

“Promoting awareness of Health, Safety and Environmental initiatives to local businesses”

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2014 – 2015  
Seminars

To be formulated and organised in due course.



## *Herefordshire Health and Safety Group Newsletter – April 2014*

Annual General Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014



### **Tour of Wye Valley Brewery**

Starting the evenings AGM the committee and members present were given a power point illustration of the history of the Brewery by Jimmy Swan – Operation Director Wye Valley Brewery. This was followed up with an exhibition of sample ingredients used by the company and their association with local producers and suppliers. The site tour took everything into account, from how ingredients are graded and how each one affects the fermentation process and gives each ale its own distinct and unique flavour, through to the final leg of the process which was the despatch methods employed by the company.

The tour of the site was both informative and very well coordinated – the HHSG would like to thank Jimmy and Wye Valley Brewery for not only allowing the use of the facilities, but also for the tour which everyone present commented on was extremely enjoyable and highly recommended for those that haven't been on one. The finale of the tour which was the tasting session with favourites like Butty Bach and HPA being sampled with great enthusiasm!

### **The Plough Inn – Stoke Lacy:**

A short walk through the car park led to a finger buffet at the Plough Inn where members and the Committee enjoyed a marvellous spread before the opening of the AGM. Once again the Group wishes to express its gratitude to the Plough Inn for its facilities and buffet.

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## Annual General Meeting Summary:

Ron Aston (President) opened the proceedings by thanking the Committee and members for their continued support of the Group and also highlighted the Groups achievements in membership retention and being awarded the Alan Butler Silver Award. Ron then made the announcement publically that he and Mike Burge (Treasurer and Membership Secretary) would be retiring after the evenings AGM although both wish to remain as committee members. The Minutes of the last AGM held on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were read out and signed as being accurate.

Those present:

Committee (11) : Ron Aston, David Baldwin, Amber Coffin, Rob Arnold, Mike Burge,

Roy Sevier, Adrian Gale, Bruce Chartres, Viv Quinn, Louise Evans, Peter Smith.

Guests (5) : Roger Bibbings, John Forsyth, Peter Griffiths, Stephen Sellars, Steve Evans.

Apologies (7) Committee: David Pritchard, Les Coultas and Nick Jones, Members: Colin Taylor, Stuart Poole, Geoff Carrington, Rodney Campion.

### Chairman Report:

Dave Baldwin (Chairman) began his report for the 2013 – 2014 period by thanking the committee and members for the organisation and attendance at the seminars as well as on the whole the positive feedback received. The Groups website and newsletter were highlighted as being a welcoming return for communicating with members.

Membership continues to be stable which is a positive note. The HHSG ended 2013 with the announcement of it winning the Silver Alan Butler Award from the Safety Groups UK.

The chairman concluded by thanking both Ron Aston and Mike Burge for all their hard work within the HHSG and as a token of appreciation both will become life time honorarium members of the Group. Wye Valley Brewery for both allowing us to use their facilities and the much appreciated tour are to be given 1 years free group membership.

### Treasurer and Membership Report:

Mike Burge gave his final report on the accounts of the Group as T&M Secretary which ended in highs of 2 new members on last year's final membership and also a very slight increase in the Groups accounts. The accounts Mike highlighted will as usual need to be independently audited by an externally qualified person. Mike then finalised with thanks to the committee and requested that he is allowed to stay on the Committee of the Group.



Mike Burge (right) handing over the reins as Treasurer to Adrian Gale

The following persons were voted on and subsequently elected to lead the Group in 2014 – 2015:

### **Election of Officers 2014 - 2015:**

President – Roger Bibbings MBE

Joint Chairman – Dave Baldwin and Rob Arnold

Treasurer – Adrian Gale

Membership Secretary – New position for further discussion at next committee meeting.

General Secretary – Amber Coffin

Minutes Secretary – Peter Smith

Media Secretary – Roy Sevier

### **Election of Committee Members 2014 - 2015:**

Ron Aston, Mike Burge and Geoff Carrington.

### **Election of Liaison Members 2014 - 2015:**

Bruce Chartres representing Herefordshire Council and Louise Evans representing Working Well Together.

For various reasons the following have stepped down from the Committee this year: Viv Quinn, Nick Jones and Les Coultas. The Group would like to thank those leaving for their previous support and wish them all the very best in the future and an invitation to re-join the Committee at a more suitable time in the future.

### **Election of President 2014 - 2015:**



It is with both gratitude and delight that Roger Bibbings MBE (on the right, with Ron Aston) announced his interest recently in becoming the President of the HHSG in wake of Ron Astons retirement. After voting, Roger became the 4<sup>th</sup> President in the Groups 46 year's proud history.

### **Any other business:**

MandM Direct Ltd has been approached by Rob Arnold, and has agreed to sponsor the HHSG to spend on promoting local health and safety in the season 2014 - 2015. This was voted on for acceptance and after a positive vote the Group would like to thank MandM Direct Ltd for their generous offer. The Group will look at other forms of sponsorship to allow for further growth and even better value for money for its members.



The AGM then ended with thanks from the Chairmen's to those that attended.

More pictures from the AGM.



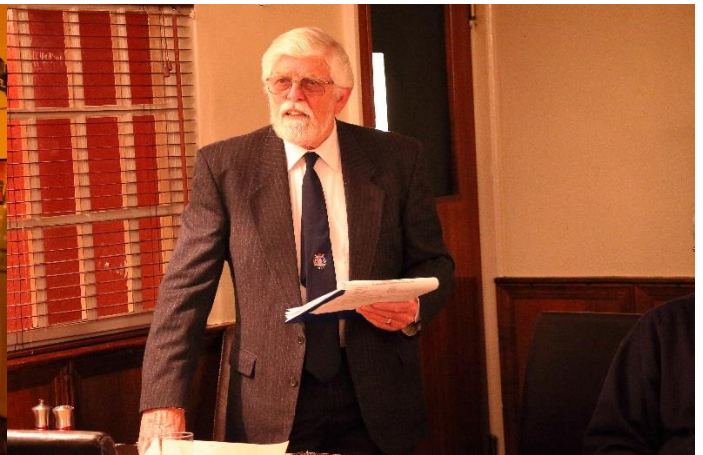
Jimmy Swan explaining the values of using good ingredients



One of the impressive tanks used in the processes



Joint Chairman - Dave Baldwin on the pull!



Ron Aston giving his final opening of an AGM as President

**Subscriptions now due for 2014 – 2015.**

**Renewal invitations will be sent out next week in the post. The Treasurer respectfully asks that renewal forms are completed and sent back promptly. Subscriptions have been frozen at just £30pa again this year. Could you also ensure that all contact information is up to date and any changes should be made on the renewal form or by contacting the General Secretary via the email supplied underneath.**

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