

HATFIELD HOTLINE



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CONTINUED COMMITMENT

We have now reached the end of the first quarter of the new financial year. The colliery results are improving, helping to offset the bad start, but we must keep the emphasis on achieving the 20,000 tonnes or 20,000 metres cutting on a regular basis to secure our chances of staying in the game.

F.103's face is now in the last month of its life and F.110's will be ready as its replacement. We won't start 110's before it is needed, as slowly moving this face away from the bolted area may cause it to break up and create similar problems to those we experienced at weekends on our other faces.

F.110's needs to get to full production as soon as possible after moving away from the face heading. With the arches already removed we anticipate no major hold-ups in achieving this.

Both F.105's development gates are now equipped and will soon be advancing at rates compatible with those required to have this face ready to cover for the transfer of F.121's face to F.122's next April. By this time 122's main gate and the face heading will have to have been driven.

In the meantime, with two advancing faces, we rely on



everyone to continue attending regularly to ensure we have

enough manpower to work these faces effectively.

Therefore, enjoy your holidays but remember we need you at work on the last day prior to and the first day after your booked leave. Return thoroughly refreshed and ready for action.

This is going to be Hatfield's year. We have the resolve and the expertise to tackle any future enterprise or eventuality.

By continued commitment to improved results, we can stay on the playing field and, unlike the national football team, we must play to win.

Jeff Ainley,
colliery manager.



F.110's installed face.

A FEW MINUTES WELL SPENT

The colliery accident rate is still showing cause for concern with slipping, stumbling and falling accidents still the worst categories by far.

Despite all my attempts to draw everyone's attention to the prevention of these types of accident, it appears that very little headway is made towards reducing them.

OUTPUT AND FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR MAY

Total saleable output	66,500
Average daily tonnes	3,600
O.M.S. overall	7.76
Operating cash cost per gigajoule (£)	1.46



Examples of these accidents

"Stepped back, tripped over old rails and landed on a breeze block".
"Stumbled over a sleeper laid on the floor".
"Climbing over a ring pack when he slipped and fell".

The list is endless but they all point to one common theme, that of the standards of tidiness we create and are all prepared to accept.

I am sure that none of us wants to continue along the path of having these unnecessary accidents this is what will happen if we do not improve the standards of tidiness throughout the pit.

A few minutes to stack material tidily is all that it takes but it could prevent someone getting hurt later. That in itself will be a few minutes well spent.

The benefits of not having accidents

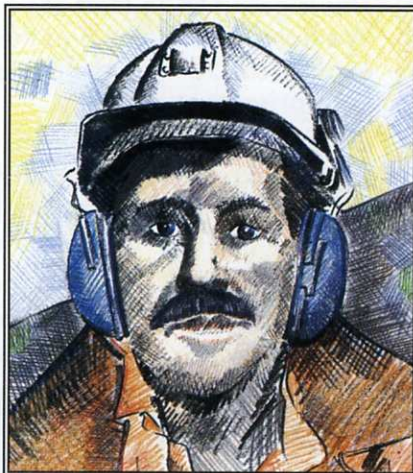
The obvious primary benefit of not having accidents is that no pain and suffering is inflicted on individuals, but consider the other benefits.

1. No loss of earnings.
2. Manpower available for deployment.
3. No need to cover absence with overtime.
4. No payment of compensation costs which is obviously beneficial towards the operating costs of the colliery.

Therefore by creating a safer working environment and maintaining good standards, we can work towards having fewer accidents which benefit both the individual and your colliery.

Andy Helowicz, safety engineer.

IT'S SOUND ADVICE.....



Protect Your Hearing



You are advised to wear hearing protection when you see this sign and machinery is operating.



You must wear hearing protection when you see this sign and machinery is operating.

Don't risk your hearing.

Don't risk your job.

Failure to wear hearing protectors could lead to disciplinary action.

Anyone persistently failing to use hearing protectors could face dismissal.

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