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CUTTING EDGE



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER OF THE UK GASKET & SEALING ASSOCIATION

Annual Golf Day and Dinner – 22 June 2017

Shrigley Hall Hotel

Golf and Country Club

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Following our decision in 2015, we again returned to Shrigley Hall for this years' Annual Golf Day.

Attendance was good with 26 Golfers and 55 for the evening meal. This was the first time most attendees had played Shrigley Hall following the redevelopment work in 2015. All agreed that the new finishing holes are magnificent albeit a tad daunting with the 18th now a 170 yard par 3, over the lake from a tee situated beneath the newly decked balcony. Little surprise there were only 2 pars there on the day. Well done to Roger Dent (Hitek) and William Hunter-Rodwell (Northern Engineering).

Conditions on the day proved tough, with most players starting off in light rain, but this soon tapered off and the players wearing shorts breathed a sigh of relief. Following Shrigley Hall PGA Professional Anthony Herbert's Macmillan Longest Day Challenge the day before, starting at 05:30 and finishing in the

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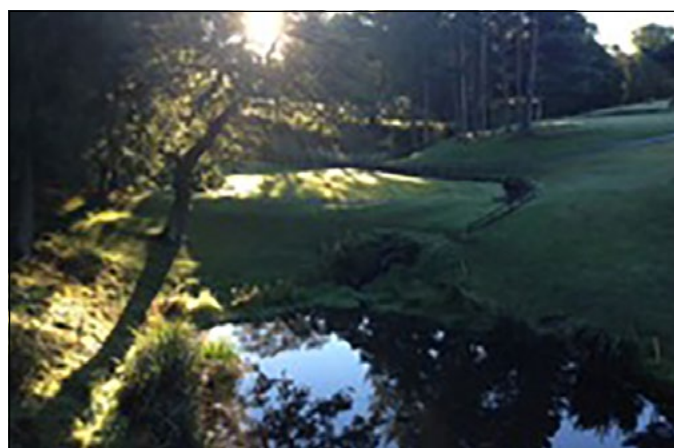
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dark, most golfers thought that the beat the pro challenge on Shrigley's notorious, picturesque short Par 3 would be easy as Anthony could hardly move. In fact the opposite proved the case with only Simon Winfield (Maclellan's) beating Anthony by hitting the path and bouncing over the wall onto the green! For this feat he won a sleeve of balls. Well done Simon.

Simon Carless
W.C. Munsch/PTM



2018 Golf Day

Next Year's Golf Day will be at a different location so keep your eye out for communications from the UKGSA and on the web site.

<http://www.ukgsassociation.co.uk>



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The Results

18 Holes Stableford – 4 Ball Team Event Winners

Simon Carless, Mark Hadfield,
Tim Bainbridge, Roger Gregory
(All Munsch/PTM)



18 Holes Stableford – 4 Ball Team Event Runners Up

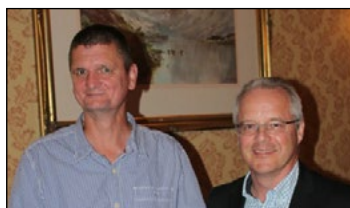
Keith Shepherd (JA Harrison),
Andy Crowther, Gary MacManus
(Both James Walker), Ian Nicholls
(JP Polymer – Ghost Player)



Hidden Team

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Lance Bradley (J-Flex), Roger Gregory
(Guest of W.C. Munsch/PTM), Gary
McManus (James Walker), Martyn
Deaton-Rogers (Northern Engineering)



Best Individual Score

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Mark Hadfield (W.C. Munsch/
PTM)



Runner Up Individual Score

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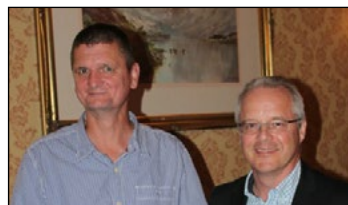
James Salt (Corseal)



