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Branch Meritorious Award 2016

David Yates

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David Yates has been a member of the IAgrE for almost twenty years and for the past six years has been a very valuable member of the East Midlands Branch Committee.

Based in Thurgarton, Nottingham, Yates Engineering Ltd has been in business for some twenty five years. The main lines of the business are steel fabrication, mechanical repairs, along with a “one-off” design and build. The company also supplies consumables for concrete building products. Yates Engineering is also the East Midlands Service Point for Keenans, covering Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire. Over the years his business has developed and expanded and within our region Yates Engineering enjoys an excellent reputation for quality, reliability and always “a job well done”.

David also has a great interest in the young people entering our industry and is always ready to offer help and sound advice.

From an IAgrE point of view, every branch needs a David. He is a great supporter of the IAgrE and is a crucial member of our committee, always enthusiastic with ideas every year for our branch programme. It is always reassuring that if David states “I will see to that”, one can guarantee that it will be dealt with promptly and efficiently.

Outside of work, David’s interests lie in steam and vintage machinery. He is a prime mover and shaker of the annual Hoveringham Vintage Vehicle Show, being a committee member for many years and Chairman for ten. This popular one-day show raises money for various local charities, always supporting the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

David also creates and restores his own vintage collection and has just finished building a steam engine driver’s living van. This reconstruction is based on an Eddison living van and has been built to a remarkably high standard and incredible detail. We, the East Midlands Branch Committee, recently held our planning meeting in this fantastic piece of work (I have it on good authority that during the build the inside wooden cladding saw some 1,500 knots painted twice with knotting).

This award is really deserved and is a fitting tribute to David and all that he stands for.

