

# HATFIELD HOTLINE

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## LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!

We had an unfavourable start to the new financial year, which was not totally unexpected. Whatever the reasons were for this situation, we must put them behind us and strive to get back to a positive cashflow as soon as possible.

We have a new retreat face in production and I am sure we will make it successful. After all, F110's has gone on record as the best producer this pit has had and was in the National top 10 competing with faces having twice the coal thickness.

Therefore, I have no doubt that the same determination will prevail on F122's. The sky's the limit so let's make it happen.

F105's face line drivage encountered a two metre upthrow fault but we have graded through in order to thurl the drivage with the main gate. The face will be workable but will require more attention to detail. We have experienced and overcome these problems before and we will, without doubt, do it again.

The north west left hand drivage has started to make some progress, being the preparation for F111's retreat unit. This face will re-use



F110's main gate. Shortly, the drivage of 56's and of F111's main gate will commence from F122's main gate junction.

56's roads are also moving forward to open up what is, effectively, the middle of our reserves. In-seam boreholes inbye of 56's roads and to the north of F112's face start have put us in somewhat of a quandary by striking faults at 650 metres and 230 metres respectively.

The seismic survey from F122's main gate should confirm the probable fault positions enabling the next faces in this area to be

mapped out.

Probably, the most vital roadway of our planned development is the extension of F110's tail gate to 56's right hand gate.

This is where we have the most to gain by introducing high speed loco efficiency into F122's area.

It is absolutely vital to this pit that men and materials are transported to the heart of our reserves in the shortest time possible to maximise the use of our assets.

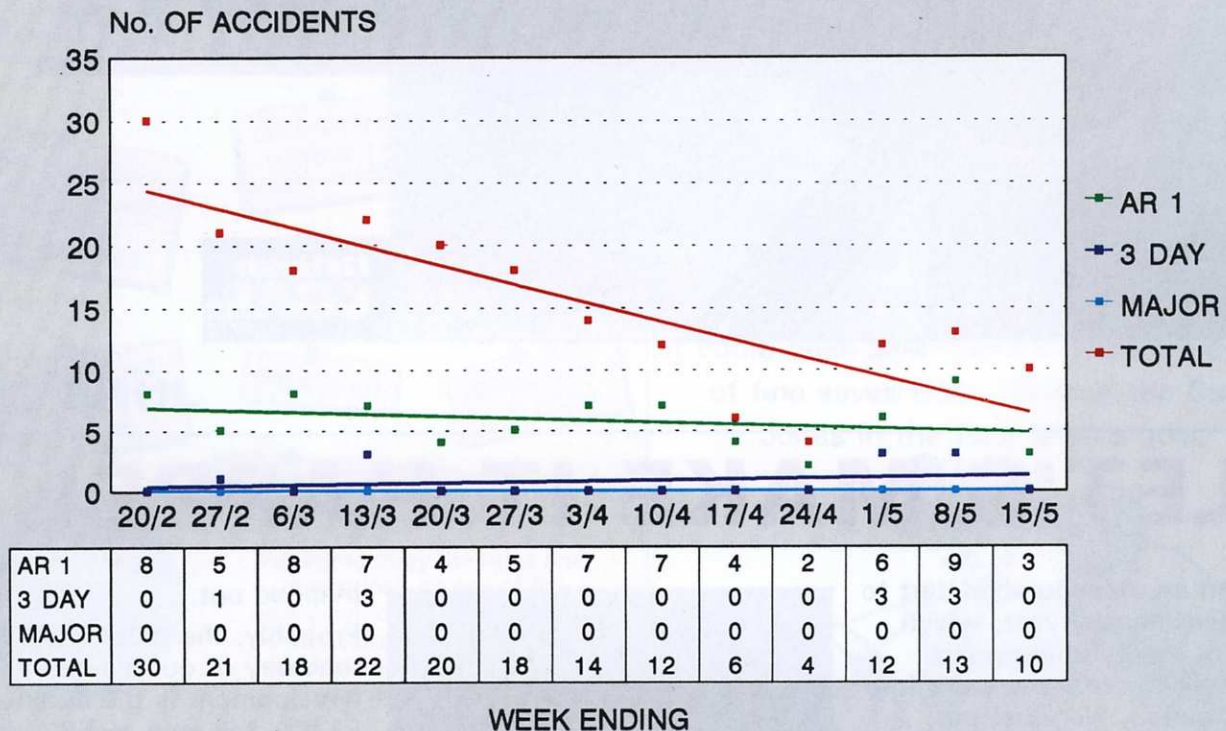
Needless to say, it is of the utmost importance that everyone works together to eliminate the old 56's roads, our only remaining "Achilles heel".

