WELCOME

to the twelfth edition of SA13, news for the community

Dear reader

I guess an apology is necessary as there has been a lapse of more than a year since the last edition of SA13 was dropped through your letterbox, so I hope you are not suffering from any withdrawal symptoms because of it.

We have missed putting together SA13, as it provides Tata Steel an opportunity to provide factual information on a wide range of articles. In turn this provides you, the reader, with a point of contact to respond or write about particular experiences or even concerns.

In this issue we have a number of feature articles that you may find interesting. We also have two competitions, plus we are now ‘live’ on facebook and twitter, the first Tata Steel company in Europe to do so. It is a quick and easy way to register a comment or view. Details are given below and on the back page.

Assisting the community through community awards and event sponsorships remains a major activity as can be seen by our snapshot of events (What’s on – back page). More recently however, Tata Steel has expanded its engagement with local primary and secondary schools through the company’s employee volunteering scheme. Again, as a resident and as a parent, your views and suggestions as to how Tata Steel can get involved with schools gives us a valuable insight. Have we visited a school local to you yet? Let us know.

In the meantime enjoy, and don’t forget to have a go and enter the two competitions on page 15.

Kind regards

the editor
Our community is so important to us

2012 is going to be an extremely exciting year for us here in Port Talbot, but also one that will be full of challenges, with steel markets still very depressed. We will be undertaking the largest industrial construction project anywhere in the UK with the rebuild of Blast Furnace 4 (BF4), which starts in June. You may have already seen huge pieces of furnace shell being brought into the works ready for fabrication.

This £1.85m investment from our parent company, Tata, is a massive sign of confidence in us to create a sustainable steel industry in South Wales. When they have so many other places they could choose to invest, we should feel privileged that they see such a good future here.

As you do, I read the local papers, and I see local people expressing concerns about access to Morfa beach. While I empathise with people’s desire to use a beautiful stretch of coastline, I also have a responsibility to adhere to health and safety legislation, and unfortunately in this case, the two don’t sit comfortably together.

I’d like to reassure you that we will do everything we can to work with the council to come up with the best, and safest, solution.

This year we will continue to support our local communities, and will be having more employees helping out in schools and with educational programmes. We will continue to support local good causes and charities, and support local events. We try to reflect our own Tata values with activities in the community, so you will see us supporting activities around health and well-being, education and learning, and the environment.

I hope you are as excited about the future growth of our business here, and believe that a strong economic platform can only be good for the local community.

Jon Ferriman
Hub director, Tata Steel Strip Products UK

Corporate Citizenship report now online

Tata Steel’s Corporate Citizenship report for 2010/11 is now available online. The report, which can be viewed on the company’s website, highlights the activities for Tata Steel Group from April 2010 to March 2011.

The report highlights actions taken during this period to help create a sustainable future while pursuing our vision to be the global steel industry leader in value creation and corporate citizenship.

The report sets out the companies approach and efforts to set and meet targets on sustainability and corporate citizenship. In it, it describes our activities during the period and how they have affected the environment, our employees, our business, and the community, as well as how they benefit stakeholders both in the short and long term.

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Subject community do gooders
From Jenkins SA13
To SA13

Dear Mr Jenkins,

Thank you very much for your email of February 3, which has been passed to me by the editor of SA13. You have made three very specific points, so I shall try to answer each of them in turn. If I do not answer them satisfactorily, please feel free to contact me directly for more information.

1. Dumping of other people’s wastes

Tata Steel’s landfill site is only licensed to accept Tata Steel waste. We are not allowed to accept other business’s waste. However, last year during the Ferrous steel fire we were approached by a combined delegation including South Wales Fire Service, the Environment Agency, Swansea Council and Neath Port Talbot Council, requesting that help resolve a dangerous situation by temporarily storing the extinguished material. In doing so, we were able to drastically reduce the time it would take for the Fire Service to extinguish the fire, as the only other outlet was several hundred miles away. After carefully considering the situation, including ensuring that all regulatory measures were in place, we agreed to help. In doing so, we were able to reduce the time that the Fforestfach residents would have to endure smoke-filled streets from several months, to two weeks.

