

# March Newsletter

Bringing you news and advice from one of the leading providers of compressed air solutions in the UK.

## Batting for charity

Every year **Overgate Hospice** holds a Sportsman's Dinner to raise funds and this year PPS supported the event by sponsoring a table. Located in Elland, near Halifax, the hospice provides invaluable end of life care and support for patients and their families.



On the right foot (L to R) Ian Harrison, Dean Saunders, Gary Whitaker.

The charity dinner, held on 16 January at Elland Cricket Club, featured a turn by comedian Rod Woodward and several sports personalities were in attendance, including former premier league footballer and manager Dean Saunders.

At the charity auction I made a successful bid for a cricket bat signed by the England team, which is now taking pride of place in my office – especially as two of the signatures are from Yorkshire players, Gary Ballance and Joe Root.

Corporate social responsibility has always been important at PPS and we were proud to contribute to the £35K (net) raised on the night for this very worthy cause.



Knocked for six: Neil Davidson presents Gary with the signed cricket bat.

## Video didn't kill the radio star...

Some of you may know that a few weeks ago PPS started working with Tempus Novo, an organisation that helps rehabilitated ex-offenders back into work.



Earlier this month, Director Ian Harrison spoke live on air about the partnership during a discussion on this subject on BBC Radio Leeds. Harry Gratton's job may be safe for a while yet, but we think Ian did a great job and we hope to find other ways to help promote the great work that Tempus Novo does.

Gary Whitaker

# Staff Profile

**Name:** Veronica Oie. **Job title:** Health & Safety Officer.

**Date started:** 9 April 2009

**Background:** Worked as a receptionist for a large firm, moved to accounts and later took on health and safety roles. Veronica gained her IOSH (Institute of Occupational Safety and Health) Management Certificate last year.

**Role:** "My aim is to implement and develop a positive health and safety culture for all the staff at PPS, both in the building and out on the road," Veronica says. "Within that, I strive for staff CPD. It's important for employees to understand the importance of health and safety."

This includes running staff inductions and setting up basic and job-specific training for employees, from ladder safety and manual handling to asbestos awareness and IPAF qualifications for working at height.

All PPS employees carry ECITB and CSCS cards and Veronica also ensures that they have the full correct personal protection equipment, such as hi-vis vests, and suitable head protection. The team also has Environment Agency licences to ensure they are fully compliant with environment regulations.



Veronica also submits information annually for the company's Safecontractor accreditation. "They are very stringent and we have to prove that we comply with and practice health and safety."

**Most rewarding part of the job:** "Although PPS has always been aware of health and safety, I've brought in blanket training to make sure all the employees are safe. It's rewarding to work as a team and implement initiatives together."

It also makes the business more successful and gives our customers peace of mind as we carry out risk assessments and make sure the team has the right equipment to work safely on site.

This year I have introduced a monthly acronym, which is posted on the staff notice board. This month it's TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More."

**When not at work you'll find her:** Veronica volunteered at a drop-in centre on Christmas Day, which provided Christmas dinner and presents for disadvantaged people. "A number of PPS employees made donations instead of buying Christmas cards for colleagues, which enabled me to purchase food, toiletries and drinks for the drop-in centre, and one of our customers donated some items too. I found it so rewarding I'm now looking at further volunteer work."

## Everything you need to know about...Compressed air leaks

Do you know how much money you are wasting in compressed air leaks?

Thousands of pounds could be wasted in your company every year.

A compressed air leak the size of a match head (1.6mm) wastes enough energy in an eight-hour working day to toast 444 slices of bread.

The energy wasted from a compressed air leak the size of a match head is responsible for yearly CO2 emissions equal to the weight of four Ford Fiestas.

With a comprehensive leak detection survey we can tag every leak detected and issue a comprehensive report detailing how much air and energy is wasted annually. The leak detection is carried out using a hand-held ultrasound detector. These detectors locate leaks that are inaudible to the human ear.

### A recent survey at a major engineering company in Yorkshire identified the following:

- 57 leaks located, tagged and recorded
- £25k loss in energy to feed the leaks per annum
- The above accounted for 161K + Kg of CO2 per annum
- All leaks were repaired by Pennine Pneumatic Services
- The repair costs had a 12-week pay back period

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