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COMMUNITY MATTERS

A cracking performance

ExxonMobil at Fawley has just completed one of the largest and most complex maintenance projects in the site's 60-year history.

October and November saw over a million work hours completed in "turning around" key units, the largest being the Catalytic Cracker or Cat Plant.

Shutting the units down provided an opportunity for the detailed inspection of equipment which is normally in continuous operation; planned maintenance; and installation of improvement projects. Unit shutdowns such as this are infrequent, but are necessary to ensure safe and reliable operations into the future.

How did the event go?

Well, we achieved a world class safety performance, quite a challenge with around 1,200 temporary workers coming on site. The start-up of the units and subsequent operations have been reliable and consistent, reflecting the high quality of work that was carried out.

The team work and dedication were second to none as complex construction activities were carried out and many challenges were managed.

All in all a cracking performance!

Apprenticeship open days in January
See back for details



**WELCOME TO OUR JANUARY 2013
EDITION OF COMMUNITY MATTERS.**

**If you would like to know more about us
or have any queries, please ring 023 8089 2511
and ask for Community Affairs**

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Fawley branches out

At a time when the UK is dealing with the impact of a foreign fungus on its ash trees, ExxonMobil employees have been taking part in an effort to catalogue ancient specimens.

A group of 20 staff, contractors and their families and friends from the Fawley site recently visited Tantany Wood, one of the New Forest's oldest woodlands, as part of the UK-wide Ancient Tree Hunt.

The old pasture woods have a very long history and once formed the heart of the medieval royal hunting forest, with trees dating back to the 17th and 18th Century.

Once the group found an important tree, they recorded information such as its girth, its location (using GPS) and any characteristic details.

The New Forest National Park Authority and the Forestry Commission have been working closely with the Woodland Trust for over three years to develop a project to find and record ancient trees in the New Forest to add to a national database that has grown to more than 82,000 individual entries.

The New Forest is believed to have the highest concentration of ancient trees (those that have lived much longer than their expected lifespan) in Western Europe. These trees are vitally important because of the special habitats they provide for plants and animals.

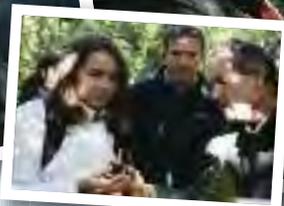
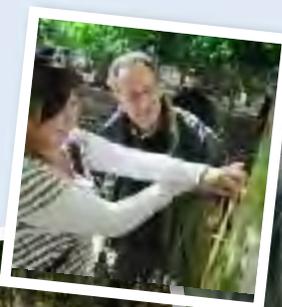
The ancient trees in the New Forest are predominantly oak but also include yew, beech, ash,

holly and others; one example is the Knightwood Oak on the Ornamental Drive near Lyndhurst, which is thought to be over 600 years old, twice the life expectancy of its kind.

Nobody has previously recorded where most of these trees are in the New Forest and very little is known about their condition, the wildlife they support and their survival prospects.

ExxonMobil has donated £3,500 to the New Forest Ancient Tree Hunt and all of the records made during the recent tree hunt have been added to a map of New Forest ancient trees, which will soon be available on the National Park Authority's website.

Visit www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk



Cruise control

ExxonMobil employees from Marine fuels (EMMF) witnessed an historic event recently when the seven-vessel fleet of P&O Cruises gathered in the waters of Southampton Port for the first time.

The event marked the 175-year milestone since the formation of the company, which has been an EMMF client for 24 years and is one of the foundation contracts in the UK.

A total of five cruise liners were supplied with product from the nearby Fawley site with the help of contractor John H Whitaker Tankers.

Thousands of people turned out for the spectacle and Stelios Troulis, UK Sales & Operations manager, who oversaw some of the deliveries, said: "it was a breath-taking sight, seeing the cruise liners passing by one by one into the Solent with fireworks going off."

From the archives

Most people, who have lived in the area for a long time, will be used to seeing aerial pictures of the Fawley site. We came across this historic picture from 1962 and thought we'd share it with you. See how many changes you can identify.



Cross-Channel Kayak

Stu Littler, a Process Technician at the refinery, took on a physical and mental challenge in September 2012; along with two friends, Charlie Brett and Jon Turner, he crossed the English Channel to Calais in a kayak.

The event was staged to raise money for Action Duchenne, a charity that funds research to try and find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Stu's six-year old son, Ben, was diagnosed with the disease in 2009.

The three friends only took up kayaking as a hobby 18 months ago. This period included training for a

year, in preparation for the voyage across to Calais. The cross-channel challenge was due to start at Dover but the friends were advised to start from Dungeness instead due to the tides (although this made the trip several miles longer).

At times, the crossing was hard going but the friends completed it in an impressive time of six hours and ten minutes – an average of four to five knots. Two support boats accompanied them on their crossing. These vessels then took Stu, Charlie and Jon back to Dungeness, travelling at about 30 knots - a trip that took about an hour.

In total, the friends have raised nearly £10,000 for Action Duchenne – nearly twice as much as they had originally hoped. Stu comments: "We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed, and to ExxonMobil, which donated £250 from its VIP scheme. We are still raising funds for the charity, so if anyone would like to contribute, they can find the details on our blog, 'englishchannelkayakchallenge.blogspot.co.uk', which also includes videos and pictures and more details of the story behind our crossing."



Help us raise funds
for Action Duchenne at:

englishchannelkayakchallenge.blogspot.co.uk



Come visit us!

If you live in the Community Matters distribution area and would like to learn more about the history of the refinery or find out more about what we do then come along to one of our Community Tours.

Each visit starts with an introductory talk about the refinery in which Dave Dando, a former head of the Environment Group at Fawley, will talk about how the refinery works, and answer your questions.

The talk is followed by a coach tour of the site (please note that visitors aren't allowed to leave the coach during the tour). All tours take place on weekdays, between 1.30pm and 4.00pm.

If you would like to join one, email christina.riddell@exxonmobil.com or send the application form at the bottom of this page to:

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We will then post an application form to you. Individuals and groups are welcome!

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Fraser joined us looking for a physical and intellectual challenge – and he came to the right place. With us, he's benefited from a combination of theoretical and practical learning. What's more, he's done it all as part of a great team – so he's felt supported along the way too. It really has been the best of all worlds.

Start your career with ExxonMobil. You'll need to have, or be expecting, 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including maths, English language and a science subject. Come along to one of our open evenings on 23rd & 24th January 2015. For details call 02380 895371 or text Esso2 to 80300.

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Send an application form to...

Full name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Objective in visiting Fawley Refinery:

Does anyone in your party have mobility problems?

Do you have a passport or photographic driving licence?

Yes

No

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The visit will consist of an introductory talk followed by a coach tour of the site. Visitors will not be permitted to get off the coach at any time during the visit. Security searches may occur through bag searches therefore it is recommended that visitors do not bring bags on the tour with them. Only person(s) named on the letter of confirmation will be able to attend the tour. Photographic ID will need to be produced in order to gain entry into the site.