Beat the Pro

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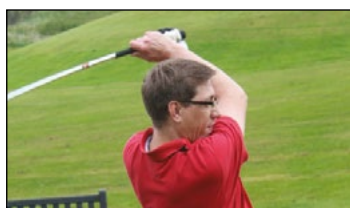
Simon Winfield (Maclellan
Rubber)



Nearest the Pin in 2

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Mark Hadfield (W.C. Munsch/
PTM)



Most Accurate Drive

Sponsored by James Walker

Scott Mackay (SJG
International)



Wooden Spoon – The most Prestigious Trophy and for the second year running

Mark Birks (V-Seal)

As like last year, thanks to Keith Payne, all of the photos can be seen on our website:

www.epdm.co.uk/ukgsa-golf-day-2017/



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Finally I would like to thank all of the sponsors for their contributions.

If you would like to sponsor prizes, wine, pre-dinner drinks, halfway house etc. at next years event, please let the UKGSA know as soon as sponsorship opportunities are announced.



**Polymer Trade
Manufacturing (PTM)**

Wine With Dinner



JP Polymer Sheeting

***Best Individual
Runner Up
Nearest the Pin in 2***

James Walker

James Walker
Most Accurate drive



**SJG
International Ltd**

Hidden team



PLAY GOLF CHANGE LIVES

New UKGSA Member Benefits – Joined Up Thinking

We have added even more benefits to being a UKGSA Member

We have teamed up with the nice people at Joined Up Thinking and launched our very own 'Buying Group' to make available cost savings to all UKGSA members. They have a database of hundreds of suppliers and thousands of products and services and constantly benchmark deals to make sure our members will always receive the very best value for money.

They can help with just about everything you purchase, from fuel cards, stationery, utilities, insurance, pest control and coffee machines – and everything in between!

Most (if not all!) of the deals sourced for you are exclusively available to our association members, and are not available to single stand-alone businesses. Also, they will be very soon adding more new products and services just for our members, so please keep checking back!

As a member of UKGSA you can list free of charge on the portal your company should you so wish. If so, just drop us an email.

What's more, they have agreed that you can use their 'Invoice Watch' service free of charge as many times as you like. All you have to do is send them a copy invoice for a recent product or service you have purchased, and they will check to make sure you received the best value for money.

At the very least, the research they carry out for you will show if you currently buy at the right price, and if you should consider changing suppliers!

They are also happy to help source any products or services for us that may not already be listed – just drop them a note at any time.

Full details can be found on our new secure portal at ukgsportal.co.uk. It is password protected, but just click the link in the homepage to order yours now.

Their services are 100% free of charge to our members and 100% secure, and you only have to take their recommendations should you wish to do so. Think of the UKGSPortal as your very own company buyer!



New UKGSA Member Benefits

Unlock a Cash Injection for Your Business

Up to 33% of your development costs back in a month

The UKGSA have recently partnered with Government Grant and Tax Consultants that have helped many businesses make successful Research & Development tax credit claims. **R&D tax credits** form a key part of **Government strategy to boost Innovation in business**, delivered by way of a Corporation Tax reduction or cash credit. Many Industries qualify for the scheme for example IT, Manufacturing, Lifesciences; whilst the IT/Communications Industry accounts for a quarter of all claims. However, many eligible companies have not yet claimed their entitlement, missing out on tens of thousands of pounds every year.

You may or may not be familiar with the R&D tax credits scheme. In basic terms it is an HMRC initiative that is aimed at rewarding those companies that are involved in product development, software development or made internal process improvements. The scheme enables you to reduce your corporation tax bill or if your company is loss making you can claim cash back from HMRC for these activities. The scheme enables **SMEs to claim back up to 33% of their R&D expenditure** so it is something not to be missed out on. According to the HMRC statistics, an **average SME claim is £55K per annum**.

If you are interested in finding out more and to help you make a claim we can introduce you to **Government Grant & Tax Consultants Ltd (GGTC)**, which is a **specialist R&D Tax Credits company** who has helped companies like yourself maximise their R&D claim. Even if you already claim, it may be the case that you are not receiving your full entitlement; A successful claim is based on its technological or scientific merits and cannot be fully handled by tax personnel alone. On average, **GGTC can increase a company's historic R&D claim by over 200%**. They do the work so that you receive a maximised credit.