2. Beach access

The issue you refer to is in fact part of a much larger scheme. The Welsh Government is committed to creating an A484 Wales coastal footpath, and Neath Port Talbot Council is obliged to participate. There is a planning application in place to close one footpath, and replace it with a better footpath which can help complete this A484 path. The complete path is not possible with the current configuration of footpaths. Tata’s decision to close the beach, which is primarily owned, is based around safety and current legislation. As a Tier 1 COMAH site, we are obliged to ensure that our works is secure from trespassers, deliberate or accidental, and that their safety is not compromised. Free access to the beach provides easy access to complex operations which could be potentially dangerous to trespassers. Indeed, on numerous occasions trespassers have been found in our coke ovens area. I’m sure you will agree this is unacceptable on a site such as ours.

3. Desecration of preserved landscape

I honestly have no knowledge of any desecration of landscape on our site, and must confess to be confused by your term ‘preserved landscape’. If you are referring to Margam Moors, this is a SSSI which borders our landfill site. As a SSSI, the site is carefully monitored by the Countryside Council for Wales and there is no damage whatsoever. Likewise, Eglwys Nunnydd Reservoir is a SSSI and is carefully managed by ourselves.

I hope you have any evidence of desecration of landscape, I would be more than happy to see it, and we will take the appropriate action.

Regards,
Richard Leonard, manager environment
STEELWORKS SIGNS UP TO GREEN CHARTER

Tata Steel signed the Welsh Government’s Sustainable Development Charter. The announcement was made as Tata Steel hosted the Welsh Government’s launch of their Green Paper, last month.

Together there are 117 organisations signed up to the Charter Community, including BT, Sharp Electronics, Lloyds TSB and Carillion. In being a signatory, organisations (including public sector bodies) commit to a range of sustainable development goals – and they monitor each other’s progress in meeting them.

Paul Brooks, pictured, Tata Steel’s environment director, said: “We are maintaining our capital investment that contributes to environmental care, including the recent £60m Steel Plant Energy Recovery project that has reduced Port Talbot steelworks’ carbon dioxide emissions by about 240,000 tonnes per year.”

This year the UK’s largest construction project, the £185m rebuild of BF4 and the related £53m BOS Plant Offgas project will help Tata Steel to make a greater volume of better quality steel, but also to generate more energy, and create far more self-sufficiency on site.

Curious Cats

Before Christmas, we welcomed two pupils from Blaen Baglan Primary, Connor Merrett and Libby Poley-Jones onto site for a day of filming with environmental engineer, Christopher O’Brien into how steel is made. The children were taken on a steel making journey by Christopher, beginning with the raw material stockyards where different types of iron ore and fluxes from all over the world have been unloaded from vessels in the harbour and stored. When required the raw materials are blended and processed so that they can be converted into molten iron in the blast furnace. The liquid metal is then transferred to the steel plant and continuous caster to form into steel slabs. The slabs, once rolled and formed into coils of strip, are then processed into customers orders.

The programme, made for schools, aims to takes pupils on a learning journey into different products, and compliments previous editions on wool, glass and paper. Curious Cats has recently been shown on BBC Two’s educational ‘Learning Zone’ series.

WANTED HERITAGE DETECTIVES

We are looking to identify as many people as possible in this photograph. It is believed the picture was taken in 1955 and features bricklayers, bricklayers’ mates, and scaffolders. It was taken outside the ‘Pit Side’ canteen on Central Road in Port Talbot Works.

So far, we have been able to identify the following former employees on the site: Johnny O’Brien, William O’Donoghue, Jack Thomas, Wally Broad and Con Harrington.

Lyn O’Brien, trades union representative has discovered this archived photograph in which his father has been identified, and he, and his father are keen to put as many other names to faces in the photograph as possible.

Any further help would be much appreciated. Contact Lyn via his email: Lyn.O’Brien@tatasteel.com
With all the economic turmoil within Europe you would not be surprised at the UK’s currency becoming extremely attractive to investors. It is not just for this reason alone, but the coins in your pocket are becoming magnetically attractive – literally!

