



Industrial Diamonds, a talk by Brian Hartness

Date: Wednesday 24th April 2013
Start time: 7.30 p.m.
Location: Phoenix Service Solutions, Keighley (*see address details overleaf*)



Dear members and guests,

The Keighley Association of Engineers is pleased to announce its next event in the 2013 syllabus, a talk by Mr Brian Hartness on the mechanisation and cutting of industrial diamonds.

Brian Hartness is the son of the former general manager at Asquith Engineering in Halifax and comes highly recommended to the Association having provided similar talks to many different organisations.

Brian's story has interesting historical connotations, at the time of the Second World War it was recognised that a large quantity of industrial diamonds existed in Germany. The British Government were concerned that there would be a shortage of industrial diamonds available to British manufacturing industry and that the German war machine would have a significant manufacturing advantage if they were able to obtain the diamonds! A plan was hatched to get the diamonds out of Germany and into the UK and this being successful the next problem was how to work them. In a rather audacious move a Manager at Asquith Engineering, Halifax convinced those involved that bringing the diamonds to Asquith would be the solution and so a project began to develop the technology to cut and polish the diamonds in a mechanised way to both speed up the process and lower the skill level required.

Phoenix Solutions in Keighley are once again happy to provide the venue so please ensure prompt arrival for refreshments before the talk begins at 7.30 p.m.

Expect an interesting, informative and entertaining evening in Brian's company, you won't be disappointed!



Address details:

Phoenix Service Solutions
Cedar House
Aire Valley Business Centre,
Lawkholme Lane
Keighley
BD21 3BB

Location map:



Check out the Keighley Association of Engineers website for details of future events.

We have updated our website and shortened the address to www.kaoe.org.uk please visit the site to see the new look – you will see that we have added Face Book and Twitter links – hope some of you will use these.

One of the improvements to the site is much easier editing facilities. If you have any photographs of recent events which are of compact form and can be emailed to me please do that and I will make sure they go on the new site.

Contributions to forthcoming site visits and lecture opportunities may be posted on the website. We look forward to your feedback.