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THE IFEDA A.G.M. 2008



Don Munro receiving the grateful thanks of Chairman Colin Payne and the members for all his help and assistance to IFEDA.



More pictures of this enjoyable event can be seen on the IFEDA website

Welcome to the latest FireTalk. The month of October saw another hugely successful IFEDA AGM with members enjoying a day of informative seminars including updates on BS5306 parts 3—8 and product information from Hochiki.

Whilst we welcomed Bryn Morris and Marc Gray as new committee members, sadly, we said goodbye to Don Munro and Nick Coneybear who both stepped down, a big 'Thank You' to both for all they have done for IFEDA.

Later, and before dancing until the early hours the membership were royally entertained by comedian Jack Glanville and his 'straight' man our very own Gary Graves: Gary's impersonation of Max Wall/Julian Clary (take your pick) can be seen above.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following companies who have recently been granted full membership of IFEDA:

Fortress Security Alarms Ltd of Strathclyde
Marlow Fire + Electrical Ltd based in Preston

Their full details can be found on the member's pages of the website.

And **BIG** Congratulations to all at;

Cwmbran Fire Protection (SW) Ltd
Wessex Fire Protection Ltd

who have been flying the Quality flag and have recently achieved their BAFE registration to SP101.

Well done also to **Blackwood Fire** who have recently added SP203 to their SP101/ST104 Registrations
(See profile on reverse).



Don't miss out on the chance to network with other members, catch up on the latest industry news and have lots of fun!

Make a note: IFEDA's 2009 AGM will take place on Saturday 7th November at the Charlecote Hotel, Charlecote, Stratford Upon Avon.

Book Early Competition
Thanks to all who entered the quiz from the last edition. The answer was Fred Pontin - congratulations to Carol Wilcox of Uni-Guard Fire who was the first to send me the correct answer.

STOP PRESS!!
The national portable extinguisher survey is to continue until the end of the year. Your continued participation is much appreciated and the forms are available via the website or more can be emailed to you if you prefer.

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October 2008: The RRO Has Teeth! Landlord jailed after fatal fire in Tottenham

A landlord has been jailed for breaching fire regulations after a fatal fire in Tottenham. The person in question was sentenced to four months in prison and his company, fined **£21,000** for breaches of the Regulatory Reform Order (RRO). The prosecution followed a fatal fire at a flat in Ruskin Road, Tottenham, on September 16, 2007.



A man was rescued from the building by fire-fighters and taken to hospital but later died from his injuries.

The landlord was sentenced at Wood Green Crown Court on Monday after pleading guilty to eight breaches of the RRO. It was the first custodial sentence to be given in London under the new fire safety regulations.

The breaches included failing to assess fire risks or provide appropriate fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms.

London Assembly member Brian Coleman, Chairman of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority which runs the London Fire Brigade, said: "This fire resulted in a man dying and highlights why landlords and businesses must take their responsibilities under

the regulatory reform order seriously.

"The London Fire Brigade works hard to bring irresponsible companies and individuals to court, which can as this case has shown result in a custodial sentence."

N.B the IFEDA website version of this article under 'Fire Safety Breaches' (members only area) gives details of the eight summonses involved in this prosecution.

Member Profile

Blackwood Fire Achieves SP203



One of IFEDA's newest committee members, Bryn Morris, was delighted to let me know that Blackwood Fire, having previously achieved BAFE SP101/ST104, have now achieved SP203 to complement the Fire Alarm & Detection Systems Division side of the business.

Bryn commented "Obtaining this accreditation highlights Blackwood's continued commitment to quality and expertise, which is gained by continual product and service method training. Importantly we are finding that accreditation means something to a wide range of organisations especially in the local authority fields and that clients in general are contacting accredited companies on an ever increasing basis.

Anyone considering the BAFE route should take into account the rewards accreditation offers with regards to business development: clients feel assured when they know that a company and its engineers have been audited by a third party."

Bryn went on to tell me that he had first entered the fire industry in 1989 as a sales rep' for Blackwood Fire before taking on the role of Service and Sales Engineer. Then, six years ago, having also spent time on the design and installation of fixed systems, Bryn was appointed as Blackwood's Fire Risk Assessor and more lately he has upgraded to Senior Sales/Service Technician with the duties of Fire Risk Assessment taking up most of his working time. With all this background knowledge Bryn is a most welcome addition to the committee.

Blackwood Fire are based in Blackwood, Gwent and cover South Wales, you can find them at www.blackwoodfire.com or call them on 01495-220399

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