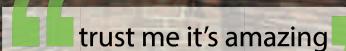
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of the NACS Chimney Journal Magazine, where you will find some very interesting articles and adverts throughout.

* The NACS National Chimney Training Centre has been very busy this year, and following the successful expansion of the existing training facilities we will be offering additional training courses next year, including the HETAS HOO4 Wet



Installer Course, and the H005DE Biomass Course. The Training Centre proves very popular with Chimney Sweeping and HETAS Courses and we urge anyone interested in booking a course to secure their place early to avoid disappointment. In addition to the Chimney Sweeping and HETAS Courses, the NACS National Chimney Training Centre also runs a CCTV Inspection & Survey, Chimney & Flue Maintenance, Flue Smoke Testing, Rooftop & Ladder Safety, and NVQ Chimney Engineering Courses. All training courses can be booked online via the NACS webshop at www.nacs.org.uk

- ❖ The NACS Exhibition 2015 is currently being organised and will take place from 23rd to 25th April 2015 at the Holiday Inn Stratford upon Avon. I am pleased to announce that the majority of the stands have already been booked, by both returning and new exhibitors. The NACS Exhibition has become very well recognised throughout the industry and appears to be very well received by all the visitors that attend. We really hope to see all of our Members there to show their support for their Association.
- * NACS Membership continues to increase. The NACS has successfully ran 8 Chimney Sweeping Training Courses which has given then NACS a big increase in Membership numbers.
- * Plans for 2015 the NACS is planning to raise the profile of the Association by running a series of adverts via trade publications, online websites, local and national exhibitions and shows, and we will be attending again at the Hearth & Home Exhibition in Harrogate in June 2015. If any Member has any ideas or suggestions to help promote the NACS then please email myself at president@nacs.org.uk

I really hope you are all experiencing a successful season so far this year, and continue to do so. On behalf of the NACS Board of Directors, Area Assessment Inspectors and the NACS Office, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at the NACS Exhibition in April 2015.

Best regards, Martin P Glynn NACS President & CEO

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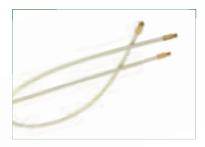


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There have been lots of things said, and misconceptions about Rodtech. During this festive season we want the industry to look at Rodtech, as a brand, and company, so that you can make your own minds up as to your views.

Our history starts back in 1986 when the founder and MD of Rodtech (Bob Russell) became a Chimney Sweep. Then in '87 and '89 so did his two sons, latterly so did his son-in-law, daughter, and just starting his apprenticeship as a Sweep is Bobs' eldest Grandson. Skipping forward to 2004 Bob saw a system of connecting rods that could aid him in solving a problem with a tar choked flue, and so the testing and development started on what you see today as our power Sweeping equipment.

Initially there was a lot of resistance to this idea, but through testing, approvals and more and more Chimney Sweeps using the equipment confidence in the product increased. Due to this early resistance towards this method of Sweeping Rodtech were able to capitalise in this market, and we are probably now recognised as the leading company within this sector, and have customers from all over the world and Agents in; UK, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Netherland, Belgium, France, Italy, Slovenia, Ireland and Russia to name but a few and still growing. A special Thank You to the National Association of Chimney Sweeps (NACS) and Specflue who participated in the testing of the Power Sweeping equipment and allowing the use of their training centres.

Please be aware due to the growth in Power Sweeping, we have effected other companies, and as such more and more companies will try and catch up in selling this type of equipment. We do listen to the Sweeps and we try and come up with equipment, manuals, web assistance etc. that will aid you in your profession, we have developed and tested products we now sell through doing this, from the brass ferruled ends to the zipped rod bag, and we are always open to ideas.

So many of you may be asking; why we offered NACS the option of becoming an agent here in the UK? The answer is that we believe in training and professionalism! It actually makes no commercial sense to do this in the UK, as it lowers our turn over and sets us up with more competition!

Remembering that Rodtech is run by ex-Sweeps with years of experience, we believe that this industry needs a voice, it needs to be heard and it requires Governmental pressure applied. It needs to recognise a trade group (much as it does Gas Safe) for the benefit of its members and more importantly the consumer! Many of you will have come across instances where un-registered Sweeps, who have not only made a horrendous mess, but have also left Chimneys in a dangerous condition.



This practice needs to stop and there should be some form of regulation for the profession.

