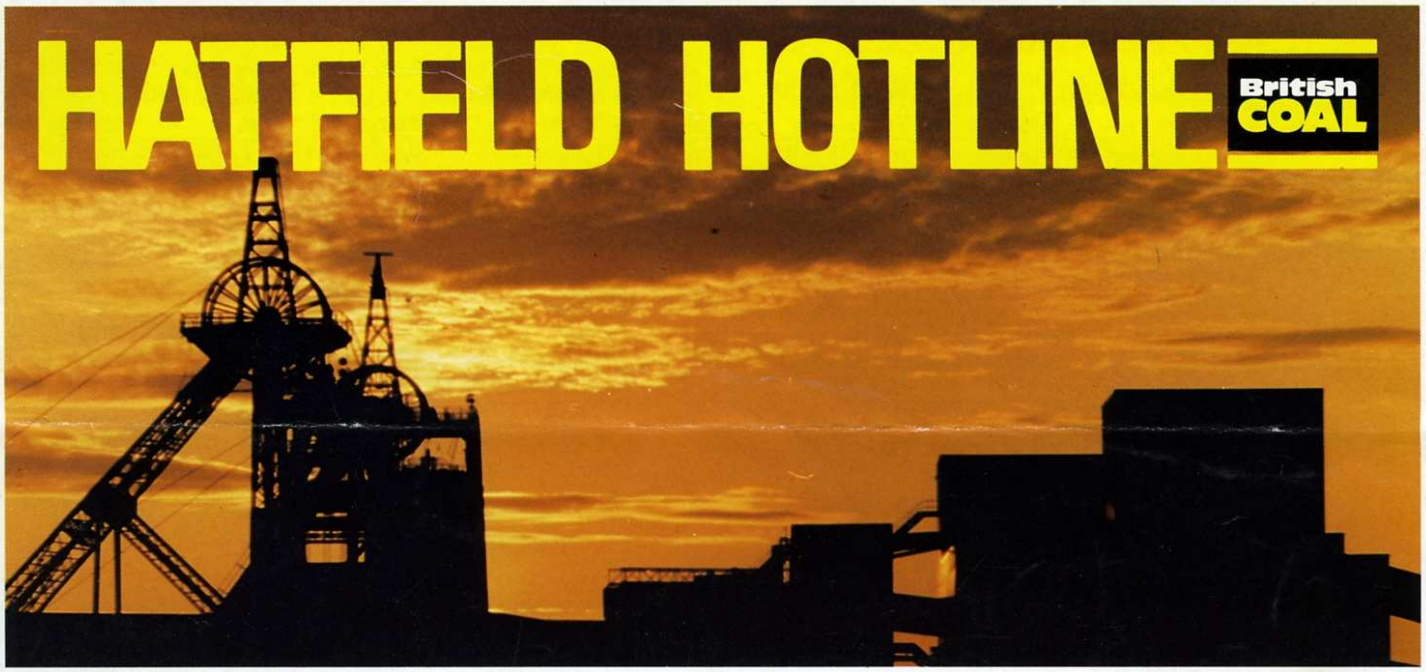
HATFIELD HOTLINE

British COAL



MAY 1988

Message from the Colliery Manager

Once again lads it is pleasing to congratulate all concerned on a profitable period since I last wrote to you. As you will see further on in the newsletter, the pit has produced well and in some cases records have been broken. The new overall tonnage record now stands at 22,100 and the new overall O.M.S. record now stands at 5.04. Also the new best tonnage from a face now stands at 11,969 from H101's District.

Well done lads and congratulations.

The only bleak patch on the horizon is the developments where we must improve as the situation could become serious. So you may well see things differently in the very near future in an attempt to improve this serious situation. On standards we must make sure that the transfer points are kept clear. Arches must be set on centre and we must also make sure that where belts are installed or extended that they are installed as they should be as I have seen some cases around the pit where this is not the situation.

Once again lads keep the good work up and secure our future at Hatfield.

