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IMECHE WEST CUMBRIA AREA YOUNG MEMBER NEWS



ST NICHOLAS CLOCK TOWER

On Thursday 14th November IMechE West Cumbria Young Members visited St Nicholas' Church in Whitehaven to climb the narrow spiral stairway of the church tower, to see the workings of the 150 year old turret striking clock.

The tower is all that remains of the St Nicholas Church, which was originally built in 1693 to replace a small chapel, was the dominant feature of Lowther Street for almost three centuries, following the destruction of the rest of the church 31st August 1971. For almost an hour the group of budding future Chartered Engineers studied the clock mechanism to decipher how it worked, and even then they weren't entirely sure!

Jen Corbett, IMechE West Cumbria YM





YM SOCIAL EVENTS

This quarter the IMechE Young Members took some time out to watch the film Rush at the Rosehill Theatre, Whitehaven. The film set in the 1970s revisited the heated rivalry between F1 drivers James Hunt and Niki



We also formed a quiz team for our Christmas social at the Bounty, Workington in an attempt to use our engineering knowledge to win some prizes. The team managed a credible second place.



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M-SPORT

Based near Cockermouth, M-Sport is one of Cumbria's truly world class companies. They are best known for running Ford's World Rally Team and have had extensive success in rallying including winning the World Manufacturers Championship with Ford in 2006 and 2007. The company recently expanded from rallying to circuit racing.

On 20th November, fifteen IMechE West Cumbria members and friends paid a visit to the MSport Facility at Dovenby and were treated to a fascinating tour. The tour started off at the Museum to see how the company has transformed from its origins in 1979 under the name of Malcolm Wilson Motor Sport, to today's high tech company. This was followed by a tour of the immaculate workshop before heading to the factory. We had a glimpse of some of the top secret developments and had a taste of things to come with M-Sport's new partnership with

Bentley. M-Sport design sand assembles the Ford WRC cars, as well as operating a thriving customer business for private teams. It continues to assist Ford drivers with programmes in more than 12 countries.

M-Sport has recently been working in conjunction with Bentley to develop the Continental GT3 race car, which was launched at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in 2013, made its competitive debut at the 2013 Gulf 12 Hours in Abu Dhabi and will be racing at circuits around Europe in the 2014 FIA Blancpain Series. We are delighted to say that we have secured Chris Grey, Head of Test to give a presentation on the new Bentley Continental GT3 on Tuesday 10th May at Lakes College West Cumbria. See the advertising poster on the back of this Newsletter for further details.

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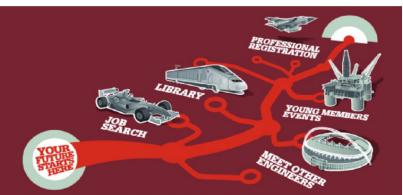


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STAY ON TRACK WITH IMECHE

The IMechE West Cumbria Young Member Panel ran a series of Professional Development 1:1s on <date> November. The sessions which were oversubscribed proved to be invaluable in offering advice on further learning, professional registration and becoming a fellow.

Our thanks go to David Barrett, our North West Regional IMechE Business Development Manager, for his words of wisdom.



If you are interested in future 1:1 sessions or for more information, email us: wcumbymchair@imechenetwork.org