GGTC is the **UK's leading R&D tax relief specialists** and with a **100% claim success record**, they can define your claim opportunities quickly and maximise your potential claim benefit.

You potentially qualify if you do **any** of the following:

- Design and produce new products.
- Regularly change the way you make your products.
- Develop or improve manufacturing processes or services.
- Develop or appreciably improve materials or devices.
- Develop samples, prototypes or undertake testing.
- Develop software, IT solutions or products in-house.
- Invested in failed projects or developed products not launched.
- Employ any staff with a technical or scientific background.

If the answer is yes, **then as members of the UKGSA we can introduce you to GGTC for a free non-obligatory assessment** – just send us an email at info@ukgsassociation.org.uk and we will put you in touch.



Offcuts

Material	Dims	Quantity
BS 2F 66 Cork – 1.5mm	203mm dia	30,000 pieces plus
3mm 300°C Red Silicone	390 x 290 shts	800 plus
2mm MF775 Grey Silicone	250 x 200 shts	500 plus
50mm Neoprene	various	several tonnes – we can water-jet to size
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National Minimum Wage – its not so simple

Your reputation is at risk

The Government has recently named and shamed its largest ever list of employers for failing to pay staff the correct National Minimum Wage (NMW) including many high street names. Reputational damage is a likely factor to impact on business growth. No employer wants to put its reputation at risk but staying on top of wage compliance is very complex. Understanding this complexity and being prepared to take a few key steps to review, remediate and ensure compliance could mean the difference between compliant or being fined, named and shamed.

It's complicated

Complying with NMW is not as simple as paying at or just above the correct rate as most people think. Some employers have been caught out by inadvertent administrative errors such as miscalculating a pay period. Penalties can be high as much as £20,000 per worker or 200% of the amount owed to a worker, plus any arrears so you need to be sure of your payroll data.

Here's where some of the problems can manifest themselves:

- Different definitions of workers – anyone who undertakes work personally must be paid the NMW, including zero hours, casual workers, agency workers and home workers.
- The definition of pay – overtime or shift premiums do not count towards pay for NMW purposes. Reductions and deductions, salary sacrifice from pay will also impact on the calculation of NMW. Travel time, opening and closing business premises should also be part of the calculation of hourly pay.
- Time spent "working" – time spent traveling must be paid if it is for work purposes. Workers on-call must also be paid for all the time they are needed to be available.

- Contractual arrangements – workers with different contracts should receive the correct rate. Pieceworkers may need to be paid based on average hourly output. These workers need to be treated the same as those receiving a salary.

Working practices affect pay

Pitfalls in how you work on a day-to-day basis could push workers pay below the threshold. Asking someone to arrive early or leave late for stock checks for example counts as working time for the purposes of NMW. Time spent in team meetings, training courses etc are also included for the purposes of NMW.

Checklist

- Take steps to investigate complaints
- Look at working practices that may bring hourly pay below the threshold.
- Make sure payroll systems are set up correctly and that real-time data is available.
- Think how you measure hourly pay for workers of different contracts



Offcuts

Surplus Material

We have the following materials available at discounted prices.

- 5mm Natural rubber sponge (SORBO) x 1M wide x 32 metre rolls 3 rolls.
- 0.5mm Black Peroxide cured EPDM 70 shore x 1400 wide 250kg available.
- 0.44mm Black Non Woven Polypropylene 80grm x 900 wide (Porous Fabric for Filtration or Ground Weed Control)

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We think it is because, with over 70 knife cutting tables, and 300 Die Cutting Presses, Splitters and Waterjets installed in the UK, we offer the very best value, most robust, best supported and trusted systems you can buy.



