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Here we are with the second newsletter for 2021. The contents this time is mainly updates on some of the projects in hand plus a couple of new items.

Do make sure you have a good read and keep up-to-speed with what is going on with IDEST training.

Getting back on track

It is good to see that several of you have started running courses again. I have received orders for course manuals from three centres now and hopefully the others will follow soon.

It has certainly been a trying time with so many restrictions being imposed with respect to social distancing and physical contact. Hopefully those times are behind us now and we can start increasing the number of courses we are able to run.

We have had several more enquiries about training courses. Clearly many dive shops and divers are considering learning how to do it themselves and keep costs down.

Pat Oates to retire

It is with some sadness that I have to inform you that Pat Oates, our Admin Office Manager, has decided to retire at the end of June.

Pat has been with IDEST since the days of Mike Todd back in 1985. She has served us very well over the years and I am sure you all join me in thanking her for her efforts and wishing her all the best for her future retirement.

In the meantime, her daughter, Jeanette, is running the Office until we find a suitable replacement.

Continue to use the same email address (pat@patoates.co.uk) and phone number for any enquiries you may have. Jeanette is coping extremely well in view of her short induction into the role.

As soon as a replacement is found, you will be informed of the new contact person and details. I am sure the transition will go smoothly.

IDEST Tutorial No 3

Due to the fact that getting video footage has not been possible, I changed to topic of Tutorial No 3 from Stamping Cylinders to '**Hydro or Visual?**'.

The purpose of this tutorial is help clarify the decision made when a cylinder comes in for a Visual Inspection (PI) a little on the late side.

This tutorial was posted up a couple of weeks ago and so far, the responses have been very favourable. It has already had 38 views.

Quotes - 'This is clearly the way to go'. 'This tutorial explains the situation very clearly without being too dogmatic'. 'We need more explanations like these tutorials, just to clarify what we should be doing'.

Tutorial No 4 will be sorted out once I am able to get the video footage I need. Hopefully it will be '**Stamping Cylinders**' with '**Creating a Comparison Chart**' as tutorial No 5.

Have look at the IDEST YouTube site **IDESTUKORG** and subscribe to the IDEST Channel.

Amended TIC 2 Instructor Manual

The amendments that Neil and Gordon came back with have been factored into the new material. It has all been sent to Mike Clack for him to finalise the Instructor Manual and the Student Course Manual.

Once Mike has completed this work the new versions will be uploaded to Dropbox for you to access. I will of course send you an email telling you about the uploads and a reminder to start using this new version 1.5.

Oxygen Cleaning Course

This course is taking a little longer to finalise than I had imagined. Amendments have been slow at coming through so it is 'ON HOLD' at the moment.

Never one to give up, I will continue to push for this course to be out by the Summer, COVID lockdown or not. **Watch this space.**

IDEST Training Centres update

This is the current list of Training Centres:

- **Bristol Channel Diving Services, Cardiff. TC001**
- **M60 Scuba, Stockport. TC003**
- **Sunderland Scuba Centre, Sunderland. TC004**
- **C & R Testing, Sowerby Bridge. TC007**
- **D V Diving, Northern Ireland. TC009**
- **J M Scuba Services, Leicester. TC010**
- **Moray Firth Dive Centre, Moray. TC011**

Training Centres leaving since the last issue of TRAINER

None