For many years now, one and two pence coins have been made completely out of steel. Shortly, the Royal Mint at Llantrisant, will begin to issue new five and ten pence pieces made from steel that originates in Port Talbot. Once the coins are stamped out of the strip steel they are protected with an alloy coating. Traditionally, all coins were made from various alloys, but as the cost of materials rise, there is the possibility that the cost of manufacturing a coin exceeds the face value of the coin itself. As such, research into new materials and processes is happening all the time, and the close relationship between the Royal Mint and Tata Steel has resulted in developing a suitable grade of steel that could be formed and stamped at volume and high speed without any distortion of the surface imprint. The new coins, nickel coated, will look and feel the same as the current coinage. It is estimated that as the new coins are introduced into circulation, production could require as much as 18,000 tonnes of steel a year, and could provide a whole new meaning to the ultimate ‘fully re-usable and recyclable product’ – to coin a phrase!

Launched in the autumn of last year, the Evoque has been five years in the development. First seen as a concept car in 2007, the LRX has unusually, changed little from the original design. Most concept vehicles remain just that, a concept, Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) however, has put it into practice.

Throughout the research and development phase Tata Steel was closely involved in the design of new steel grades to meet exacting component features to provide weight savings through formability (pressing and forming intricate shapes), while maintaining strength, safety, and recyclability, through the ‘One Company’ approach to supply strip steels, tube products, and engineering steels. In addition the company is able to provide the latest press blanking and laser welding technology.

The dramatic photo of the exciting new Range Rover Evoque, was taken at Tata Steel’s ZODIAC Galvanizing line.

Jaguar Land Rover’s launch of the new Range Rover Evoque has hit all records for production and customer orders such is the vehicle’s popularity

DID YOU KNOW?
Almost 3% of all one pound coins in circulation are counterfeit. That’s more than 43 million coins. Fake coins are getting harder to detect, but scratching the surface may dislodge the coating, or by dropping a coin on a hard floor, the genuine one will give a dull thud, whilst a counterfeit will give off a slight ringing noise.
CARBON EMISSIONS – CAP THAT!

Every so often stories involving carbon emissions and carbon floor prices hit the national news, and may seem remote for the person in the street. Do you know that every national and international policy agreed has an effect, right on your doorstep? For steelmaking, any agreement introduced globally affects Port Talbot works directly. As a resident you may be interested in understanding what it is all about.

Although barely into 2012, our attention is being drawn to 2013, when a new phase in carbon emission levels begin. The European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS) was launched in 2005 introducing a policy to significantly reduce the EU’s CO₂ emissions from industry, in line with the Kyoto Protocol. More than 30 EU member states are involved.

The scheme is managed in Phases (Phase 1: 2005-07, 2: 2008-12, 3: 2012-20), which allows the EU to make amendments/improvements periodically. Though Phase 3 is still to begin, it has already started to cause discussions around the world! The impact to date of ETS has been much restricted, due to the financial crisis in Europe and the knock-on effect on depressed manufacturing output. However, Phase 3 will significantly reduce carbon emission allowances. How will this impact steelmaking? We anticipate Phase 3 to have a significant impact on operations. It is anticipated that Port Talbot will receive 6.6mt CO₂ allowances, which will cover the operations for a 3.9 million tonnes of slab output per annum. This figure is considerably less than required for the planned output of five million tonnes, hence Tata Steel will need to purchase additional allowances to cover the shortfall. Currently, CO₂ prices are at a record low (€5/t), but the expectation is for the price to reach €26/t in Phase 3. At the moment we emit approximately two tonnes CO₂ for every tonne of cast steel slab. If we had to pay for all our CO₂ emissions today, the penalty would be in excess of £50 per tonne. Potentially, that’s more than £200m.

Currently, every tonne of CO₂ emitted by our site is counted, monitored and recorded as part of the EU ETS programme, but the value associated with carbon emissions will only increase over the course of the next phase leading to a major increase in running costs. In anticipation of this Tata Steel has continued to invest heavily in energy saving projects such as the capture and recycling of emissions from the steel plant for fuel to the power plant. The imminent blast furnace rebuild programme will further enhance the site’s emissions capture, energy recycling, while moving towards self-sufficiency for its energy needs, and the ultimate goal of a sustainable steel industry in Wales.

