

## DCS visit to Coventry Transport Museum

*Twenty DCS members took part in the DCS visit to Coventry Transport Museum on Wednesday 5th November.*

The day included an excellent guided tour around some fascinating exhibits and the chance to network with peers in relaxed surroundings.

The museum's collection consists of motor cars, commercial vehicles, cycles and motorcycles.

The venue houses the largest collection of British vehicles and can boast some "must see" items, such as a Humber staff car, used by General Montgomery during the Second World War,

and an Austin Allegro, previously owned by the then Lady Diana Spencer.

Coventry itself is the birthplace of the British cycle and motor industry, with the museum displaying a wide range of vintage cars and modern prototypes. It is also home to the two fastest cars in the world – Thrust SSC and Thrust 2.

During the day, attendees, including apprentices from DCS member companies (pictured below), were able to get up close to some of the most impressive vehicles in the world and get a real feel for the museum and all that it has to offer.

*The Diecasting Society would like to thank the museum for a fun and informative tour and thanks those who took part for their continued support. The DCS calendar tries to encompass visits to industry sites and venues of specific interest to the membership, any suggestions for future visits would be welcomed, along with any offers from the industry to host visits.*

**For more information or for suggestions, email: [dcs@icme.org.uk](mailto:dcs@icme.org.uk)**



## Welcome to new DCS COMPANY MEMBERS

### Kinetrol Ltd

Kinetrol Ltd is a UK based manufacturer established in 1958, with over six decades of experience producing actuators and dashpots. It is renowned worldwide for the quality and reliability of its products.

Everything is designed and manufactured in-house, from product and die design to machining and assembly, ensuring full control over quality and innovation.

With seven high pressure diecasting machines and over one hundred dies, the company is well established in its diecasting processes.

For more information, visit: [www.kinetrol.com](http://www.kinetrol.com)



### Skaigh Engineering Co Ltd

Based in Cudleigh, Devon, ISO 9001:2015 approved Skaigh Engineering Co Ltd manufactures aluminium gravity die cast components (machined) for a wide range of customers in various industries across the UK, including: medical, marine, defence, highways, safety, rail, high end audio etc.

The company specialises in aluminium grades A356, LM4, LM6, LM25 and zinc aluminium ZL12, producing castings in batch sizes of five to one thousand from 100g to 30kg.

On-site services comprise: die and tooling manufacture, shell sand cores, heat treatment to TF TE TB7, various surface finish treatments, the ability to fully machine castings on site, full dimensional control of machined components that are quality inspected with the latest CMM technology.

Skaigh assists with customers' concepts through to the finished cast/machined component, including fabrication and sand casting conversions to gravity diecastings.

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

## Supporting the industry

*The Diecasting Society has welcomed a changing of the guard with Steve Wood of Bridge Aluminium Ltd stepping into the role of president. He takes over from John Swift of Alucast, who has held the position for the past two years.*

The handover happened during the DCS visit to Coventry Transport Museum in November, where fellow members were able to thank Swift for his service and congratulate Wood on his new challenge.

Here Steve Wood tells us a little about his career and his aspirations for the Diecasting Society in the coming years.

"I have been in the industry since the age of seventeen, starting out as an apprentice toolmaker at Lawday Engineering and then moving to BSK at eighteen as a gravity die caster. When the business closed, I moved to Bridge Foundry, now Bridge Aluminium, and, other than a short absence of thirteen days, I have been there since, fulfilling most manufacturing roles until 2020 when I became operations director.

"The UK diecasting industry has seen some decline over the years and, as senior leaders within the industry, we are reducing in numbers. I am keen to support my peers and the up and coming engineers within the society members' business's so that the next John Swift, Stuart Gregory or Steve Wood et al. will have the same opportunities and rewarding careers that we have enjoyed.

"I would like to thank John Swift for his services as president and as a council member and for his continued support and I look forward to the next two years engaging with members, sharing knowledge and identifying opportunities to grow the society."



Outgoing president, John Swift (left), hands over the presidential chain of office to new president Steve Wood during the recent Diecasting Society visit to Coventry Transport Museum

## 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: [dcsc@icme.org.uk](mailto:dcsc@icme.org.uk)