D. C. GARDNER

RESULTS FOR APRIL 1988

	POTENTIAL		ACTUAL	
	STRIPS	TONNAGE	STRIPS	TONNAGE
H77	196	47,432	89½	21,094
H120	180	48,780	63	15,889
H101	255	62,475	140¼	36,695
	PLANNED MTS. ADV.		METRES ADV.	
Developments	192	1,700	139	1,052
Total		160,387		74,730

PROFIT/LOSS ACCOUNT FOR APRIL

	PLANNED		ACTUAL	
	£'000	£/tonne	£'000	£/tonne
Proceeds	2527	43.61	3254	43.55
Operating Costs	2399	41.40	2439	32.64
Operating Profit/(Loss)	128	2.21	815	10.91
Capital Charges	261	4.51	261	3.49
Profit/(Loss) After Capital	(133)	(2.30)	554	7.42
		£/Gj		£/Gj
Bottom Line Cost Per Gigajoule		**1.79**		**1.40**

The results for April show that we produced 47% of potential tonnes, which was 7% better than in March. H77's produced 44% (30% in March), H120's obtained 33% (32% in March) and H101's achieved 59% (52% in March).

The Profit/Loss account for April (the first month of the new financial year) shows that we made a profit of £554,000, at a cost per gigajoule of £1.40, **giving us our fifth successive month in profit**. This trend has carried on for the first two weeks of May, giving us a profit after capital charges of £247,000 for the month to date and £801,000 cumulatively.

FACE TEAM PERFORMANCES

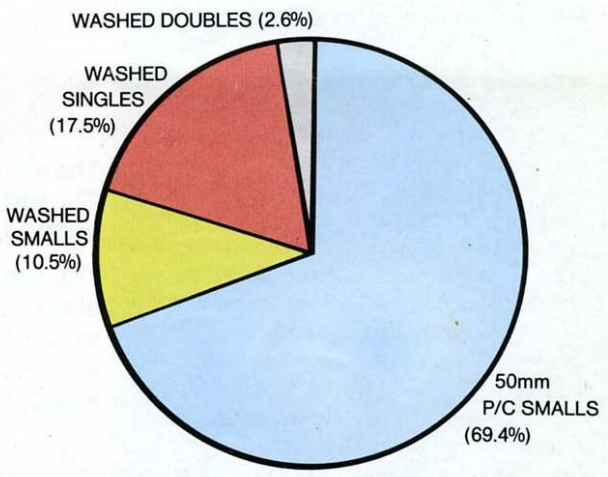
	Week 27.4.88		Week 9.4.88		Week 16.4.88		Week 23.4.88	
	Team	**Metres**	**Team**	**Metres**	**Team**	**Metres**	**Team**	**Metres**
H77	Thompson	2360	Holt	1345	Whitehurst	2280	Thompson	1540
	Whitehurst	2330	Thompson	980	Holt	2880	Whitehurst	2391
	Holt	2229	Whitehurst	1190	Thompson	2730	Holt	2520
H120	Walton	830	Buchanan	1310	McManus	1100	Walton	1850
	McManus	1013	Walton	950	Buchanan	2060	McManus	1693
	Buchanan	995	McManus	1450	Walton	2930	Buchanan	1340
H101	Anderton	3155	Magee	1680	Neill	2475	Anderton	2610
	Neill	3160	Anderton	990	Magee	2700	Neill	4040
	Magee	4071	Neill	1280	Anderton	3110	Magee	4180
For Individual Shift	**BEST: 960** Magee Tues, W, Thur Nights Neill Wed Afters		**BEST: 750** Anderton Thur Afters		**BEST: 840** Walton Thur + Fri Nights Holt Wed Afters		**BEST: 960** Magee Tu, Wed, Thur Nights Neill Wed + Fri Afters	

DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCES

	Week: 2.4.88		Week: 9.4.88		Week: 16.4.88		Week: 23.4.88	
	TEAM	**RINGS**	**TEAM**	**RINGS**	**TEAM**	**RINGS**	**TEAM**	**RINGS**
HO7 Face Hdg.	Wilson	6	Taylor	4	Gravil	2	Wilson	9
	Gravil	9	Wilson	2	Taylor	7	Gravil	10
	Taylor	7	Gravil	0	Wilson	6	Taylor	8
H56 R.H.	Wilson	6	Hopwood	0	Broughton	0	Wilson	3
	Broughton	4	Wilson	0	Hopwood	0	Broughton	3
	Hopwood	3	Broughton	0	Wilson	0	Hopwood	1
H56 L.H.	Clarke	2	Jennings	0	Cousins	2	Clarke	2
	Cousins	2	Clarke	0	Jennings	1	Cousins	0
	Jennings	4	Cousins	0	Clarke	2	Jennings	2
N. West Int.	Saunders	1	Parkinson	0	Hodgson	2	Saunders	4
	Hodgson	4	Saunders	1	Parkinson	4	Hodgson	4
	Parkinson	1	Hodgson	3	Saunders	1	Parkinson	1
H104 T/G	Welbourne	2	Beal	4	Lyne	7	Welbourne	10
	Lyne	4	Welbourne	5	Beal	3	Lyne	8
	Beal	3	Lyne	2	Welbourne	3	Beal	5
H102 MG Ext LH	Connor	1	Fullerton	0	Pashley	1	Connor	2
	Pashley	2	Connor	0	Fullerton	2	Pashley	2
	Fullerton	3	Pashley	0	Connor	2	Fullerton	0
H102 TG Ext RH	Dale	4	Hazel	3	Standish	0	Dale	0
	Standish	2	Dale	2	Hazel	0	Standish	0
	Hazel	2	Standish	1	Dale	0	Hazel	0
For Individual Shift	**BEST: 3** Gravil Mon, Tu, Th, Afters Wilson Tues Days Taylor Fri Nights (56RH) – Wilson Fri Days		**BEST: No Team achieved more than 2**		**BEST: 3** Lyne Tues Days Wilson Tues Nights		**BEST: 4** Welbourne Wed Days	

COAL DISTRIBUTION IN APRIL

Quality	**Tonnes**
50mm PC SMALLS – by Rail to Thorpe Marsh	48309
WASHED SMALLS – by Road to Orgreave, Coal House & Grimethorpe Coalite	7322
WASHED SINGLES – by Road to various industries, schools & hospitals	12182
WASHED COBBLES – by Road to the domestic market	1841
TOTAL DISPOSALS OF HATFIELD PRODUCTS	69654
STOCK CHANGE	5241
LESS CAPITAL COAL	–165
SALEABLE OUTPUT	**74730**



Prior to this financial year end Plant Pool carried the costs for purchasing and repairs on all equipment and each pit paid a weekly hire charge for each item, for example the hire charge on an MH50 haulage was £310 and on a B59C gearhead was £530.

With this system the hire charge was based on the predicted new machine requirements and workshops repair cost for the whole area. This resulted in the pits with less component charges subsidising the pits with more frequent changes. Hatfield was one of the pits which was subsidising the others, as we had fewer section changes.

At the start of this financial year, collieries paid off all the loans on items of Plant Pool so **the machinery we hold now belongs to Hatfield.**

The new system works as follows:

When we have a large section change we are charged 150% of Workshops average repair charge for that section and when it is returned we are credited with 50% of the repair charge.

With smaller sections (sub-assemblies) i.e. Dosco Cat Engines, tensioners etc, these are repaired on the Product Support Scheme direct with National Workshops and costs are based on the premise that when we obtain a new item the new price is charged, when we return the old one we are credited with the difference between the repair cost and the new price. If the item is not returned **within 28 days** the colliery is debited with the new price, because Workshops will lose their float of components and have to replace them.

It is important that craftsmen report any section changes or plant movements to assist with Plant Records and Cost Control and we must place the same urgency to get old components out of the pit and back to workshops as we do to get them in and on site.

If the craftsmen do the necessary in-shift maintenance and checks, backed up with information from R.C.M. and Delay Analysis we should improve and get more consistent performance from our machines and less repair costs. For example typical repair costs on an MH50 haulage and B59C gearhead are £29,117 and £25,662 respectively.

These are now our machines so let's look after them and keep them working for us.