How green are my wellies?

60 members of the local Army Cadet Force were invited into the steelworks to plant 1,000 trees as part of their 150th year celebrations last year. This formed part of a UK-wide woodland creation initiative in which 150,000 trees have been planted.

Over the past few years Tata Steel has been gradually ‘greening’ its site as it looks to create a ‘Steelworks in a Garden’. This has involved the reclaiming of brownfield land and planting of more than 200 trees, including birch and fruit (cherry, pear and apple), more than 1,000 shrubs, and turfing more than 28,000 square metres of previously slag tip land. The sight also has a lagoon, surrounded by an area which provides cooling water for the steel-making process and was nominated for the tree planting. It is the largest project undertaken so far, involving the removal of a 12,000 tonnes of slag for recycling, and the introduction of 7,500 tonnes of soil to landscape the site, which now includes a rockery, wild grasses and wild flowers.

Some 44,000 square meters of ground has been ‘greened’ and converted to either turfed areas or planted with shrubs and trees. All of which contribute to the trapping and holding of wind-blown dust across the site, bringing significant environmental benefits to the continuing landscape improvement programme.
Duty of care to the public

By law, Tata Steel is required to inform the community of any major hazards on each of its steelworks sites in the UK, and to make aware any potential effects such hazards may have.

Possibly, the most likely of these hazards to the immediate area is the possibility of an airborne release of toxic gas.

The industrial processes of making molten iron, steel, and coke naturally produce gases as a consequence of chemical reactions. These gases are generally invisible and odourless, and could be poisonous if inhaled in sufficient quantities. It is because of this risk, and the possible concentration level of carbon monoxide in these gases, that Tata Steel is required by law to comply with regulations concerning the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH).

From a safety aspect, Port Talbot works has been manufacturing iron and steel on this site for more than 100 years, during which time there have been no incidents involving casualties outside the boundary of the site through any of its manufacturing activities, including gas.

"Tata Steel has a duty of care to inform the public of major hazards and the potential effects they may have."

To comply with the regulations, Tata Steel has submitted a detailed safety report to both the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and the Environment Agency (for England and Wales). The regulations also require Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, in partnership with the Emergency Services, Environment Agency and the NHS to prepare an emergency plan to respond to any major accident at Port Talbot that could affect the local community and environment.

Tata Steel has produced an information leaflet that is available in print form and online at www.tatasteelwales.co.uk. Copies of this leaflet, or an audio version can be obtained from the City & County of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Joint Resilience Unit 01792 637420/21/22.

COMAH What is it?
COMAH stands for Control of Major Accident Hazards, and was first introduced in 1999 to provide robust regulations to ensure all necessary measures to prevent a major accident involving dangerous substances are in place, and to limit the consequences to people and the environment of any major accidents should it occur.

COMAH is regulated and enforced in Wales by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE), and the Environment Agency (for England and Wales). The regulations also require Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, in partnership with the Emergency Services, Environment Agency and the NHS to prepare an emergency plan to respond to any major accident at Port Talbot that could affect the local community and environment.

New research shows that for every directly-employed job at Tata Steel in Wales, a further 1.22 jobs are dependent on the company. The research, carried out by Cardiff University’s Welsh Economy research Unit (WERU) led by Professor Calvin Jones also reveals that the contribution the company makes to the economy is measured at around £3.2bn.

Taking into account the steel company’s output, and also its wide-ranging supply chain, is how this figure was reached. In addition it also considers the wages of almost 18,000 men and women, active in the local economy.

Professor Jones commented: “Wales is still a steel country. Tata Steel is Europe’s second largest steel producer. The company is in the global top ten in its sector and its outputs contribute to a wide range of construction products.” He added: “Tata Steel’s operations in Port Talbot and elsewhere, amount to a substantial network. The community of suppliers, contractors and other partners is very large.”

