

Defence College of Logistics, Policing and Administration

The Thames Valley Group were privileged to have their first live event of 2022 hosted at the MOD DCLPA Worthy Down, near Winchester on the 17 May by kind permission of the Commandant, Brigadier Mike Caldicott CBE. The hosting of a TVG event within the MOD establishment was arranged through the CILT Defence Forum.

The event was opened with a brief overview of the College by the Chief of Staff, Captain Mark Hardwick RN. It is a logistics centre of excellence that more members should try and see – with 460 course types comprising an astonishing 23,566 course places last year! With some 300 logistic training staff, there is not only an absolute wealth of operational experience in the College, but it is also an extremely fertile source of potential CILT members amongst the trainees.

Almost as an aside, Chris Markey gave a presentation on the use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in supply chain operations, with examples from

across industry and retail sectors. Members can view a recording of the presentation and an overview of DCLPA on the Community website, but Q&A and extended discussions were not recorded – you had to be there to hear the frank, open views expressed by the Defence experts!

Current CILT members were able to interact with military logistics trainees and directing staff during the presentation, where the benefits of CILT membership were discussed, and massively reinforced with ‘case studies’ of career progression with the Institute from Simon Harris CMILT and Adrian Percival CMILT from TVG. We all really enjoyed mixing socially with our military hosts both before and after the formal presentation. Over fifty military attendees benefited from the event, and many took membership forms away (but TVG are not planning to claim their referral bonuses!)

Our members came predominantly from TVG and Hants & Dorset Groups, but one member, Dr Darran Clarke FCILT travelled

There are still places available for our visit to Cholsey & Wallingford Heritage Railway on one of their Running Days (steam hopefully!) on Sunday 17 July. Members, non-members and their families are welcome. Further details in *Focus* and in the Events section (TVG0417).

all the way from near Preston to join us! We would like to thank Derek Robbins and his Hants & Dorset team for their support on the evening – their experience and wisdom was hoovered up by the young military logisticians, and special thanks must also go to Major Hiroshi Theodorakakis RLC for all of the hard work he put in to organising, facilitating and securing funding for the event! Many of our new military friends are now planning to join us on our ‘family’ Cholsey and Wallingford Railway visit in July, and our headline event with Mark Hopwood, CEO GWR on September 19. ■

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LANCASHIRE & CUMBRIA GROUP

Help shape our programme of events

What does the Lancashire & Cumbria CILT(UK) committee do, and how can you get involved or have your voice heard? Rachael Scanlin-Davies, Chair of the 11-strong committee, explains.

What local CILT(UK) committees cover is very much down to each one to decide. We're here for our members in Lancashire & Cumbria so, using the volunteer handbook as a starting point, we've traditionally taken a broad approach to address as wide a range of Lancashire/Cumbria-relevant logistics areas as possible. It can be tweaked, but the handbook is a good base.

I'm looking back at the latest set of committee minutes (from the 21st of April, in case you were wondering). It serves as a pretty good summary of the Lancashire CILT committee's work.

We considered national and regional updates from the CILT(UK) and their impact on us and our members. We explored developments and initiatives on highway and infrastructure, MoD, road and passenger transport, and new gen logistics.

We reviewed our PR and social media activity and we continued to develop our programme of events.

It's this latter element that is perhaps most obvious to our members and its certainly one that demands the lion's share of our attention. Our main aim is to keep our events programme rolling. As you'll see from the table of upcoming events in this article, our events cover a wide range of topics, from the mental health of passenger and road transport vehicle drivers to meeting the expectations of the traffic commissioner during a braking systems inspection.

Have your say

We think our broad approach covers what our members want to see. We hope and believe we're serving members in the right way. But the reality is we'll put on what you want to see. Yes, we'll use our industry knowledge to put a diverse events programme together, but of greatest importance is serving our members and giving them what they want.

So, what would you like to see the committee cover that we're not already covering? What events would you like to see as part of the upcoming programme? And if you'd like to join the committee, or

simply sit in on one of our sessions to see what happens, you'd be very welcome. To make your suggestions or take part, please [contact regions@ciltuk.org.uk](mailto:regions@ciltuk.org.uk)

Upcoming events

Our next events are scheduled for July and September. On July 7th we have a virtual event being hosted by Dan Rowe from Dan Rowe Training who will provide us with an interactive session on Supporting Mental Health within the Logistics Industry.

And on 21st September we will hold our first face to face event at Mercure Haydock Hotel which is being hosted by Gerallt Evans, Traffic Commissioner for the North West of England. He will cover the latest licensing and regulation issues in the transport world along with some personal reflections of the Traffic Commissioners time in office.

We hope that you will find are planned events of interest and we look forward to welcoming you. ■

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