

# Newsletter

TIMBER TRADES'  
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

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## TTBS appoints Paul Snape as National President



Paul Snape is the new TTBS National President

**A**t the Timber Trades Benevolent Society's Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday 9th May at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, Paul Snape of WS Logistics Ltd was appointed as the National President for 2019 and 2020, succeeding Ivan Savage, who continues as the Society's General Manager.

Paul commenced his involvement with the timber industry with Henry Tyrer on 5th November 1973 at Seaforth Timber Terminal, which had only been open for about six weeks when he started. Seaforth Terminal handled all the western Canadian timber shipped by Seaboard International, a company long gone.

Seaforth Terminal also handled timber

cargoes from Russia for Bahr Behrend, another company now consigned to the history books.

In the late seventies, Liverpool started handling cargoes from the Far East, shipped by Ben Line Steamers and, at the time, Paul was working in the Liverpool head office and handling all the operation / distribution side for the Far East shipments. He still does this today, albeit everything is now in containers.

Henry Tyrer was taken over by the Harrison Line in 1998, but unfortunately by January of 2002 they went into liquidation. Paul was fortunate in that Pan Ocean Shipping of Korea, who he had looked after since the late eighties told Charles Gee, who subsequently took over their agency

business, that Paul was to be part of the package, so he retained his position doing what he had been doing for many years.

In late 2009 Paul was approached to set up an office for WS Logistics Ltd ([www.wslogistics.com](http://www.wslogistics.com)) in the Liverpool area, and in February 2010 the office was up and running. Here he continued to do what he had been doing successfully for over 36 years, handling timber and plywood cargoes from around the world.

Paul's connection with the Timber Trades Benevolent Society goes back to the early nineties when Henry Tyrer supported the Liverpool Christmas lunch by taking a table with customers and also with the annual dinner and dance events, taking tables for the staff who were involved in the timber side of the business.

Paul was approached by Mike Tattersall to join the Liverpool (now the North West) TTBS Committee in late 1997 and attended his first meeting in early 1998. As the North West Region was organising a centenary ball at St George's Hall that year, Paul got involved recruiting sponsors and also managed to obtain £5,000 to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

Since 1998, Paul has loyally striven on behalf of the North West Committee to gain financial support, something he very much enjoys and also finding the excellent entertainment acts for the North West functions.

Paul has also served as NW Region President in 1999 and again in 2002.

He will be supported during 2019 and 2020 by National Vice-President, John Taylor FCA, previously Chief Executive for Wyckham Blackwell Ltd, Hampton in Arden and also one of the current TTBS investment managers.

John has also been the Midlands Region TTBS Treasurer for a number of years and is currently the Midlands Vice-President.

# TTBS beneficiary turns 100



On the 17th February this year, a special birthday celebration took place for one of the North East TTBS Region's long-standing beneficiaries.

Mrs Doreen Crosbie, having received her 100th birthday card from the Queen and many other cards from well-wishers, was treated to a party at the Racecourse Room, Grand Hotel, Gosforth Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, attended by her family and



friends, some from as far away as Canada, Bermuda and Switzerland, as well as from all over the UK.

Mrs Crosbie, who lives independently in the home she has occupied for 80 years, is still mobile and well supported by her family. She started life in service in a grand house in Jesmond, before signing up to the WAAF where she met her husband Jim. She was widowed in 1973.

Mrs Crosbie's connection to the TTBS started soon after, when an advert placed by MH Southern & Co Ltd, who had previously purchased Clayton & Armstrong Ltd, caught the attention of her son-in-law Trevor, who was acquainted with Peter Southern through the Gosforth Rugby Club (now the Newcastle Falcons). Trevor mentioned that Jim had worked at Clayton & Armstrong and the North East TTBS Region were informed that Doreen might require some support.

Mrs Crosbie has been so grateful for the TTBS support, which of course is ongoing, so much so that she, her family and friends donated £500 to the TTBS in lieu of birthday presents on the day.

The photographs show Mr & Mrs Crosbie in uniform during their war service and also Mrs Crosbie with James Southern, the North East & Cumbria TTBS Regional President and current managing director of MH Southern & Co Ltd, who kindly visited her just after her birthday to represent the TTBS and to give her congratulations on behalf of the Society – the Timber Trades Own Charity.

We are very grateful to Mrs Crosbie, her daughter Carol and her son Neil for giving us permission to report on this wonderful occasion and to use the photographs.

## Bristol golf day raises funds

Last year's Bristol Timber Trades Benevolent Society golf day was held at Bristol and Clifton Golf Club on Thursday, September 13 and was very generously sponsored by James Latham.

After three years playing away at Henbury Golf Club, the competitors appreciated the return to Failand. The weather and the day were perfect, as usual, thanks to the organisational skills of David Marcham.

The competition was a Stableford event for both singles and teams of four players. Full handicaps were the order of the day.

Neil Bowler of Taylor Maxwell, won the singles event with a creditable 40 points, followed by Barrie Greenslade on 35 points.

The Team Prize (best three out of four scores to count) was awarded to Taylor Maxwell

Nearest the pin was Martin Roberts of FW Morgan and Michael Britton, also of FW Morgan, achieved the longest drive.

Richard Bagnall of Robbins Timber presented the prizes and thanked the Golf Club, the catering and green staff and the club professional, Paul Mitchell for their hard work and support.

The holes were kindly sponsored by: Robbins Timber, James Latham, Avon Plywood, John Huckman, Danzer UK, MEDITE SMARTPLY, UPM Timber UK, Taylor Maxwell, Lonza Tanalith, Mournie Timber Solutions, Heffernan Machinery

Services, Global Panel Products, Balcas, International Plywood, Timber Direct, FW Morgan, Bristol City Timber and Snows Timber.