The National Association of Chimney Sweeps (NACS) is the only organisation trying to gain the same things as we believe in, and more importantly, they do this for their Members. The NACS is included in Building Regulations Document J. To assist the NACS to help raise funds towards the work they do, we became Associate Members. We have also helped for FREE with IT skills and support of their web-shop development. Rodtech have also donated a training rig, equipment and tools to be used at

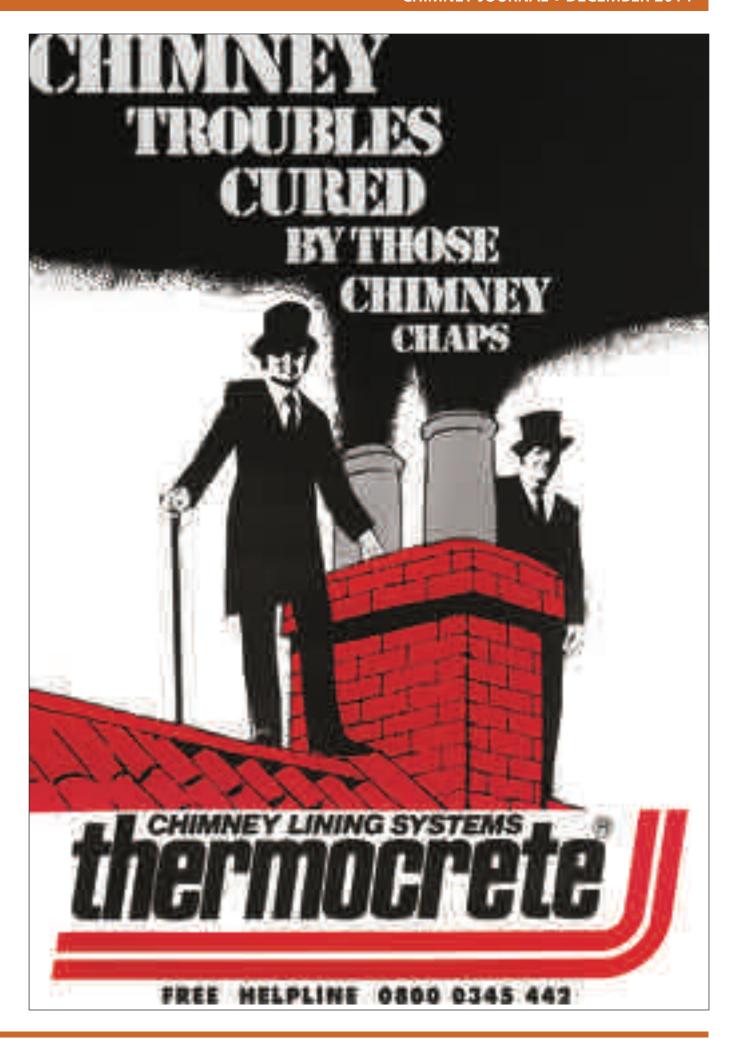
their National Chimney Training Centre. We have helped with the NACS training program to include Power Sweeping, and we will continue to support the NACS, including all its Members.

Our doors and phone are open to any member, if you have a problem and require assistance (traditional or power Sweeping) and you just want to make sure you are offering the correct advice, or you are doing the right job for the customer, call us... We are open Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and until 4pm on Friday. We have a very experienced team here and if we can assist you we will.

We hope that this gives you some insight into Rodtech, and the whole team wishes every Member of NACS (and future members) a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a very prosperous NEW YEAR.

Tony RussellSales Director
On behalf of the Rodtech Team





VENTILATION

I am sure we are all aware of the need of adequate ventilation into a room in order for any chimney to work effectively and efficiently. In turn the chimney draws combustion air through the fire-bed to assist combustion. Therefore, sufficient ventilation is essential in all instances.

With older properties this is seldom a problem due to the draughty nature of the construction but in today's world where energy conservation is paramount air supply can be a challenge.

New homes are being built to air-tight standards which preclude the availability of adventitious ventilation. In addition, customers are encouraged to fit new high performance doors and windows which reduce 'normal' ventilation rates. Thus, we are entering a time where it is sometimes necessary to provide air for every kilowatt of stove output, whilst it is almost impossible to cater for an open fire.

To help cope with this scenario many stove manufacturers are marketing appliances which incorporate a direct air supply from outside the building. They are particularly useful in new properties where SAP calculations penalise homes with chimneys and additional ventilation or homes with heat recovery systems.