J. RIDGWAY

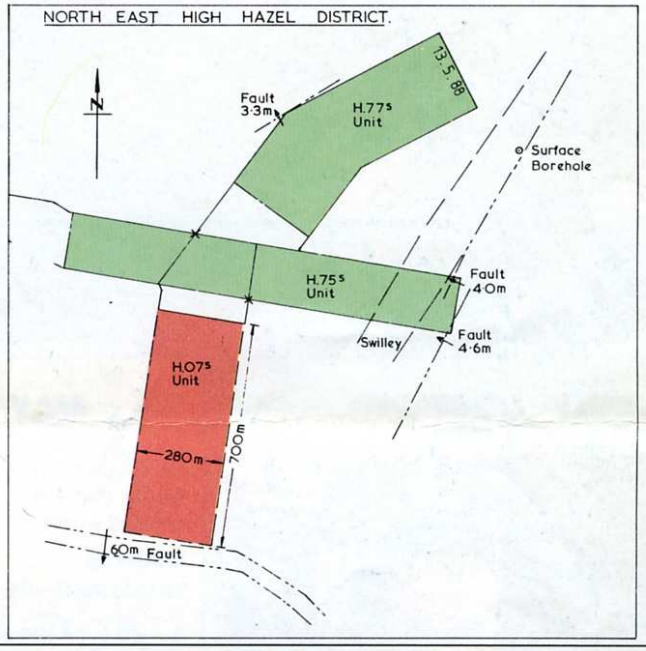
N.E. HAZEL

H.77's unit started in November 1986 and after advancing 260 metres hit a large fault at the Tail Gate end of the face. The face was turned 25° to the right, this was done very successfully and credit is due to all concerned. It is planned to advance until October 1988 at which time it will be replace by H.07's unit. However, as you can see from the plan the swilley and faulting which affected H.75's unit could also seriously affect and possibly stop H.77's unit at any time. For this reason it is vital that H.07's development remains on schedule and is ready to replace H.77's as soon as possible.

All the faces to the south of the Paddy road have worked very successfully both advancing and retreating. H.07's should continue the pattern. The face will be equipped with Gullick Dobson 3/255 Heavy Duty Supports, 2x BJD Machines, Webster Bucket and Pump Packing in the Main Gate and either a Ripping Platform or a Minidev in the Tail Gate as well as Pump-Packing. In fact a very similar set up to that which is working so well on H.101's face.

H.07's will advance approx. 700 metres and extract approx. 1.6 metres of coal.

IAN CROSSLAND – SURVEYOR



DAMAGED BUCKET CABLES

Production over the last five months has increased and this is a welcome sign that the Colliery is on the right road. Unfortunately we have also had an increase in damaged bucket cables. The delays caused by this damage is losing the pit output and losing the men concerned money. There is also the cost of repairing the cable. Damage most often occurs when buckets are being tracked back and the cable is either run over or nipped against the stage loader. Cable handling systems are in operation but greater care must be exercised to try and minimise the damage. Electricians and men must work together to make sure everything possible is being done and so reduce the chance of damage occuring. If anyone will contribute to the improvement of cable handling please contact me or my Deputy Engineer. Any positive step towards eliminating cable damage will be welcomed.

S. HAVENHAND

NEWS FROM THE COAL PREP PLANT

The spotlight this month falls on Washed Singles 1⅛" – ⅝"

This product is now in great demand throughout the Yorkshire region, consequently the Marketing Dept. can dispose of all the singles Hatfield can produce. In April we produced 16.2% of the total saleable output as washed singles and we disposed of 17.5% the difference having to come from our already depleted strategic stocks. Singles are our highest earner in real terms i.e. income/heat energy unit, so again the demand is for larger coal as the income from coal below ⅝" in size is some 25% lower in real terms.

As we now guarantee our quality any failure to meet the specification of the product can and often does result in claims for compensation due to loss of production etc. Some mention of this was made in last month's newsletter, below are some of the typical complaints received from customers:-

(1) "The bolt had jammed to the feed screw inside the bunker, sheared the shear pin, which was replaced. Unknown to the engineer it also sheared the screw coupling so that when the feed was restarted only the front half of the screw was turning. When the fuel at the front was used the boiler "went down" and after stripping out the feed worm the bolt was found."