The report suggests that every effort should be made to support Tata Steel in its efforts to sustain a competitive steel industry in Wales, by focusing on the availability of low-cost energy and fully understanding the impact on environmental legislation upon the sustainable economy.

The report concluded that jobs within Tata Steel are high quality and significantly most roles within the company are full-time positions. “They are long lasting jobs,” Professor Jones concludes “the average length of service for a Tata Steel employee is 16 years.”
Due for completion in 2013, the bypass is seen as a way of reducing congestion on the M4 motorway as it passes Port Talbot and hopefully divert local heavy traffic from the town. The road will link the A48 close to Junction 38 M4 at Margam, with Oakwood Road, to the rear of Port Talbot Parkway Station, providing access to Llewellyn Quay and surrounding area earmarked for redevelopment, and then onto the roundabout adjacent to the new magistrates court building. Large sections of the PDR will utilise land inside the eastern boundary of the steel works site, and will provide relief for some of the busiest junctions on the South Wales sections of the M4 (junctions 38 to 42).

It is hoped that Harbour Way will bring significant benefits for local residents, particularly in Margam, where in September Tata Steel’s main entry road bridge (Cefn Gwrgan) will be demolished to accommodate the completion of the new road that crosses over the mainline railway at that point. A new spur, solely dedicated as an entry point into the steel works is being relocated further east near to Taibach. Here, a new

New furnace technology – good for environment

In line with the business philosophy of creating a sustainable steel industry in Wales, the new furnace will help to ensure long-term job security for the many thousands of people employed by Tata Steel and their support businesses, by delivering economic benefits, safety improvements and environmental improvements.

Since 2007, when the project was first approved by Tata, engineers have been designing a new furnace by learning and incorporating best practice of other steel making companies around the world, to deliver the safest, greenest, most efficient furnace capable of producing molten iron for the next 15 to 20 years.

On site, there are now visible signs that construction of the new furnace has begun. Because of its size and height, much of the fabrication is being undertaken at different locations in modular form ready for the final assembly. The cost of the new furnace is a staggering £185m, and is planned to take 130 days to assemble once the old furnace is de-commissioned.

Planned rebuild of Port Talbot’s Blast Furnace No4 will be good for the local economy, secure investment and jobs and bring with it major air quality improvements.
Prior to construction 1800 slowworms had to be translocated from the Tippler Sidings area of the steel works site. The construction phase started in November 2010 and the road is due to open in September 2013. The new road is 4.8km long and includes four new roundabouts on the route, with a further three on the new Tata access roads. 250,000 cubic metres (400,000 tonnes) of recycled materials (recoverable blast furnace slag) used as road base fill, together with 35,000 tonnes of crushed concrete from the demolished bunker wall. Cost of the project is £107m, of which £64m goes to Costain, with the remaining contribution coming from the European Regional Development Fund, and a Welsh Government Transport Grant.

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- Visitor centre and security entrance will be constructed, using funding received from the initial compulsory purchase of land by the council. Additional facilities will include the building of a new training centre and general stores area. The old wharf wall bunker structure adjacent to the old Port Talbot Dock, where the original blast furnaces used to be sited has now been demolished, opening up the landscape view across the old docks, and the demolished concrete is being recycled as part of the road sub base. Last month one section of the PDR was completed ahead to schedule, providing the impetus for the whole project to be ready on time for September 2013.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Air quality is a significant factor in the design, with BF4 being fitted with an enhanced fume extraction unit to help capture dust arising from the ‘tapping’ of the molten iron from the furnace. The Gas Plant is being fitted with a cyclone unit, to improve the cleanliness of the gas generated inside the blast furnace, and to make it a cleaner and therefore more efficient energy fuel for internal use. The Stoves, which heat up the air before entering the furnace, shall incorporate more efficient silencers to reduce the noise that local residents hear already. The new stove designs will also include technologically advanced burners to reduce carbon monoxide and Nox (mono-nitrogen oxides) emissions. It is hoped that there will be a real reduction in the incidence of airborne dust and fine particles through the reduction of the number of lorry movements in the furnace area through the construction of an enclosed conveyor feed to carry the iron ore feedstock. With these design improvements in place it is hoped that local residents shall see general improvements in air quality, which is good for the community, and the environment.