However, a word of caution – current Building Regulations ADJ still demands ventilation for all appliances as per Table 1. When the 2010 edition was issued direct air supply was not an option and therefore is not addressed. Similarly, BS 8303 'Installation of Domestic Heating and Cooking Appliances Burning Solid Mineral Fuels' was last issued in 1994 and obviously makes no mention of this appliance type either.

For your information, BS 8303 is currently under revision and will in future contain reference to direct air supply together with guidance on its use. I anticipate it could be published next year. Should this happen in time there is every chance that the 2015 revisions to ADJ could be reflected in that document also.

Meantime, ADJ still applies – unless the stove manufacturer can provide evidence to the contrary sufficient to persuade local Building Control to override current practice.

New homes fitted with heat recovers systems present a slightly different set of problems when a

conventional stove is fitted. Ventilation engineers tend to design the air movement to achieve positive, negative or neutral air pressure in the dwelling, depending on the proposed use. Kitchens and bathrooms will require negative pressure so that steam and cooking smells are removed. Living rooms may be either under positive or neutral air pressure.

Any room under positive pressure will allow air to pass to the outside should you create a hole in the wall, therefore a traditional air vent will not achieve its purpose. However, it is

also possible for a mechanical ventilation system to provide sufficient air for both the fire and the chimney to operate satisfactory, but would need to be confirmed by the ventilation system designers/installers. I believe that, in the event of a power cut, air can still be drawn into the room via the ductwork, therefore by definition there is a direct air supply from outside.

Of course, as this arrangement is contrary to the requirement of ADJ it must be also agreed by local Building Control Officers before proceeding.

Jim Lambeth

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MORE THAN JUST SPARES

Firespares has been in business for over 20 years and, while the name at the beginning said it all, over the years the company has become much more than just a spares supplier.

The company has recently published its latest range of prices lists on its website (www.firespares.co.uk) which cover a diverse range of products including appliances, flues and fitting accessories. Mark Turner of Firespares commented:

"As the years have passed by the products we sell are now less geared to spares and more to the appliances and associated products themselves. Whilst we will never leave the spares industry behind, we are keen to let our customers know about the full range of products we carry, hence our new price lists."

Based in South Yorkshire, Firespares has over 8,000ft2 of storage for its product range and offers delivery via its own vehicles or by overnight express courier. Mark added:

"We offer a dedicated trade log in via our website where registered users can access information and price lists, plus we have a highly experienced team that can be contacted by phone to guide customers through the maze of parts and part numbers. We can offer one of the largest range of branded stoves available to the trade under one roof, plus we also supply the Schiedel range of flexible and rigid flue systems from stock, available for next day delivery. As the heating season hots up, we invite existing and new customers alike to take a look at our updated price lists and our range of products."

Visit www.firespares.co.uk for more information.





OER HAVE DONE IT AGAIN

Local manufacturer and retailer OER fireplaces, Longton have acclaimed the much coveted award of 'product of the year' within the fireplace industry at the International Hearth & Home exhibition last weekend.

The show brought multi-million manufacturers and retailers together in the competition for the largest award on their mantel piece, and it was OER who were awarded for their innovative design and impressive standards of quality. The 'Glenmore Suite' which comprised of a new washed wooden surround, chamber and multifuel stove won two awards and

can be seen on display in their showroom. Known for their bespoke made to measure services on all timber and tiles crafted in house, and for showcasing the best of British products, OER always has the customer in mind.

OER have consistently won many awards over the last 15 years for their designs, quality & service and are the UK's leading fireplace manufacturer supplying retail show room, architects and builders throughout the UK, with exports to Dubai, Russia and European markets.







FLEXIBLE FLUE LINERS

In recent months I have come across several instances where installers have been advising customers that 316 grade stainless steel flexible flue liners are not suitable for multi-fuel appliances where there is opportunity to burn coal or smokeless fuels.

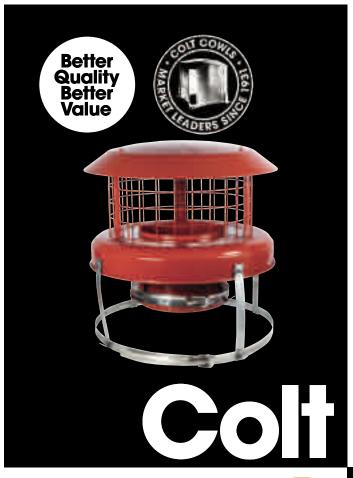
I do not know from where this information is derived as it is totally incorrect. It is however causing enormous confusion with customers. Furthermore, it implies that the more expensive 904 grade is the only option for multi-fuel appliances.