(2) It was reported that the customer has picked 5 pieces of oversize coal from the stockpile of singles. However, when the boiler plant was restarted after major maintenance (unconnected with this particular problem) a further piece of oversize blocked the hot gas generator feed.

(3) Wet fines caused blockage of pneumatic coal handling system and loss of steam supply occurred for 2 hours. Subsequent plant operation required full time attendance to deal with blockages for a further 16 hours.

These are just a selection of complaints from long term customers of Hatfield Colliery, if we are to retain these customers and generate new ones we have to be in a position to guarantee the quality of our products. To this end work has been done to improve and maintain the quality of washed singles by:

(1) Fitting of a large volume warm air blower which has already resulted in a 0.5% reduction in moisture, trials are still ongoing and it is expected to achieve a full 1% reduction in moisture by the end of the year.

(2) Undersize removal screens have been fitted to the discharge section of the CPP singles bunkers and modifications to feed chutes are ongoing, the undersize being caused by breakage in chutes etc.

(3) All singles loaded from stockpile are loaded via the guard screen which removes any under and oversize material. The guard screen feed conveyor has fitted an overband magnet which will remove any steel items that may have contaminated the stockpile.

When Hatfield went solely into High Hazel production in August 1983, the budget standards for singles were as listed below and these are compared to the 1988 budget requirements.

	1983	1988
C/V	28,480	28,980
MOISTURE	12.6%	12.2%
ASH	3.8%	3.3%

As can be seen when comparing these, that significant improvements have been achieved. These improvements have attracted customers to Hatfield it is **Essential** therefore that standards are maintained and improved upon to retain these and attract others.

THE RECORD BREAKERS

The three shifts of men and officials who together made H101's face produce more coal in a week than any previous face had ever produced at Hatfield Colliery.

CONGRATULATIONS.

NEW JOB

Steve Havenhand is the new Unit Electrical Engineer – He has been the Deputy Engineer for the past 6 years and is looking forward to the challenge of the new job.

ANSWERS TO APRIL'S QUIZ

1. Wolves
2. Motherwell
3. Hull
4. Cardiff
5. Newcastle
6. Arsenal
7. Blackpool

Mr C. Crompton (4474) wins £5

Mr. D.I. Walshaw (3599) wins £3

Mr. P.F. Dixon wins £1

Collect your money from Mr G.E. Smith

MAY 1988 QUIZ

Each question contains the initial letter of words that will make it correct, so, find the missing words.

EXAMPLE

16 O to the P – 16 Ounces to the Pound.

1. 26 L of the A
2. 7 W of the W
3. 1001 A N
4. 12 S of the Z
5. 54 C in a D (with J)
6. 9 P in the SS
7. 88 PK

Closing date Wednesday 8th June 1988 –

GOOD LUCK

A SAFE PROFITABLE PIT SECURES A FUTURE FOR EVERYONE

HATFIELD ROAD RUNNERS

St. LEGER HALF MARATHON, SUNDAY 8th MAY

1700 runners set out from Rossington in almost ideal running conditions and completed the 13.1 miles course taking in Tickhill, Wadsworth, Loversall and Balby.

Ten Hatfield runners took part, some in their first half marathon, and all completed the course in excellent times. Personal bests were recorded by some.

The race was won by Chris Parkes of Rotherham Harriers in a new course record time of 65 mins 44 secs.

HATFIELD RESULTS

4th	PETER NEAL	70:02
72nd	JOHN SLACK	78:18
82nd	BRYAN CHADWICK	79:20
111th	BOB ROBERTS	81:00
143rd	LEE MERCHANT	83:17
191st	GEOFF AMBLER	85:22
199th	ARTHUR JONES	85:47
204th	JOHN FARMER	85:59
492nd	CLIVE LAWCOCK	94:18
501st	GLYN FARRELL	94:32

Congratulations to Peter Neal – an excellent result.

SOUTH KIRBY HALF MARATHON

18th	JOHN SLACK	79:18
73rd	GEOFF AMBLER	87:15
81st	JOHN FARMER	88:13
84th	LEE MERCHANT	88:27

Well done everyone – if anyone fancies joining the lads and taking part then get in touch with any of the above. They will give you every encouragement.