



## Welcome to the Applied Times

Welcome to the Applied Times. Our staff newsletter is intended to be an interesting, light hearted yet informative read. We welcome contributions from all employees—whether its a funny joke, an interesting fact or your recommendation of a colleague for employee of the moment. You could even recommend topics you wish to see in the future issues.

As our laboratories are spread over the UK and our inspections take us far and wide, the Applied Times is a method of updating you with the latest company news and generally finding out what our colleagues are up to.

Should you have any news you would like to share, please email

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### Personal Profile—Roy Smith

Roy Smith was born in Woodford Essex, since then he has lived in different parts of the country and now resides in North East Derbyshire.

His first introduction to NDT was at one of the UK's original foundries which produced an array of castings for various sectors including Fighting Vehicles, Nuclear and Petrochemical, many of these castings required full NDT including Radiography. Shortly after joining the company as a trainee he was "thrown into the deep end" and took control of the department, after 11 years the company was subject to a buyout from Sheffield foundry boss Andrew Cook, he was then offered the chance to set up a radiographic facility at one of the Cook foundries in Sheffield which he accepted and relocated his family to Sheffield to continue gaining experience with NDT, especially radiography which is his specialist subject. Since then Roy has worked at various other NDT companies gaining experience with High Energy linear accelerators, Cobalt 60, Iridium 192 and X-ray in sectors ranging from research and development for Rolls Royce and F1 with cast Titanium through to Aerospace cast Aluminium, Steel and recently with Super Duplex manifolds for oilfield application, he has also worked as a Quality Manager and Operations Manager.



### New Starters

**BURTON**  
Leanne Rafferty  
Danny O'Toole  
Terry Slater  
Phil Reynolds

**CHESTERFIELD**  
Roy Smith  
Aaron Siddall

Roy joined Applied in November 2016 to control Radiation Safety and has also taken on the role of Health and Safety, along with other duties utilising his 40 years of industry experience, "I was very happy to join Applied Inspection having known of the company for many years, after the acquisition by Rockwood I am looking forward to making a contribution to making Applied the NDT company to work for, I have a positive attitude and hope that this will help the company to move forward to become the UK's premier NDT facility".

When he is not working Roy likes to play acoustic guitar and keyboards, keeping fit in general with walking, swimming and cycling, listening to music, his taste ranges from heavy rock through to jazz and everything in between.

# 25 Years at Applied!



Martin joined Applied Inspection, Chesterfield as a trainee in June 1991 as part of the YTS Training Scheme, which earned the company the prestigious Variety Club of Great Britain Award for Training.

He was presented with his gold watch for 25 years service in 2016.

Mainly based in Chesterfield as a laboratory technician, Martin has progressed to be Laboratory Supervisor, although like all members of the team still helps with site NDT as workload demands. He holds dual PCN and ASNT Level II qualifications in Radiography of castings and welds, Ultrasonics of castings and MT/PT. With his extensive knowledge and experience in the vast array of products involving NDT he is involved in contract reviews, technique development, setting up and supervising technicians in the laboratory and technical review and approval of final reports.

Martin will be a key team member in helping to develop and expand our Betatron capability at the Burton-On-Trent facility.

A father of three, his personal life revolves around his family, although his love of cars and driving has always been a factor in his life and based on this Martin was asked to become one of Applied Inspections Smith Driver Training Instructors, a function he has carried out with enthusiasm and professionalism.

We would like to thank Martin for his commitment to Applied Inspection, his co-workers and customers alike, and hope this continues for a long time to come.

## EXAMS PASSED

Ben Hopcott PCN VT Level II

Jack Cadd PCN MT Level II & PCN PT Level II

Dean O'Toole PCN ET Welds Level II

Ben O'Donnell PCN UT Welds Level II

## Birthdays of the month

James Bailey  
Martin Long  
Russell Swain  
Ian Morris



Simon Hopcott  
Gavin Burgess  
Suzanne Chappell  
Steve Scaddan

## Betatron at Burton

JME Advanced Inspection Systems have installed a Portable 7-5MeV X Ray Betatron in our Burton facility. This will enable us to offer high energy Radiography and quicker turnaround times for components up to 250mm of steel.

## Changes at Ossett

David Slater has moved up to Ossett laboratory to implement Quality Operating Systems which is already implemented at Burton and Chesterfield.

Dennis Lee from Acuren who worked with us to integrate us into The Acuren System, has been replaced by Todd Neustat. Todd will work closely with the management team to help with the growth of the business.

## SUGGESTION BOXES

Don't forget we have suggestion boxes at our Burton, Chesterfield and Ossett Offices.

If you think of any ideas, please post these in the suggestion boxes. There will be a prize for the best suggestion.



ALL SUGGESTIONS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

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 ☆ Previous month's ☆  
 ☆ suggestion awards go to Neil Grant and Dave Baker ☆  
 ☆ who received a £50.00 Halfords voucher ☆  
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## Joke of the month



*A priest, a doctor, and an NDT engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The NDT engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!"*

*The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!"*

*The priest said, "Here comes the green-keeper. Let's have a word with him."*

*He said, "Hello George, what's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"*

*The green-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."*

*The group fell silent for a moment.*

*The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."*

*The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them."*

The NDT engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"