All manufacturers of stainless steel flexible liners declare that their products are suitable for use with open fires, multi-fuel stoves and wood-burners. Many also go on to explain that 904 grade is ideal for appliances burning solid mineral fuel due to the increased resistance to corrosion.

It is well documented that continuous slow burning results in low flue gas temperatures can cause corrosion of the flue liner, irrespective of the grade of stainless steel fitted. If a customer insists on using their fire in that way I would recommend they consider some alternative liner such as a ceramic system which is more resistant to corrosive condensates.

Sadly, many installers are fixated on flexible liners and will not consider the alternatives which, of course, they are often unable to personally provide. However, NACE Installer Members are able to offer guidance on other methods, if required.

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The UK's largest producer of Chimney System has just launched a new generation water heating stove system for energy efficient homes. The groundbreaking ABSOLUT XPert. Schiedel, designed the Absolut XPert to meet the needs of modern, eco-friendly and minimalist home owners that like the look of stove fire but don't need one to provide heat.



The XPert Chimney System is technically more advanced than other chimney systems on the market, and allows new build energy efficient homes to enjoy the comfort-factor of a burner, without compromising their carbon zero rating. The water heating stove system features an integrated insulated combustion air shaft, which allows it to burn all types of fuel and work safely and efficiently in modern air-tight environments. It has just become the first such system be certified by the prestigious.

Approved by the Passvihaus, or passive house, Institut for energy efficiency The XPert Chimney System has scooped the fluing and ventilation product of the year from the Hearth & Home Trade Show.

Schiedel UK's David Wright said: "As a company, Scheidel Chimney Systems is continually looking at the needs of the market. "This new product extends the stove market range by providing



houses with the comfort and aesthetics of a stove where there is not a need for heating, but there is a need for a system to heat water. "When designing the Absolut XPert, we had to ensure it was able to satisfy both the needs of modern heating technology and the latest energy efficiency building techniques. The Government wants all new-build homes to be zero-carbon from 2016, so this is a market that is set to expand rapidly."

Absolut XPert was developed especially to circumvent the common problems that prevent traditional chimney systems ticking all the energy efficient boxes. It is insulated by a core of foam concrete within the shaft to prevent condensation forming on the chimney block in cold weather, which can lead to mould and damp spots. The insulation also prevents heat being lost to the outside via the sensitive top and bottom of the chimney, and its lining is designed as fire, gas, oil and condensation resistant. Importantly, for the new generation of air-tight homes, the Absolut XPert system uses an integrated insulated air shaft which supplies the appliance with the right amount of air it needs for combustion, drawn directly from above the roof. The liner is GW3 rated will not crack in extremes of temperature and will continue its optimum performance even after a chimney fire. Mr Wright said: "Energy efficient homes are designed to retain heat and stop it being lost outside, so they are airtight. This presents particular challenges for traditional chimneys, but the unique design of the Absolut XPert means it is also airtight, and because it uses thermal blocks, it prevents heat being lost through the roof." The system works with Passivhaus approved stoves, such as those produced by Rika, to combine the great look of a burner with the practical element of producing hot water for the home. To find out more about the technology behind the Absolut XPert, go to

ww.youtube.com/user/SchiedelUK For more information contact David Wright at Schiedel on 0191 416 1150.

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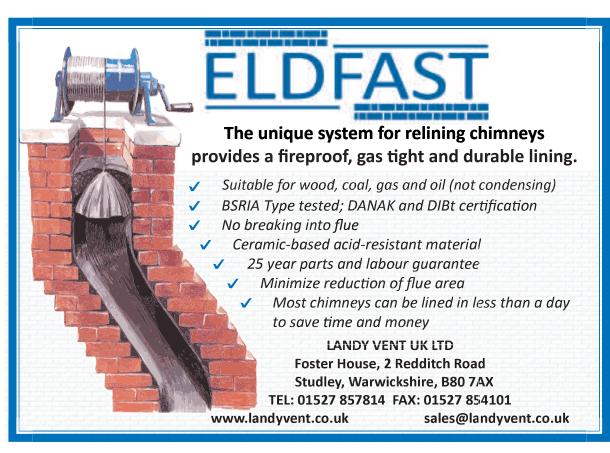
NEW HETAS HEADQUARTERS

HETAS has moved to new offices in Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire. The organisation which specialises in solid fuel and biomass had been based near Cheltenham since 2007.