A feature article will appear in the next edition of SA13.
A fundraising evening organised by Tata Steel employees, marking the tenth anniversary of the blast furnace explosion raised more than £3,000 for local charities.

Organised by steelworkers Anthony Taylor and Paul Evans, the charity evening took place two weeks after the tenth anniversary memorial service which was held on November 8, 2011, in St Theodore’s Church. Fundraising was supported by a raffle on the night, with prizes being donated by the Aberafan shopping centre, works contractors, Tata Steel, and through personal employee donations.

As a result of the fundraising evening, three local charities have benefited, with Morriston Hospital Burns Unit and Friends of Neath Port Talbot Hospital each receiving £1,400, and £400 being handed to Neath Port Talbot Mayor, councillor Harry Bebell’s chosen charity, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Families Association (SSAFA).

The change of route, which still begins in Cwmavon, now includes Pontrhydyfen to increase the interest for runners and spectators alike in the area’s heritage, namely that of Richard Burton and the birthplace of other famous people such as Ivor Emmanuel (musicals), Rebecca Evans (opera), and Geraint Griffiths (singer/songwriter).
Helping to engineer world land speed record attempt

Several years in the development, the rocket and jet-powered Bloodhound Supersonic Car (SSC) will soon be making a record-breaking attempt to travel at more than 1,000 miles per hour – that’s faster than a speeding bullet!

The development of the car has involved far-reaching design and technology programmes as all testing has to be conducted via simulation, as there is not a wind tunnel facility available in the world that can create a 1,000 mile-plus airstream.

Tata Steel is involved in developing specialist steels to make the chassis frame and safety cage within which the pilot – yes, an RAF pilot will be sitting. The box cage and chassis is nearly six metres in length and forms a critical part of the structure, as will the all-steel wheels that are also being designed from special grades of steel. Upon the chassis will sit three units, a Formula 1 engine, a Eurofighter Typhoon jet engine, and a rocket engine to provide the final thrust for the land-speed record, which is expected to take place next year in a desert in South Africa.

At a speed of 1,050mph (equivalent of covering four and a half football pitches every second), Bloodhound SSC can move its own car length in less than three hundredths of a second, and travel faster than a bullet fired from a Magnum 357!

The Bloodhound SSC project links nicely with the development of the F1 in Schools Challenge project into primary schools and sponsored by Engineering Education Scheme Wales (EESW) with whom Tata Steel closely works.

For more information visit: www.bloodhoundssc.com

Steel manufactured and processed in UK to be used in groundbreaking challenge to set a new world land speed record

Challenge – well underway

Bloodhound’s education message is being delivered to nearly 5,000 schools across the UK in parallel to the F1 engineering challenge, which is now well underway.

Four schools from the Port Talbot area took their cars to the F1 challenge regional finals at the Waterfront Museum, Swansea in February. They were accompanied by their team mentors, our own employees. The pupils, aged between nine and 14, had been busy working for months on their designs and had their cars made at Waterton Technology Centre in Bridgend.

The Challenge, requires the pupils to work as a team, each member with an assigned role. They have to develop a business plan, develop a budget and raise sponsorship to get their car ready for the competition.

In order to get the fastest car on the day the pupils use CAD/CAM design software. They also learn about physics, aerodynamics, design, manufacture, branding, media skills and financial strategy and are required to apply them all in an imaginative and competitive way.

While we have supported the F1 Challenge at both secondary and primary level for a number of years this is the first year we have supported schools with an employee mentor to help the teams develop their cars.

The teams from Groes, Coed Hirwaun, Eastern and Tywyn primary schools had not entered the competition before and the Bloodhound SSC car design inspired the novice teams to create the fastest cars they could. Employee mentors attended the schools once a week for three months in the run up to the regional finals. While none of the teams were successful in getting onto the next stage, Groes Primary won best novice team on the day and all schools are enthused for next year’s competition.

