

# South East Region Newsletter

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### NEWSLETTER

#### A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

##### **Diary Dates - reminder**

9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – DECRA Roofing Products lecture by Mark Knewson

13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - The South East Region Annual General Meeting

Venue for the above will be the Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Skittles Evening – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at The Bull Inn, Henfield.

2018 Annual General Meeting and Dinner & Dance – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Venue the Leigh Park Country House Hotel and Vineyard, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire.

##### **JCB Secures Major Deals**

JCB has secured one of its biggest ever UK orders with rental company A-Plant who have placed an order for more than 1,200 machines and a range of generators worth more than £55m. The order includes 600+ JCB Loadall telescopic handlers and 450+ mini and midi excavators, as well as JCB rough-terrain forklift trucks, site dumpers, backhoe loaders and tracked excavators.

This is good news for JCB's factories in Rochester, Uttoxeter and Cheadle, as well as Hixon, Staffordshire-based JCB Power Products, which is manufacturing a total of 162 generators ordered by A-Plant following its first-ever purchase of JCB units last year. The volume of generators bought is enough to power eight hospitals or 4,000 homes. It means that in the last three years A-Plant has placed orders with JCB worth more than £140m. All the latest purchases are being supplied through JCB dealer Greenshields JCB.

##### **Demolition Degree Launched**

The University of Wolverhampton has launched the first demolition management master's degree programme in the UK. Studies started this term at the University's School of Architecture & Built Environment.

Accredited by the Institute of Demolition Engineers (IDE), the course has been designed in conjunction with industry specialists and will be delivered by both academics and demolition experts, such as a previous ICM Manager of the Year winner John Woodward of C&D Consultancy.

Paul Hampton, Head of built environment at the University of Wolverhampton, is confident this will provide significantly to the demolition industry and the wider built environment sector. In particular, it will address the sector skills gap and provide a meaningful step change for recruiting future talent.

Mick Ulyatt, Chair of the IDE education committee felt the formal accreditation of this degree is an historic landmark for the development of demolition engineering and an important milestone in getting more young people interested in pursuing a career in demolition. There is no problem attracting labourers and operatives but young people are needed to become chartered demolition engineers, senior managers and the leaders of the future. Ten people have signed up for the master's course, which comprises 15 different modules ranging from asbestos removal and façade retention to working with explosives and health and safety.

### **Eastbourne's Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park**

Work on the above has begun, utilities are being installed and the site's access road extended to enable further offices to be developed. This infrastructure work is being carried out by Walker Construction and is expected to be completed by early Spring 2018.

Sea Change is managing the construction of a new community centre at the western end of the business park. The infrastructure work follows successful letting of Pacific House offices the first scheme which economic regeneration company Sea Change Sussex has developed on the innovation Park. In addition to Pacific House the Innovation Park has sites able to accommodate further premises when infrastructure works are completed.

### **Arts Venue**

The transformation of a former brewery in Lewes into a major arts venue, with cinema, restaurant and education facilities has won a regional planning award.

The venue, known as Depot, Lewes Community Screen, is on the site of the former Harvey's brewery depot close to Lewes Station. The redevelopment, undertaken by Burrell Foley Fischer and the South Downs National Park Authority also includes an orchard, wild flower garden and landscaping.

### **Floating Home in City Marina**

Manufacturer Vent-Axia has supplied ventilation to a floating home in Chichester. Vent-Axia based in Crawley is providing energy efficient and effective ventilation to a new exciting project which promises to offer a new way of living.

With a housing shortage in the UK and an increase in building on flood plains and land at risk of flooding, the floating home offers an exciting housebuilding solution. Inspired by canal living and designed by Baca Architects, the Chichester prototype model was built by Floating Homes Ltd. and is not a houseboat but a house that floats. It is situated on a residential mooring on a disused canal which runs alongside Chichester Marina.