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This is our first issue Newsletter for IMS Members in the North West Region and we are thrilled to offer a new program of events for 2016.



Your N.W. Region Board 2016

## North West Newsletter

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**\* NW Region online June 2016 \***

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### **Welcome from the Chairman**

*This is a first for your Region and we trust that you will all agree the Newsletter will be a 'flagship' event in the life of the IMS in the North West.*

*We had a Board meeting in January this year and the IMS Council Delegate was with us and he encouraged us to offer membership services, as well as our successful series of company visits.*

*We had a 'mind showering' session and this resulted in a decision to hold our future events on Saturday mornings.*

*Our aim is to enable more opportunity for you to join in our events. The objective of our 2016 programme is to focus on new approaches in our profession and offer half-day 'conference' style meetings.*

### **The Challenge of Productivity.**

*The past five years have seen the UK economy climb out of recession, but it isn't as solid as it might be in the UK worker productivity terms. Indeed in France and Germany, they produce 27% and 28% more output than our workers.!*

*Employment may be at record levels but many of these new jobs are low-skilled.*

*Why do 20% of UK jobs need only a primary-level education.?*

*Why do we have the highest number of low-skilled jobs in the OECD.?*

*Low paid jobs translate into low pay, in-work poverty and also high welfare costs. Per-capita GDP in Ireland is higher than the UK..*

*Abstracted from IMS Journal, Productivity News. Summer 2015*



**Our programme for 2016**

- APRIL 23rd Membership Productivity Forum
- MAY Company visit & Problem case study. *T.B. Confirmed.*
- JUNE 4th Visit to the Avro Heritage Museum. - Woodford.  
Home of the Vulcan Bomber.
- JULY Workshop Series - Use of Key Performance Indicators
- SEPT Visit to The World of Glass—St Helens

**Membership Productivity Forum**

**Measuring Productivity without using Time Study.** 09.00 - 12.15

09.00 Registration Tea/Coffee/Biscuits

**Session One - Productivity & Performance.**

*Task models and the EPOCH system*

*Beyond TS .. Variable work tasks.*

11.00 Comfort Break Tea/Coffee

**Session Two - Skills practice - Video Case Study.**

12.00 Review & Feedback

**Upgrading to MMS membership.**

*Do you recall when you passed all the written examinations for the IMS Diploma.? Were you then not able to complete the IMS Requirement of the project?*

*Well, we are happy to say that if it's your desire to be a MMS grade, it's not too late to submit that Project . We can offer you mentoring guidance for one of your own productivity improvements in your present organization. **Mail us for details at Secretary - NW Board, 2 Baytree Close, Lostock Hall, PRESTON. Lancs PR5 5YZ.***

**A time for Congratulations**

**Simon Tate** for his election to the IMS Council of Management. We wish him success in his new role for the development of all our futures. Well done Simon, wonderful news. Your talents are an asset to the role of NW Industrial Liaison.

**Colin Moran** Has reached that great time in his life ... he is now retired. We are thankful for your contributions as Education Liaison to our previous years events. His happy disposition was always a tonic to us all. The Board wish you well, Colin, and we are so happy you now planning new family ventures.



Venue - Preston,

LWDP Training Suites.

Bamber Bridge PR5 6UP



**Thinking Box**

**Q. TWO FATHERS AND TWO SONS SPEND \$1.50 EACH ON CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AT THE LOCAL GIFT SHOP. THE SHOPKEEPER'S TAKINGS FOR THAT DAY WERE ONLY \$4.50, HOWEVER. WHAT IS THE EXPLANATION?**

*E mail solution to the Chairman.  
£10 M&S Voucher for 1st correct  
Solution received. Have fun !!*