Well done kids, and good luck for next year!
BE NEIGHBOURLY – SAFEGUARDING OLDER PEOPLE

The Independent Advocacy project is a newly launched service for older people in the Neath Port Talbot area that can provide independent non-judgemental advice, and or, act on behalf of individual so that their voice can be heard.

Most older people are completely independent, and able to make informed choices for themselves. A lot of older people have family or friends who will support them as a matter of course, without realising that they are actually acting as advocates. However, there is a growing number of older people who do not have anyone to support them and these are the people that our advocacy service aims to help.

The Independent Advocacy project is available for anyone over the age of 50 who is living in the Neath Port Talbot area, and is about offering support for another person who is unable to represent his or her own interests.

Advocates can give support if living in your own home, residential care, or if you are in hospital, and provide a free, one-to-one, service, which encourages and enables older people to retain their independence and make informed choices for themselves.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in learning more about the South West Wales Regional Safeguarding Older People Independent Advocacy project, and other services that Age Concern provides, please call 01792 818200, or email: www.ageconcernneathporttalbot.org.uk

Spotlight on Industry day

We recently welcomed 20 pupils from four local comprehensive schools for a ‘Spotlight on Industry’ day, an introduction to manufacturing and engineering based careers. The pupils had to complete engineering challenges with Tata Steel employees as mentors and also went on a tour of the works.

The challenges included making a bridge from newspaper and sellotape and a shock absorber system using only card, a plastic cup and straws. The day was organised in conjunction with Careers Wales and is the second ‘Spotlight on Industry’ day we have hosted. The pupils from Sandfields, Glan Afan, Dyffryn and St Joseph’s comprehensive schools applied for the visit by filing in an application form indicating their interest in an engineering-based career.

Electrical engineer Lyanne Jones volunteered to help the students with their engineering challenge on the day and commented: “When I was in school, I had no idea what career path I wanted to take and there was no opportunity to talk to employers. I wanted to help out at the Spotlight on Industry day to help inspire pupils with possible career ideas. These kids could be our future engineers at Tata!”

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Sandfields Youth Club

SA13 continues to feature local clubs and organisations as part of ‘Club Focus’, spreading awareness of activities and interests in the local community. In this edition, we would like to share with you information about Sandfields Youth Club.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council’s Youth Service aim to ensure there are opportunities for all young people to join in recreational and social activities. Sandfields Youth Club has been running for more than 30 years and is just one of the local youth clubs fulfilling this aim. The club is based in the Community Education Centre on Seaway Parade in Sandfields and is run five nights a week, two hours a night, for young people aged between 11 and 25 years old. There are more than 80 young people that attend every evening to participate in a wide range of activities that the youth club offers. These activities include sports (such as football, basketball, table tennis and pool), arts and crafts, sewing and access to a Nintendo Wii. Other activities include working towards an Open College Network Certificate, participating in the Duke of Edinburgh awards, encouraging healthy eating and fundraising.

Sandfield’s Youth Club have a large staff base to ensure that all the youngsters participate and are engaged in the activities offered, ensuring that everyone has fun! Together, the staff and the young people from the club also organise regular trips to Oakwood Theme Park, Heatherton Park, paintballing and so forth as rewards for all the hard work they put in during the year.

The club opens for 30 weeks of the year, but youngsters are encouraged to fundraise to help cover fees so that the club can open for school holidays as well.

If you think you would like to join Sandfields Youth Cub, or just want more information about activities, please call 01639 883713. Go on… give it a go!
DONATIONS FOR – UM CHILL-OUT CENTRE

A generous donation by our design services department will enable a local youth group to purchase computer equipment and games to keep kids off the streets.

The Baglan Youth Forum’s Chill-Out Centre was opened in November 2011 by Michael Sheen and welcomes over 50 young people aged between nine and 25 years old, four nights a week.

The centre, run by volunteers and three part-time staff members, was funded by Lotto money. It relies on community donations to be able to provide the young people attending with extra activities and treats, without asking parents for more money aside from ‘subs’.

Bob Emmett, manager of design services at Tata Steel Port Talbot commented: “The team do an activity each year and nominate a local charity to donate the sponsor money to. Having recently heard about the good work happening at Baglan Youth Forum we decided that it would be nice to provide them with some extra support.”

