

## **Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards**

The 22nd Annual CECA Yorkshire & The Humber Dinner took place on Friday 20th April 2018 at The Majestic Hotel, Harrogate, with over 300 Members and Guests in attendance.

Peter Duffy, of Peter Duffy Ltd, delivered his Chairman's speech, and welcomed incoming Chair Neil Beck, of Balfour Beatty, whose tenure began after the Awards Ceremony.

The evening was compered by local News Journalist, Harry Gratton, and entertainment was provided by the excellent and outstandingly Yorkshire comedian, Lea Roberts.

Alan Muddiman of Renew Holdings also received a gift and thanks from CECA Y&H staff and guests as he entered retirement. Alan has served as representative for CECA on CONIAC, as well as Chair of the CECA H&S National Committee. He will also retire from his role as Chair of the Yorkshire Safety Centre for Construction (Y&H) in June 2018.

To see the official photographs from the event please click here:

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### **CECA Y&H Awards 2017**

#### **Linda Grant Safety Award**

Shortlist:

AMCO Giffen for the Denby Dale Viaduct project

JN Bentley, for their work at Gouthwaite Reservoir Spillway

JN Bentley for a scheme entitled Leeds Low Level Syphons Remediation

#### **Winner: J N Bentley - Leeds Low Level Syphons Remediation**

The judges said that they were impressed by the way the winning entry addressed key health & safety issues during the temporary works stage, the permanent works stage and the maintenance stage. The assets, incorporating five inverted syphons beneath the River Aire & Canal, had become inefficient over time due to difficulties in cleaning. The solution adopted resulted in a comprehensive overhaul of the asset and it also provided the client with an exemplar maintenance procedure which had not previously been identified.

Working in potentially very dangerous conditions, the team identified potential hazards at an early stage in the contract and were able to develop mitigating measures, in order that safe working procedures could be implemented.

The attention to detail in all matters of health and safety, for both the construction team and eventual maintenance teams, was clearly evidenced and whilst this project will never see the light of day – at least it can be monitored and maintained by the client in a safe manner for the next 30 years.

### **Contract of the Year Award - Below £5m**

Shortlist:

Britcon for their work at Kemira Chemicals

Colas for their Bridgewater Place project

Jackson Civil Engineering for the Catterick flood storage scheme

### **Winner: Britcon - Kemira Chemicals**

The judges said that the winning project, or rather series of projects, exemplified what can be done when collaboration is the 'modus operandi' of the construction team. Collaboration with the client worked so well, that the initial scheme of £2.3M became £4.5M – nice work if you can get it!!

The projects, carried out on a 'high risk chemical manufacturing site', included a new Bio Acrylamide Process Building which required installation of a number of reactor vessels using a 750 Tonne mobile crane. There was also considerable building and infrastructure works provided. An additional project requirement included for a new boiler building and provision of a new roof over an operational processing line which could not be shut down! The complexity of the projects cannot be underestimated and the judges were impressed with how the works were both managed and carried out.

### **Contract of the Year Award - Above £5m**

Shortlist:

Buckingham Group, for the Wakefield Eastern Relief Road

The Esh Group, for their work at the A61 Birdwell junction

Balfour Beatty, for the Tadcaster Bridge scheme

### **Winner: Balfour Beatty - Tadcaster Bridge**

The winning project probably needs no introduction as it received huge regional and national press coverage – however, what most people won't know is how difficult this project was in that the team were constantly faced with new challenges as the project unfolded. This award acknowledges the skill and expertise of all involved, in reconnecting a community in a relatively short time and in a safe and secure manner.

The judge's views were that this was a stand out project. Following the collapse of Tadcaster Bridge in 2015, it was found that the bridge comprised 2 bridges side by side – one dating back to 1580 and the other which was added in 1780's. Guess which one had failed! (the newer one!).

The urgency required to provide a temporary footpath crossing and also to repair the bridge, was obvious to everyone! To this end, the winning contractor completed the project in little more than half the time it would have normally taken to carry out such a task, and in doing so provided innovation around the temporary works, value for money, collaboration, community engagement and above all, a bridge which will hopefully last another 500 years!

### **2017 Most Promising Apprentice Award**

#### **Highly Commended: Jack Eusman from COLAS**

The first Highly Commended Award goes to a Joe, who is no stranger to awards, winning the Leeds College of Building General Construction Operative Apprentice of the Year Award in 2017, and has since been nominated for his own internal company Operatives Award across the whole business. His manager stated that 'with his continuous hard work and commitment, he has great potential to progress with the business and in the industry'. The judges said he came across as a really confident, talented and conscientious individual, with a keen enthusiasm to help others.

#### **Highly Commended: Oliver Chamberlain from Breheny Civil Engineering**

The second Highly Commended Award goes to an Apprentice who has also recently completed his Apprenticeship as a General Construction Operative. This Apprentice demonstrated a real determination to improve himself, and has proven himself to be an invaluable part of any team time and time again. He is keen to become a Setting Out Engineer and has already put himself forward for an internal programme to develop himself in this way. His manager said that he 'has the potential to go as far as he wants to in the construction industry'. The judges said that he came across as very personable, driven and with a great sense of humour. He demonstrated that he had overcome personal challenges and motivated himself to do well. Well done Oliver.

#### **Winner: Joseph Edwards from Buckingham Group**

Joe keeps going from strength to strength within his company and has grown in confidence and ability over the last twelve months. His attitude to work is always to give 100%, and he is committed to always doing the best for the company and for his own development. He is currently working towards his Level 3 NVQ in Construction and Civil Engineering. He is also very enthusiastic about the industry and has developed materials to help promote construction and civil engineering to young people, becoming a great ambassador for the sector. His manager said that 'at this point in his career, I can't see any obstacles to him progressing to a management career by early 30s'. The judges were blown away by his passion for the role he has and the work he does, and the enthusiasm he demonstrated when discussing projects he had been a part of.

**Alan Muddiman, former Chair of CECA's H&S Committee and current  
Chair of Yorkshire Safety Centre for Construction, speaks to Linda  
Grant Judges Frank Mann and Bob Lorenzo**



**Representatives from J N Bentley / MMB collect the  
Linda Grant Safety Award**



**Representatives from Britcon collect the  
Contract of the Year Award (Below £5m)**



**Representatives from Balfour Beatty collect the  
Contract of the Year Award (Above £5m)**



**Joseph Edwards from Buckingham Group collects the  
Most Promising Apprentice Award**



## Past and present Chairs for CECA Yorkshire & Humber

Peter Clay, John Brandon, Neil Beck (Incoming Chair), Peter Duffy (Chair), Andries Liebenberg



## The CECA Yorkshire & The Humber Team with host, Harry Gration

Jayne Darbyshire, Harry Gration, Jemma Carmody, Mark Roper

