by Coleshill Aluminium Ltd

Moor Hall Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands

Tuesday 26th September

Anson Engine Museum – Museum Guided Tour

DCS Members: £25.00, Apprentices/Under 21: £15.00
Price includes buffet lunch.

Poynton, Cheshire

Thursday 19th October

Coventry Transport Museum – Museum Guided Tour

DCS Members: £30.00, Apprentices/Under 21: £20.00
Price includes buffet lunch.

Limited numbers, please book

November – date TBC

Aston Martin – Works Visit

Gaydon, Warwickshire

Limited numbers, please book

December – date and venue TBC

Social Activity

For more information about all events visit:
www.dcsoc.org.uk

Please note that booking is essential

Join the Diecasting Society

Membership is open to both individuals and companies who have an interest in the manufacture of die cast metal products. That interest might be as a foundry or a supplier to a foundry.

Each member receives the *Diecasting Society Newsletter*, and reduced rate attendance at all the Society events, both technical and social. Annual membership is £45.00 for an individual member and £235.00 for companies (which includes four reduced rate places for named employees at the company). The cost for a student or trainee is just £8.50.

To start enjoying the benefits of membership email: dcs@icme.org.uk or visit www.dcsoc.org.uk



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DCS Website

The DCS website has been updated. DCS members are invited to submit entries to the website, news items etc. to populate it by emailing: dcs@icme.org.uk