We are going through a bad period but by using the resolve that has served us so well in the recent past, we will return to the favourable situation we achieved in the previous financial year.

We are still selling our coal and winning the survival battle but we are still only as good as our latest results. We have no choice, we must improve our results.

Jeff Ainley, colliery manager.

# "WORKING SAFELY NEVER HURT ANYONE" ACCIDENT TRENDS



You should by now be aware of our intention to reduce and ultimately eliminate all accidents at work. All personnel who report to the medical centre as a result of an accident, however small, will be asked to provide a statement to ascertain the cause.

In line with the Manager's Safety Policy it is important that all accidents and near misses are investigated in order to prevent a re-occurrence.

The next phase of the manager's policy is the implementation of safety audits. These involve visits by trained personnel of various disciplines visiting the workplace to appraise the working environment and working practices.

There are 25 trained personnel to undertake safety audits and a plan to train a further seven a week.

Some of you have already been audited and the process of auditing all workplaces will continue, therefore, I ask that you give every support to the audit teams.

## REMEMBER:

### OUR AIM IS TO MAKE HATFIELD A SAFER PLACE TO WORK BY MAKING IT ACCIDENT FREE.

Lol Hilton,  
safety engineer

# EYE PROTECTION

It is the manager's instruction that eye protection is worn by all personnel (from baths to baths). However, the type of eye protection you have, may not be suitable for your particular job or environment. Listed below are the types of eye protection available and the suggested environment for their use.



## FULL FACE MESH TYPE

Ripping lips  
Face machines  
Hot/humid areas (these won't steam up)



## SKI GOGGLES

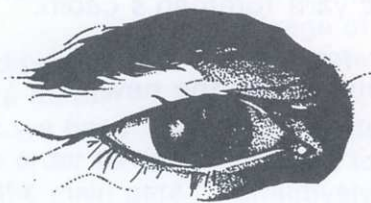
Pump packing (or where cementitious materials are used)  
High velocity ventilated areas  
Stone dusting  
Face machines



## SAFETY SPECTACLES

General use—to and from the workplace where they will be changed for a type suitable for the work environment.

## REMEMBER:



# YOUR SIGHT IS PRECIOUS

Lol Hilton,  
safety engineer.

# PERSONAL CONDUCT AT THE MINE

Acting in a manner likely to endanger the safety of the mine and men working in it.

Regulations relating to riding in the cage.

Tampering with lamps and other safety equipment.

Causing interruption to, or interfering with, mechanical or electrical apparatus.

Not leaving your workplace in a safe condition.

Sleeping at work.

Fighting.

Deliberate damage to British Coal property or operations.

Not carrying a self rescuer and having it ready for use.

Being drunk.

Evidence of drug abuse.

Contraband offences.

Failing to obey the rules and regulations on any of the above, which were introduced for the safety of you and your workmates, could result in summary dismissal



## FOOTBALL

### Who said you can't beat our face men?

At a recent football match held at Stainforth, the deputies and officials took on the face men resulting in an easy victory for the officials by 8-2.

Leading at half time with a hat trick from Carl Harrington, fitness and skill told in the end with further goals in the second half by Pete Felters, Rob Sylvester, Dave Sables and another by Carl.

It could have been more if not for a couple of fine saves from "Brinner the Cat" Jones in the face team's goal.



# M. & Q. ON THE MOVE

There have been some location changes within the safety/M.& Q. department offices.

- The surface fire station is now located in the old surface superintendent's office adjacent to the yard foreman's cabin.
- The M. & Q. signing centre is now in one of the new offices sited in the lamproom.

These relocations are necessary to enable the demolition of certain surface buildings that are no longer suitable for the particular use and have been highlighted as being environmentally unfriendly during a recent audit.

Mick Scholey,  
ventilation officer.