The organising committee chaired by Nick Widlinski of James Latham would like to thank everyone who took part, or contributed to the success of the event. Although monies are still being collected, the event will raise around £2,500 for the TTBS.

This year will be the 70th anniversary of the Bristol TTBS golf day. Once again it will be held at Bristol and Clifton golf club and the date to put in your diary is Thursday, September 26 – and expect something special.

## TTBS appeal for Christmas hamper sponsors

Following the generous sponsorship of the 2018 Christmas hampers by the W Howard Group in their 60th anniversary year, the Society is looking for a company sponsor for 2019.

The luxury Christmas hampers are distributed to our UK beneficiaries during the first week in December and would include a sponsor's card to advise the beneficiaries who has funded them.

This is a great opportunity to support the beneficiaries directly and to bring them some Christmas cheer.

Interested? Please contact the TTBS General Manager on [info@ttbs.org.uk](mailto:info@ttbs.org.uk)

# Fund-raising



The TTBS's fund-raising efforts have been in full swing at industry events already this year.

The London Hardwood Club New Year lunch on 18 January at the Honourable Artillery Company in London

raised £1,537 for the Society.

And, on 6 March, a magnificent £2,809 was raised for the TTBS via a table collection at the annual Timber Trade Federation dinner at 8 Northumberland Avenue, in London. .

## North West Timber Trade Association supports TTBS

The NWTTA Annual Dinner celebrated the 142nd Anniversary of the founding of the Liverpool Timber Trade Association on Friday 29 March at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Liverpool.

The NWTTA President, Ben Callas welcomed special guests Chris Sutton, Lathams; Richard Dod, University of Liverpool; Adam Conlan, University of Liverpool; Richard Hull, NWTTA Past President; Stephen Powney, *TTJ*; Chris James, EATTA President; Ivan Savage TTBS General Manager and National Secretary; Alison Cunningham, NWTTA Secretary; Karen Sussex TTF & LSETTA Secretary; and David Sussex.

The evening was compared by Sam

Harland and entertainment supplied by magician Luke Coburn and guest speaker Jamie Sutherland.

Chris Sutton Lathams' retiring Managing Director, presented Adam Conlan with the NWTTA Student Architect Prize for his glulam market hall project. The prize was sponsored by James Latham.

A raffle organised by Paul Snape and John Taylor from the NW TTBS produced a total of £1,305 to be shared between the Timber Trades Benevolent Society and the local Alder Hey Childrens' Charity. This total included a prize winner's return of £100 and a generous donation of £120 from Chris Sutton, which he had won on the "speech timings".

## Midlands clay pigeon shoot

Thirty-two timber industry shooters and guests attended the Midlands TTBS Spring Clay Shoot at the exceptional West Midlands Shooting Ground, Hodnet, near Market Drayton, Shropshire on Friday 22 March 2019. The event was organised by Christella Golby.

Practice sessions were followed by light refreshments and the main competition flurries in teams of four guns.

Lunch was served in the Clubhouse and a raffle raised £370.

The winning team was Wyckham Blackwell, the second-placed team was Vida UK and in third place was the team from

Crendon Timber Engineering.

Overall, £1,700 was raised for the Society and the TTBS General Manager and National President, Ivan Savage thanked all the attendees for their support and generosity with the raffle.

He took the opportunity to advise that in 2018, more than £164,000 had been distributed to the TTBS's UK beneficiaries. This is a record figure and a substantial increase on 2017.

The Society's beneficiaries were constantly in touch to thank the TTBS for the critical assistance that was provided, which made their lives a little easier, he said.

## TTBS National Golf July 2019

The TTBS National Golf will be staged on Friday 5 July 2019 at the Marriott Forest of Arden, Warwickshire on both Aylesford and Arden courses.

The event is being sponsored once again by Taylor Maxwell, this being the second time in four years that Taylor Maxwell have generously offered their support with the National Golf.

The event is one of the major fund-raising events in the TTBS calendar and the Trustees are immensely grateful to the Taylor Maxwell directors for offering their support, so soon after their last sponsorship in 2014.

To date, player numbers are slightly lower than we would expect, so the Society is appealing for more industry golfers to apply for places.

In 2018, the Society provided over £164,000 in grants and allowances to the less fortunate from our industry, so please sign up for this great golfing event as soon as possible.

Contact Ivan Savage TTBS General Manager on 08448 922205 or email [info@ttbs.org.uk](mailto:info@ttbs.org.uk)



The winners from last year's National Golf day show off their trophies



Last year's event was at The Belfry (above). This year's is at the Marriott Forest of Arden

# Forthcoming TTBS events for 2019

These are the current events for 2019 with full contact details as shown on our website [www.ttbs.org.uk](http://www.ttbs.org.uk)

Further events and details will be added when confirmed by the Regional Committees.

**15th May** North East & Cumbria TTBS Spring Golf

**15th May** London, Home Counties & East Anglia TTBS Golf

**24th May** Midlands TTBS Spring Golf

**13th June** Bristol & Western Counties TTBS Go Karting Challenge

**5th September** London, Home Counties & East Anglia TTBS Bowls Competition

**September (date & venue to be advised)** Midlands TTBS Autumn Golf

**26th September** Bristol & Western Counties TTBS 70th Anniversary Golf

**11th October** Midlands TTBS Autumn Clay Pigeon Shoot

**November (date & venue to be advised)** North West TTBS Dinner & Dance

**November (date & venue to be advised)** Southern TTBS Christmas Lunch

**6th December** Midlands TTBS Christmas Lunch & optional 9 holes Golf

**6th December** Bristol & Western Counties TTBS Christmas Lunch

**December (date & venue to be advised)** Yorkshire & Humberside TTBS Christmas Lunch

**11th December** North West TTBS Christmas Lunch



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