Full beam press



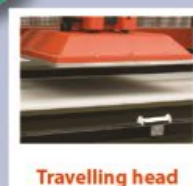
Knife Cutting



Splitter



Swing beam clicker



Travelling head

For more information or to arrange a visit to our UK Manufacturing site please call one of our friendly specialists on **01933 359359** or drop us a line to **info@atom-uk.com**. We would love to help you find the right solution for your next project, or your existing ATOM aftersales service and parts

Investing in new machinery and focussing on quality are a key focus at SJG



ISO 9001:2015 Accreditation

SJG are proud to announce that we have recently been awarded ISO 9001:2015 standard. This achievement demonstrates our commitment to quality and re-affirms our view of the importance of offering a quality product at a competitive price.



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As a business, SJG International are constantly looking into new equipment and processes to further enhance efficiencies through the factory.

Over the last few years, there has been a continually increasing demand for the waterjet cutting facilities which the business offers.

This August, we will be taking delivery of an additional Waterjet machine to further increase capacity. The machines are capable of cutting a diverse range of materials such as gaskets, foam, rubber and leather.

Please contact us as below, if you have a requirement for waterjet cut parts.



Offcuts

Surplus Material

We have the following materials available at discounted prices.

- 5mm thick neoprene rubber 600mm square – qty of over 100
- 3mm thick glass filled ptfе discs 680mm diameter – qty of approx. 60
- 6mm thick viton rubber discs 495mm diameter – qty of over 100
- Coils of 17mm ptfе joint sealant x 5m long in plain white boxes, great deal to be had on bulk qty.

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UK Gasket & Sealing Association membership

A new member whilst not able to attend the AGM has raised some points and hopefully the following answers will help prospective and even exiting members understand our organisation.

1. In what ways can the UKGSA promote UK based Gasket manufacturers (viz UKGSA members) on an equal footing to the various sectors of UK business. Could this be through exhibitions etc where the association takes part at National events such as the Motor Show for instance?

The UKGSA would be pleased to promote members of the association at any event or exhibition at home or abroad – The format would likely be a UKGSA stand 'hosting' numerous companies with their own space and promotional activity, gaining the benefit of larger purchasing power. However we would need to be sure of filling the spaces as the existing bargain basement membership fee covers the cost of running the Association and leaves little cash to subsidise or stage an event.

We also have a problem of what show to attend or where the event should take place. We are a National Association with varied specialisation in gasketing, so the "Motor Show" as you suggest might appeal to a few members but others will see no benefit. Birmingham is a bit more central than other venues in the country however members from Scotland and the Southeast might not feel that it is beneficial to them. The Southern Engineering expo at Farnborough would not suit our colleagues from Manchester and visa-versa the Northern Engineering expo would not suit southern or even East Anglian companies.

If members could suggest to the committee an event that they would like to attend with support of the Association, this would be put to the membership...We are after all a democracy!!

Costs would be split across the members who would attend the event. Any suggestions please contact the secretariat or any member of the committee.

2. In the same way with Brexit looming, how can the association look to further all members business within the European and Global economies? In the past I recollect being involved with trade missions – does this still take place?

Err? The Association now accepts that Brexit means exit! Most members of the Association are in the hands of their clients by the nature of their product... If your client deals in European and Global markets we can only hope that they can negotiate a deal which will eventually benefit you. Larger members are already dealing in these markets. They, like this government have no idea what tariffs might be imposed by our European friends when it is all over.

The UKGSA website is a great marketing window for all members and is viewed by interested companies across Europe and the world. Additionally Cutting Edge is circulated across Europe and into North America. We also have a linkedin page that you can use to get your message out there.

Members should take advantage of this expanding outreach and ensure they share news and articles about their business on both the website and through Cutting Edge.

Whilst Trade Missions still take place and are organised through bodies such as UK Trade, the UKGSA has no plans to join any trade mission.

We are also investigating developing links with relevant associations and bodies across Europe that would provide members access to market research and databases through shared ownership.



UK Gasket & Sealing Association membership continued

3. We find it difficult to source HND-type courses relevant to the general engineering business that we would classify 'Gasket manufacture' under. Would the association be prepared to work with a college/university etc. in developing a course that would give its members a specific range of skill-based learning that would benefit apprentices for instance, coming into the industry? I appreciate that this may still be costly and on that basis would the UKGSA also take on the task of sourcing grants or funding to part-pay for such courses?