HETAS provides a wide range of services for the solid fuel, biomass and renewable energy sector including product approvals, training, assessment and registration for installers, and also operates product and installer approvals for the Microgeneration Certification Scheme.

Their new address is HETAS, Severn House, Unit 5, Newtown Trading Estate, Green Lane, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8HD. Their telephone number has also changed to 01684 278170.





NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH BY TOPSTAK

Competitively priced sweeping rods specially made for flexible flue liners have been launched by Topstak, who supply the trade with chimney systems including the exclusive Multiflex multifuel liner.

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"Sales of our new rods are exceeding expectations" says Topstak Director Adam Pedersen, who adds "customer feedback has been great, particularly in terms of quality, quick delivery and very competitive trade prices".

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TRADITIONS, SUPERSTITIONS, MYTHS AND FACTS

Chimney sweeping has lots of traditions, superstitions and Myths, some true, some we might take with a pinch of salt?

Legend and Myth has two differing versions of why Chimney sweeps are lucky at weddings;

The first dates to 1066 approximately, when King William was saved by a chimney sweep, legend has it, that a sweep pushed the king out of the way of a runaway horse and carriage, and as reward the king invited the sweep to his daughter's wedding. The king declared all sweeps to be lucky, and they were allowed wear top hats (previously reserved for royalty and gentry).

The second legend is that, a sweep cleaning a flue from the Top down, lost his footing and fell from the roof. He got caught on the gutter and hanging upside down by his foot, a young lady reached through the window and pulled him in, saving his life. Her hand in marriage was intended for another

but, the sweep and lady fell in love and were later married.

It is not for us to disprove these myths and legends, but we all have to evaluate the validity of things we hear and read. Did you know for example that as far back as 1803 a new method of sweeping (by attaching a sweeping head to sectional rods, which is still being used today) was considered to be an alternative to climbing boys, and yet it took until 1875 for laws to be passed by act of parliament for this barbaric practice of climbing boys to be halted. Are you aware that by act of parliament 1840 it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to sweep chimneys?

So now where are we today with sweeping?

We still have myths and superstitions; such as power sweeping damages flues and power sweeping is not approved by liner manufacturers.

Are you aware that there has never been an official approval of the old traditional methods of sweeping flues for lined or unlined flues? This has just been an adopted as the only method here within the UK. Just as before no liner manufacturer has stated that power sweeping cannot be used within their liners. The reason for using Rodtech equipment is that we do have the endorsements from the main liner manufacturers, and more will follow. Conception is now changing and after 10 years of development here at Rodtech we believe we have the best advancement to sweeping in nearly 130 years. We do not, and will not claim to have invented this method, we have just improved and changed it to what you see today.

If you have any questions about our equipment and its use, why not call us or attend one of our training sessions next year?

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ANGLO NORDIC ADD NEW STOVE FANS TO THEIR RANGE

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A DAY OUT AT SUDELEY CASTLE

My daughter and I were invited to visit Sudeley Castle.

First, we had coffee and a brief explanation of the history behind this lovely old castle from one of the guides. The castle dates back to the Parliamentary Wars. Henry the Eighth's last wife, Katherine Parr, is buried in the Tomb in the Private Church.

The castle itself was partially destroyed by the Parliament Troops by taking off the roof. Over a hundred years it became derelict. It was then partially restored by the Victorians. The family still live in some of the castle.

In part of the castle that is not restored. where and the outer walls still stand, is a fireplace and as you look at the outside of that wall you will see what seems like a flue. We were curious as to how this old fireplace and flue would have been used as there was a room above with window.



The guide, who was talking to me about the flues uses and the other fireplaces in the rooms which are used, said it would be interesting if someone knew how this old fireplace and flue would have been used, in what would have been a room with a window directly above.

If anyone has visited or knows of this castle and has any ideas on this, please can you let me know via the NACS office, so that I can pass on any relevant information to the family.

Many thanks,

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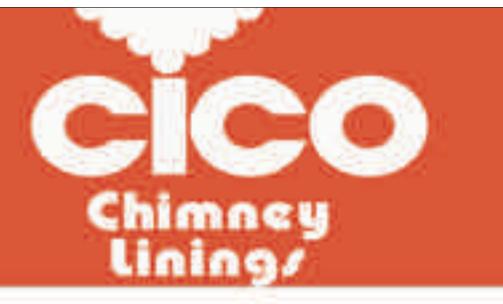
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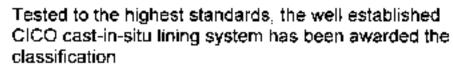
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