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COLLIERY RESULTS - JANUARY 1990

Saleable Output	38,449 Tonnes	
Net Proceeds	£1,743,000	(£45.33)
Total Operating Costs	£1,586,000	(£41.25)
Operating Profit	£157,000	(£4.08)
Capital Charges	£111,000	(£2.89)
Total Profit	£46,000	(£1.19)

Operating Cost per Gigajoule	£1.45
Bottom Line Cost per Gigajoule	£1.55

NEW COLLIERY RECORD

Week ending 20th January, 1990

- Total Weekly Saleable Output	15,096 Tonnes
- Individual Face Output (H27's)	14,722 Tonnes

Week ending 3rd February, 1990

Overall OMS	6.86 Tonnes
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Manager's Comments

WELL DONE!

Since our last magazine three Colliery Output Records have been broken, as shown on the right of this page.

In addition, the lads on the CPP, not to be outdone, have processed a record tonnage of 20,040 tonnes.

These are no mean achievements but we must all strive to make these levels of output the norm, in order that we can successfully compete in a highly competitive market place.

It is also worthy of note that our accident statistics

are showing an improving trend, even though our activity has intensified.

Our aim must be towards a zero rate on the accident front.

Looking forward into the year, work is well underway for 27's replacement face, which will now be L24's Advance. This face will be installed with a set of Dowty 4 x 410 Forward Walkway Shield Chocks which are currently on order.

Things are now going in the right direction so lets keep up the good work and go on to better things in the months to come.

K. A. Leech
Colliery Manager

PERSONNEL PATTERN

ATTENDANCE

During the first weeks of January attendance levels have been in and around the 90% mark, including rest days, holidays etc. This is excellent - keep it up. High attendance levels mean:

- (a) Management can deploy as planned;
 - (b) Safety and efficiency levels are maintained at a high standard;
 - (c) Your income increases with regular attendance;
 - (d) Disciplinary measures are not needed.
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HAND CLEANSER

Frequent complaints are voiced in respect of there being no hand cleanser available in the baths, this is despite the fact that sufficient is ordered.

The shortage in the main is due to people taking far more than they need for their immediate use.

So, help yourself and your workmates, take only what you need - don't be wasteful.

COLLIERY GOLFERS

Did you hear about the golfer who said to his caddy,

"I am going to get round under par even if it means I have to move heaven and earth".

To which his caddy replied,

"If that's the case sir, may I suggest that you start on heaven, as you have already moved half the earth . . ."

WEEKEND OVERTIME

For several weeks now the "Permit to Work" System has been in operation. For those of you not familiar with this System, it simply means if you are requested to work Saturday or Sunday, you must obtain a "Permit to Work" from your Undermanager or Department Head.

COLLIERY BADGE

We may, in coming weeks, wish to obtain a Colliery tie. This requires us to design a Colliery Badge.

Not being artistic I need to ask for your help.

Can you, or someone at home, design a Colliery Badge or Coat of Arms for Sutton Manor?

There will be a cash prize for the best design.

Closing date 28th April.

NEW STYLE HOLIDAYS

To date 80 men have submitted applications for holidays under the new "Free Choice System".

Don't forget when you make your application out to add "plus the annual holiday" if you are attaching your holiday to the Pit Week.

COLLIERY HOLIDAY WEEK

The work programme for the Colliery Holiday (30th July - 4th August) has not yet been decided and accordingly it is not yet known how many men will be required to work during the week in question.

If you wish to be considered for work between this period make sure you submit your name in the usual manner to Mr. Salkeld, Training Officer.

SAFETY

LIFTING APPLIANCES

What are Lifting Appliances?

Lifting Appliances are defined as any item of equipment used for lifting purposes but excluding winding and haulage apparatus. Those in common use are pull-lifts, chain blocks, air hoists, jacks, girder clips, tirsors, chains and mono rails.

Examinations

Examinations must be carried out by law and to ensure that all lifting tackle is in safe working order so that you know YOU are safe when you use it.

All equipment must be inspected every three months, followed by an examination and test every 12 months.

From February 1990 the following System will operate at Sutton Manor Colliery

1. Lifting stations will be established at the following places and haulages:

Places

- (a) Pit Bottom
- (b) Loco Shed
- (c) MFI Meeting Station
- (d) H27's Intake
- (e) H27's Return
- (f) Bottom of F4 Brow
- (g) L24's Intake
- (h) L24's Return
- (i) H25's Intake
- (j) H25's Return

Haulages

- (a) Pigeon House Return
- (b) Main Florida Brow
- (c) H27's Intake
- (d) H27's Return
- (e) L24's Intake
- (f) L24's Return
- (g) H25's Intake
- (h) H25's Return

2. The equipment available at each of these points will be (initially):

- One 3 Tonne Girder Clip
- One 3 Tonne Pull-lift
- One 3 Tonne Double Hook Chain
- One 3 Tonne Double Link Chain
- Two 3 Tonne Shackles

3. All equipment will be identified coded and only equipment painted the correct colour shall be used. The colour for each three month period will be displayed at various places around the Colliery surface and underground. The colour code for the first three months is RED. A coloured tag will be attached to the equipment for identification.