The £350 donation will help the centre purchase games and possibly be used towards the purchase of an iPad.

Karlta Williams, centre manager, was pleased to receive the donation commenting that it was the largest single donation they had ever received.

Early bird – spring feeder

Making your own bird feeders for year-round use can be a lifeline for many birds. Most people think of feeding birds during the harsher winter months. However, food shortages can occur at any time of the year. During springtime, late frosts and wet weather can spell disaster particularly for insect eating birds. In the summer, droughts or flooding can be equally as devastating.

Making the right type of food available at different times of the year is important, and with the milder weather coming, the heavier fat-based energy foods become less appropriate than the lighter seeds, grain and nuts. You can make your own recycled bird feeder using just a simple used plastic squash or soft drinks bottle. For the younger enthusiast, please make sure you are supervised by an adult.

Firstly, gather together all the items and tools required. Ensure that you thoroughly wash and dry the bottle before use; then, leaving the bottle lid on, cut a small hole around half way down the bottle. The hole should be just big enough for a bird’s beak to peck at the seeds without allowing too many seeds to drop out when the wind blows.

Next, pierce a small hole through the side of the bottle fairly near the bottom of the bottle. Make a further small hole on the opposite side, and gently push a narrow diameter dowel or cut garden cane (even a pencil will do) right through from one side of the bottle through the other side to create a feeding perch for the birds. Another can be added at a right angle to the first one providing four if you want so that you have created four projections for the birds to grip whilst feeding.

You should also add a couple through the bottom of the bottle, to aid drainage, and in the top to encourage ventilation and reduce risk of fungal growths. Then using garden wire, make a small hook and fix to the bottle screw cap. The recycled bird feeder can then be hung out on a branch, or from a bird table.
Try our Easter wordsearch for your chance to WIN one of five £10 Tesco vouchers

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Good Friday
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Basket
Bunny
Rain
Seeds
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Competition closing date is April 20, 2012.

Please send entries to:
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The lucky winners will be notified within three working days of the closing date for each competition

EASTER EGG HUNT

To win one of three boxes of Thornton's chocolates, can you tell us how many eggs are hidden on the pages of this edition of SA13? (excluding the Easter eggs photographed in the wordsearch competition above)

Please email your answer and name to: spukcommunity1@tatasteel.com
Closing date April 20, 2012.
What’s on with Tata Steel

For more information on forthcoming sponsored events in South Wales, visit www.tatasteelwales.co.uk

Easter Sunday, April 8. Tata Steel Richard Burton 10k and Fun Run, Cwmavon, Port Talbot
Spectators free. Enter and raise money for local charities while following in the footsteps of a Hollywood legend. The new 10k course runs past the birthplace of Richard Burton and follows sections of the Richard Burton Trail. For details of this event and online registration visit: www.richardburton10k.squarespace.co.uk

Saturday, June 16. Bwystfily Bryn (Beast of Bryn), Bryn, Port Talbot
Spectators free. Visit or register for this new event sponsored by Tata Steel comprising a 15 and 6.8-mile alpine trail running race, and 2k fun run in aid of charities, MIND, and Cystic Fibrosis Trust. The 15-mile and 6.5-mile routes meander through the forest trails. Event includes attractions, music and barbecue. For further details visit: bwystfilybryn.btck.co.uk

Bank Holiday Monday, May 7. Tata Steel Cardiff Bay 5 and Fun Run
Spectators free. Join the hundreds of spectators watching more than 1,500 competitors running the barrage or a 2km fun run for the sponsored charity Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Join us for the dramatic finish close to the scenic Norwegian Church. For details of this event and registration, or for further information about cystic fibrosis please visit www.cftrust.org.uk

Tuesday, June 19. Tata Steel ‘Kids of Steel’ invitation, Penlan Community Centre, Swansea
Schools event. More than 1,000 pupils get the chance to try the three disciplines that make up a triathlon – swimming, cycling and running. Tata Steel is a sponsor of GB Triathlon, and annually supports 24 one-day ‘Kids of Steel’ events throughout the UK.

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