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E-cosse Monthly Update

Welcome to E-cosse, the NFRC Scotland Monthly update e-newsletter.

Chairman's Note

This year's premier social event in the NFRC calendar too place in April due to The Old Course Hotel being refurbished at our usual time for the Dinner Dance.

We were blessed with some really good weather in St Andrews for yet another sold out event which was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank Renolit, SFS Intec, Sika, SIG, Rockwool, Minister and Recticel for sponsoring the event. Without their support the event would simply not happen.

The Federation continues to be at the forefront of organising skills events to encourage school children to consider construction as a career of choice. Following March's events in Kirkcaldy and Culross, the Federation joined other stakeholders on put on a similar event outside Buchanan Galleries in Glasgow.

The Federation was also represented at a meeting of the Scottish Contractors Group to develop an industry response to the "Cole Report" on Edinburgh Schools. We will continue to play an active role in representing the NFRC, and the whole roofing industry, across the supply chain.

May is an extremely busy month for the Federation also with numerous events and planning for others going forward.

Diary Dates

22 April 2017	NFRC Scotland Dinner Dance, The Old Course Hotel, St Andrews
12 May 2017	NFRC/IoR Scottish Golf Day, Kirkintilloch Golf Club, Kirkintilloch
10 November 2017	NFRC Scottish Roofing Contractor of the Year Awards, The Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow

Traditional Building Skills Demonstrations in Glasgow

NFRC was represented at a traditional building skills demonstrations outside Buchanan Galleries in the heart of Glasgow in April.

We promoted roof slating and roof leadwork to the school children across Glasgow. The Federation worked with key stakeholders and was recognised, and named in a parliamentary motion within the Scottish Parliament which received cross party support from a further 26 MSPs.



It gave local school children the opportunity try their hand at the trades being demonstrated and the event was also visited by Sandra White MSP, Annie Wells MSP and Anas Sarwar MSP who also joined in an had a go at the skills.

The Federation has a series of these events planned with stakeholders throughout Scotland this year aimed to raise the profile of roofing and other trades to school children and promote the good work done by members.

Anas Sarwar MSP



Annie Wells MSP



Sandra White MSP



School Children on Lead Roofing



School Children on Roof Slating



Information Tent

NFRC Scotland Dinner Dance 2017

This year's Dinner Dance returned to The Old Course Hotel, St Andrews but slightly later in the year. This was due to the hotel being renovated when we normally visit.

The event was sold out once again and we were blessed with very good weather for the weekend.

Many took the opportunity to make a weekend of the event with a few taking to the fairways and enjoying a round of golf before the Dinner Dance.

The event got off to a great start with the Kings & Queens game and ended with stovies being served at 2.00am.

NFRC Scotland is extremely grateful to Renolit, SFS Intec, Sika, SIG, Rockwool, Minister and Recticel for sponsoring the event.



Continuous Professional Development

NFRC has been working with key stakeholders across the Scottish construction industry to raise the profile of best roofing practice and to promote the benefits of engaging an NFRC member for roof works.



NFRC has delivered CPDs/presentations to Architecture & Design Scotland, Royal Incorporation of Chartered Surveyors, local authorities, city heritage trusts and Historic Environment Scotland.

These have covered Roof Slating, Roof Lead Work, Flat Roofing and Roof Sheeting and Cladding.

The NFRC delivered a Roof Leadwork CPD to Perth & Kinross Council in April and will be delivering three CPDs on Flat Roofing, Roof Slating and Roof Leadwork in Kilmarnock in June. This will be delivered in partnership with Architecture & Design Scotland, Skills Development Scotland and Glasgow City Heritage Trust.

Yangon Heritage Trust (prepared by Graeme Millar)

Last Autumn Steve McLennan (Greyfriars Roofing Services) and Graeme Millar (Bain and Irvine Ltd) were approached by the esteemed architect James Simpson in relation to skills shortages in South East Asia and Yangon in particular. Yangon is a typical ex British colony where the Victorians stamped their construction expertise on the majority of the buildings. Due to a general lack of maintenance many of these fine old Victorian buildings have decayed and to the extent that a significant amount of work became necessary to restore their buildings to their former grandeur. One of these buildings is a former government building in the centre of Yangon where clay roofing tiles had been removed and replaced with a metal sheeting substitute. Poor quality mortar repairs had been instigated which without the use of lime had caused damage to the beautiful red sandstone, mainly due to ignorance of the repair material as opposed to the quality of the workmanship.



Steve and I decided to contact Rupert Mann of the Yangon Heritage Trust where the first steps of our fantastic trip were taken. Rupert is an Australian who has made Yangon his home and his enthusiasm for Heritage works proved to be infectious, so much so that the trip was organised for the two of us to attend a 5 day workshop/CPD with young newly qualified professionals from Architect Civil Engineering and Surveying practices. Some trades people were also going to be involved.

Whilst the Yangon Heritage Trust are supported by the Australian government they could only afford expenses for one of us and therefore an approach was made to the charities fund of the National Federation of Roofing Contractors. The trustees of the fund, very kindly offered to match the funding from Australia and for this offer Steve and I are deeply indebted.

On arrival in Yangon we met with the trust, organised materials for the workshops and together with all of our information from back home, we began our workshop/CPD on the Tuesday morning. Thereafter followed 4 days of constant metal and tile bashing and of course talking. All of this in heat which was consistently above 100 ° F.

We completed the workshop/CPD on Friday lunchtime with the presentation of the certificates on Friday afternoon (photographs herewith).

We had a fantastic experience, something which I doubt we could ever repeat.

A massive thank you to the Yangon Heritage Trust, The Australian government, The National Federation of Roofing Contractors and the LCA.



Basic Lead Welding

3 day course upskilling the workforce

Venue - IRT Scotland
61 Deadhead Street, Queenslie Ind. Est. Glasgow G33 4AQ

Date/Time - 5th-7th June 2017 09.30—16.00

Presented by; The Lead Sheet Association

IRT Scotland are delighted to again partner with the LSA to bring what is a series of courses in basic lead welding courses.



The first formal hands on training experience in using lead comes in the form of the basic welding courses.

Welding is one of the most common skills used by today's lead-workers and this course focuses on and provides a starting point for the essential foundations of lead welding practice.



This course combines working techniques into a concentrated training programme and will include safe working methods for the product.

On completion of the course delegates should know the health and safety procedures for working with lead sheet and be able to form leadwork details by welding.

Cost- 3 Day Basic Welding Course - £513.00 + VAT

Grants available to CITB registered Companies £50 attendance allowance per day plus IRT Funding £100 on successful completion of the course

***Places are strictly limited to 8 delegates per course**

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