ONC and HNC Mechanical Engineering would be the nearest course for any future "Gasket" manufacturer to attend. That is if you can find one, the next best bet is an Arts and Drama course as we still have a few Drama Queens in our industry.

Whilst the UKGSA will not fund any training or apprentice course it is conceivable we could petition appropriately qualified members and interested companies to engage in a working group to create a relevant training course – which could be run in an NVQ style. The big question would then be finding a body that would both support and manage the qualification.

Some of our larger members do put on specialist courses for their products and it may be appropriate for us to create a database of these that you can access.

Equipment manufacturers offer dedicated training on how to set up and use their machines which with sufficient interest the UKGSA could be used as a conduit to co-ordinate.

Organisations such as RAPRA run courses on the basics of material processing albeit chargeable.

There are also numerous publications and web accessible databases on material selection and product application.

If there are more specific training areas that members would like to raise or are interested in setting up a working group please let us know.

4. As an Association member, how do we get added to the product search part of the web site? And should non-members be displayed in that area?

The Product search has two search Categories the first being the main sector of markets and the second refinement to types. The web site is controlled and edited by the secretariat so please email your headers and refined details to Caroline at info@ukgsassociation.co.uk and she will add these for you. I have requested that Non-members details are be removed.

5. Not everyone plays Golf – or wants to sit in a bar all day. On these corporate meeting days could alternative activities be made available?

As a non-golfer and semi tea-total I still find that there is a great deal of benefit by attending the events especially during the fundraising dinner. If you do not attend the events you just do not get the benefits.

We do try to ensure that non golfers are catered for with spa treatments and could add external trips to local sites if there is sufficient demand.

The next event will be a 2.5 hour Factory Tour of JCB in November with some form of refreshment (TBA) and the opportunity to "Network" with fellow members.

We will work to add and highlight alternative activities when announcing and promoting future events.

6. As a suggestion for future visits, material and product testing is often something quite necessary for our day-to-day business – and with several members seeing the same processes, may help for all of us to be singing from the same sheet – as customers we speak to seem to be getting all sorts of information fired at them which is often incorrect (perhaps the BSI who may also enlighten us on whether we go back to normal 'BS' standards after Brexit!).

The UKGSA are always open to suggestions for future visits. Product testing is not really an area of huge interest to our members as we promote use of high quality materials from reputable, highly qualified suppliers, and who wants to travel 150 miles to see how a hardness tester works.

We have promoted opportunities to visit testing organisations such as Rubber Consultants in Hertford and will keep members informed of future events.

Again if there is a specific area that you might think is worthy of a visit please put it to the committee for its consideration.

As far as Brexit and BSI are concerned I think that it is generally accepted that the ISO standards will run hand in hand with British Standards and other international standards for many years to come and if UK PLC intends to still deal with its largest local market they will demand compliance with ISO standards.

Keith Payne
Membership

Conformity on the menu for MacLellan



MacLellan Rubber Limited, one of the UK's foremost suppliers of polymer sheeting and rubber products, was the first choice for a client who needed a high integrity FoodSafe rubber sheet product for the manufacture of gaskets and seals used in a newly designed Bio-reactor production application.

Simon Winfield, director at MacLellan Rubber, explains: "The client needed a product that was manufactured in Europe to strict quality controls plus a guarantee that the quality was repeatable with full traceability. Our ability to meet these key requirements at an affordable price helped us secure the order which has been shipped and is now being used in a new technology in a food production application."

Companies operating in the Food & Drink sector require reassurance that there will be no migration of chemicals from the material to the food item.

MacLellan Rubber's FoodSafe Grade ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) Rubber Sheeting is manufactured by their European manufacturing partner in Spain. It conforms to the latest specifications and best practice including EU1935:2004 2023/26, the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Code of Federal Regulations 177 and is REACH compliant.

MacLellan Rubber supplies a range of FoodSafe products including Neoprene, Nitrile and Natural Rubber Sheet, Encapsulated O Rings, Braided Pump and Valve Packings, Diaphragms, and Pipe Repair Systems.