4. Any equipment taken from a station or bobbin cart to do a job must be returned to that same point when the job is finished, if everyone does that then tackle will be available for everyone to use.

5. If you require pull-lifts, clips, or chains to do a special job, then these can be obtained from the Chain Stores but to get them you must have a note from your Undermanager or Head of Department, or his Deputy, this must then be countersigned by the Engineer or his Deputy before the Chain Stores will issue you with them. If you need chains then you should give at least 24 hours notice so that they can be made up ready. After the work is completed, return the equipment to the Chain Stores, **otherwise the Manager will be informed.**

6. The three monthly inspections will be carried out by Colin McCarthy, or in his absence Jimmy Darwin. These will be done on site at the lifting stations and the colour code changed for the next three months by changing the coloured tag.

It will be the District Official's duty to ensure that lifting equipment is available for inspection and one week prior to the inspection a reminder

note will be issued to the Undermanager, or Head of Department, informing them that the inspection is due the following week.

7. The 12 monthly examination and test has to be carried out away from the Colliery so obviously they must be returned to the Chain Stores so that this can be arranged. A note will be issued to the Undermanager, Head of Department or his Deputy informing him of this two weeks prior to the due date. When this equipment is returned to the Chain Stores a replacement will be provided.
8. Results of all inspections, examinations and tests will be held in the Chain Stores and a record kept in the PPM.
9. Any items that fail the inspection, or between inspections get damaged, should be returned to the Chain Stores as soon as possible and under **no circumstances** be used in the meantime.

Any lifting equipment that becomes "lost" and has not been inspected or examined and tested when due will be blacklisted. Its number will be taken off the records and the item scrapped. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THESE BE USED. Its number will be displayed on the notice board in the lamproom and if you use it you do so at your own risk.

10. To ensure the new system works a good deal of effort and co-operation is needed from everyone. Check your lifting equipment before you use it so you are confident you can lift safely.

**DON'T IMPROVISE -
DON'T CUT CORNERS**

DO IT RIGHT

P. G. Green

Unit Mechanical Engineer



NATIONAL "NO SMOKING DAY"

Start planning how to use this day as your first as a non-smoker. This is an annual event organised by a collation of health education agencies, the major cancer and heart charities and the smoking education organisations in the UK.

This year's event is on Wednesday, 14th March - it is intended to help people who want to stop smoking. You may have tried before or you may be thinking about having your first go but either way "NO SMOKING DAY" is the perfect time to try to give up for good - one in five smokers will be trying to kick the habit on this day. Don't be put off if you have tried before and didn't make it, the next time you may be successful and it will make a huge difference to your health and your pocket!

This year there is an added incentive to stop - the UK's first national "Quit and Win" Competition - a free prize draw for smokers who stop using all forms of nicotine for at least one month; there are five prizes of a two week Caribbean holiday, plus 30 runners up prizes of colour TV's. So now is the time to think seriously about becoming a non-smoker. Available in the Occupational Health Department are:

1. Lung Function Tests - see how healthy your lungs are (or how unhealthy!)
2. Leaflets etc. with smoking cessation advice.
3. Help-Line numbers.
4. Details and entry forms for the "Quit and Win" Competition.
5. Iron-on "No Smoking Day" transfers.
6. Details of smoking cessation groups held locally.

Sister J. Fairburn

Did you know?

Shearer cutter picks can be sharpened if the heads are not destroyed by over use!

A new pick costs	£17.90 each
A new tip costs	£8.50 each
Saving to Pit	£9.40 each
	= 52% Saving

SUPPLY AND CONTRACTS

THIS IS A
SERVICE EXCHANGE ITEM

PLEASE FIX LABEL TO
REPLACED ITEM AND SEND TO
SURFACE MECH. WORKSHOP

At a time when Colliery Costs are one of the most important aspects as to the success of the Colliery, a new system is to be introduced to make **everyone**, from faceworker to stockyard worker, aware of items which can be returned to Central Stores for repair. When Central Stores receive the item they will credit the Colliery with 50%, on average, of what it cost us new.

If you see an item ready to come out of the Pit with a blue label on it, like the one above, get it out of the Pit as soon as possible. The sooner it comes out the sooner we can get it away to Central Stores and the sooner we can get the credit from them to allow us to buy the things essential to the running of the Pit!



CONGRATULATIONS again to everyone concerned on a grand achievement - what is pleasing is that we beat the record with a bit to spare - so we can still go on to a greater record.