



## Annual General Meeting

**F**ifteen Members plus two attendees met for the Annual General Meeting of The Diecasting Society at Uddeholme in Oldbury, West Midlands (UK) on 24th April 2024.

President John Swift of Alucast Ltd, chaired the meeting and outgoing treasurer Simon Olive summarised the society's accounts for the last financial year which were in a stable position.

The new DCS treasurer is Ben Broderick. The accounts were agreed and accepted by all.

Copies of the 2023 Accounts are available from the secretariat, ICME.

The president gave a review of the past year's activities and formally thanked immediate past president Stuart Gregory, for his hard work and commitment and wished him well with his retirement and a speedy recovery with his illness.

*It was announced that DCS membership subscriptions would remain unchanged for 2023/24.*

### Election of members to the national council

Steve Wood, Bridge Aluminium, agreed to become vice president with a view to becoming DCS president in November 2025.

Stuart Gregory, Steve Gill and Simon Olive stepped down from council and were thanked for their services. All other council members agreed to continue.

Following the meeting, those attending were able to tour the Uddeholme facility.

*For more information on how to get more involved with the society and details of becoming a council member email: [dcs@icme.org.uk](mailto:dcs@icme.org.uk)*

*Image above, source: Shutterstock*

## Die Casting Technician Shortages

# TRAINING PROGRAMME

offers help



**T**he long term global demand for die cast parts, of all types and sizes, continues on an upward trend with more and more parts being re-designed for diecasting.

This is however creating problems for diecasting plants which need to recruit new technicians to increase their workforce and meet the escalation in demand.

A growing list of companies have found a new way to solve these problems – they are hiring suitable new people, many of them young and who may have worked in completely different industries and enrolling them in an online training program in Die Casting Technology.

The programme enables new recruits to quickly learn all of the important technical aspects of the process without excessive pressure being put on existing staff. Combining this structured learning with the practical skills and experience they learn in the plant, enables them to become highly productive in a much shorter period of time.

### RIGHT FIRST TIME SUCCESS

Increasing the first shot success rate and enabling a 'right first time' experience throughout the production process, from initial design through to volume and series production, can save significant time and money for a company.

Completing this specialised course in diecasting ensures that there are no gaps in technical knowledge for employees and it can help to avoid bad habits being learned, greatly improving their performance and reducing the incidence of out of spec castings being produced.

The Cast Metals Federation is supporting this online course in the UK with local experts who can provide workshops, mentoring and additional training as required.

**For more information about the programme, contact the Cast Metals Federation on**

**Tel: +44 (0) 121 809 3500, email: [admin@cmfed.co.uk](mailto:admin@cmfed.co.uk)**

The programme includes courses that are suitable for production engineers, technicians and designers as well as machine operators and whilst the focus is around high pressure diecasting, there are courses that will be equally relevant to gravity and low pressure companies.

## Welcome to new **DCS COMPANY MEMBERS**

*The Diecasting Society welcomes new company members AlloyLink Ltd, Frederick Cooper (Birmingham) Ltd and Brouwer Metaal BV.*

AlloyLink Ltd was founded in 2016, with the primary objective at that time being to support companies



with business development and new project introductions. The first step in the venture was with Bridge Aluminium and eight years on AlloyLink is still enjoy this relationship.

The business has since developed and taken a few turns, adapting to enquiries, mostly in generating leads for new business in casting and machining and linking potential customers with suppliers.

The business has its foundation in the casting and machining world, and in recent years has expanded into support for presswork, tube manipulation and fabrications.

The objective of AlloyLink is to support its clients' business growth by developing leads, managing projects and being a conduit for product and services.

Contact: Bob Freeman, sales and commercial consultant, email: bob.freeman@alloylink.co.uk Web: <https://alloylink.co.uk/>

Frederick Cooper (Birmingham) Ltd is a provider of specialist wet paint spraying and powder coating solutions to the automotive and other sectors worldwide.



Contact: John Tunstall, senior engineering manager, email: johntunstall@frederickcooper.co.uk web: [www.frederickcooper.co.uk](http://www.frederickcooper.co.uk)

Brouwer Metaal BV is a major European supplier of copper, steel and tungsten alloys and consumables for all aspects of resistance welding and general industry.



The company can deliver copper spare parts form almost any manufacturer that produces parts for a large variety of industrial machines.

Contact: Dave de Boer, email: dave@brouwermetaal.com web: [www.brouwermetaal.com](http://www.brouwermetaal.com)

*The Diecasting Society looks forward to meeting our new company members at future events.*

### Midlands Golf Day

The Diecasting Society thanks all those involved in the *DCS Midlands Golf Day*, held on Friday 17th May at Barlaston Golf Club, Stone (UK) and sponsored by Tandom Metallurgical Group.

An excellent day was had by all who took part, and a full report will be published in the next issue of *Diecasting Society News*.



### 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](mailto:dcs@icme.org.uk) or visit [www.dcsoc.org.uk](http://www.dcsoc.org.uk)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

*The following event has already been planned for this year.*

Friday 6th September 2024

#### DCS National Golf Day

Moor Hall Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands (UK)

*This event is sponsored by Coleshill Aluminium*

#### DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

Aston Martin visit

Coventry Transport Museum visit

Diecasting Day – October

Evening at the Dogs, Perry Bar Greyhound Stadium – December

For more details and updates on events visit: [www.dcs.org.uk](http://www.dcs.org.uk)

### 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](mailto:dcs@icme.org.uk)