For more information about MacLellan Rubber's FoodSafe products call 01902 30 77 11 or visit www.maclellanrubber.com

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High performance materials for oil platforms



MacLellan Rubber is preparing a shipment of 12 tonnes of rubber material which is heading for Kazakhstan.

The shipment contains various grades and thickness of oil resistant rubber materials which will ultimately be converted into gaskets and seals for use on oil platforms and associated plant and equipment.

MacLellan is well-known for supporting challenging sectors such as the Oil & Gas sector, by providing a range of high performance products that meet the technical demands as well as the stringent Health and Safety requirements for products used in this field which help to improve efficiency, reduce costs and minimise downtime.

For more information about MacLellan's Oil & Gas products visit <https://www.maclellanrubber.com/industry/oil-gas> or call 01902 307711

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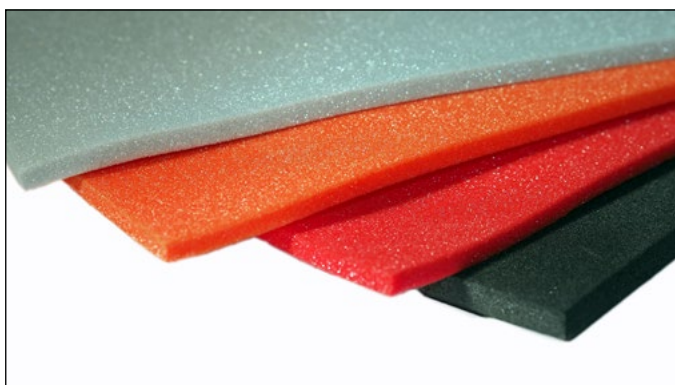
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MacLellan support artificial limbs



MacLellan Rubber's foam products can now be found in artificial limbs and orthoses after their polyethylene product was selected for its light weight and strength.

A UK manufacturer was seeking a lightweight, solid foam that could be used in the manufacture of its range of artificial limbs and orthoses (supports). Dense foam is used as cushion/padding and they were seeking a foam that had a high mechanical strength that would support a person's weight and movement.

MacLellan's specialist cross-linked polyethylene is designed to be solid but lightweight and has a high mechanical strength, making it ideal for use in artificial limbs and orthoses where comfort and strength is paramount.

MacLellan's cross-linked polyethylene foam is also commonly referred to as Plastazote® and is specifically engineered for its lightweight, high performance. It is a closed-cell foam with cross-links that give the product its versatility and enables it to bear weight and return to shape after applied pressure.

The material is available in sheet sizes 2mtr x 1mtr and thickness from 1mm to 200mm (laminated above 30mm thick).

For more information about MacLellan's cross-linked polyethylene products visit <https://www.maclellanrubber.com/product-type/foam-sponge> or call 01902 307711

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Rubber stamp for MacLellan



MacLellan Rubber Limited, one of the UK's leading suppliers of polymer sheeting and rubber products, has been re-assessed and awarded ISO 9001 certification with zero Observations and zero Non-conformances.

ISO 9001:2008 is an internationally recognised Quality Management System and sets out the policies, processes and procedures for the planning and delivery of the core business.

The company was assessed by Rob Harris of TUV, an independent auditing body, who said: "MacLellan Rubber has an extremely robust Quality Process that reflects exactly what they do on a day to day basis. The business has an excellent balance between people, personality and process."

The findings from the ISO audit showed zero Observations and Non-conformances, which means there are no additional preventative actions required or any failure to show evidence of compliance. Being re-accredited to ISO9001 demonstrates MacLellan's commitment to supplying products that meet customer's requirements and delivering consistently high quality customer service.

Andrew Onions, director of MacLellan Rubber Limited, said: "We're delighted to have passed the Quality audit. The auditor's comments are especially pleasing as they highlight exactly what we have been trying to achieve over the last two years and follows on from a recent successful audit on behalf of the MOD."

He added: "My thanks go out to our dedicated team and also to Lynne from Quality in a Box, who assisted us with the implementation of our new Quality System."

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The JCB Factory Tour experience

Your visit will begin with welcome refreshments, and a short presentation in the JCB Theatre showing our corporate brand video on the global manufacturing facilities and products. You will then be invited by one of our Tour Guides to attend a personal tour of the 'Story of JCB' exhibition with time to visit the JCB shop.

The tour continues onto the assembly line of the world famous Backhoe Loader machine; here you will see the process of how the machine is built from the delivery of the sheet steel, profiling, laser cutting, welding, paint shop, assembly and finally the finished product!

**Tour date**

Thursday 9th November 2017

Tour time

10:00am

Charge

£20 plus VAT per head

Please email your requests for spaces
to info@ukgsassociation.co.uk

Record amount raised for Macmillan at Shrigley Hall!



Once again the generosity of the UKGSA membership and their guests was evident at the annual golf day, dinner and fundraiser at Shrigley Hall in June. This resulted in the best fundraising event which the association has held since nominating Macmillan Cancer Support as our preferred charity in 2015.

Thanks to the support of our members, their suppliers and other contacts an array of spectacular and valuable prizes was on display at the dinner for the now traditional Heads n Tails, raffle and auction. These prizes included hotel breaks in Cornwall and Edinburgh, hospitality at Old Trafford and a selection of bottles, speciality foods and pampering items.

Overall the sum of £3,020 was raised, the highest amount by over 30% on any previous event. Sincere thanks are due to those who donated prizes, sold raffle tickets and, most of all, gave so generously.



The total raised by the UKGSA since 2015 now stands at almost £7,500. 1 in 2 of us will now face a cancer diagnosis at some point in our lifetime, making the need for our support even greater.

Sandy McEwen

William Johnston & Company Limited



Team from William Johnston & Company take on 3 Peaks Challenge for Macmillan cancer support

Ben Nevis, the UK's highest mountain



A team lead by Sandy and Fiona McEwen from William Johnston & Company Limited will attempt to scale the three highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales over three successive days on the weekend of 8/9/10 September to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Starting in Fort William on Friday 9 September, the team will tackle Ben Nevis, Scotland and the UK's highest mountain at over 4,400 feet (1,345 metres), before they drive south to climb Scafell Pike.

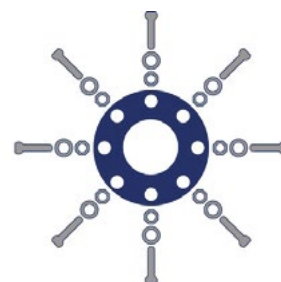
Scafell Pike, the loftiest peak in England, rises 3,209 feet (978 meters) over the Lake District National Park, Cumbria and provides spectacular views of the surrounding lakes and coast. On descending the group head for another National Park, Snowdonia in Wales.

Mount Snowdon will be tackled on the Sunday and at 3,560 feet (1,085 meters) represents the highest mountain challenge in Wales.

If successful, the team will accomplish over 11,163 feet of walking and climbing over the three days.

To support Sandy and Fiona's mountaineering efforts please donate via the UKGSA Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gaskets>

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Macmillan to host the world's biggest coffee morning on 29 September



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan Cancer Support's largest annual fundraising event for people facing cancer. Macmillan ask people all over the UK to host their own Coffee Mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan. Last year alone £27.5 million was raised and this year Macmillan are aiming to raise even more.

How did it all begin?

The first ever Coffee Morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process. It was so effective, Macmillan did it again the next year – only this time nationally. Since then, Coffee Morning has raised over £165.5 million for Macmillan.

Hopefully UKGSA members' staff, employees and their family members can get together to hold their own Coffee Mornings on 29 September and raise funds for the association's nominate cause.

How do I get involved?

Hosting your own Coffee Morning is easy. All you have to do is sign up at <https://coffeeregister.macmillan.org.uk>

Macmillan will send your kit to you in 15 working days.

In the meantime please visit <http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk> to obtain a supply of posters and games for you to download on our top tips page ready to host your event.

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