

Spotlight on... Gillian Forsyth

This week, we caught up with Gillian Forsyth, Mission System Material Supply Planning Lead, to find out what her job involves and to ask her more about her charity work.

When did you start working on the QEC programme?

I joined QEC in early 2009, initially travelling to Bristol, and moved to Rosyth when Building 100 opened in September the same year. I joined the MS Logistics Team in Building 102 in July 2012.

What does your job entail?

I manage Materials Supply for Mission Systems in Rosyth, ensuring that MS CAT3 equipment is demanded and delivered to the point of use for installation and subsequent setting to work by the corresponding MS Commissioning Team and their Suppliers.

What milestone in the project has been the best for you?

The one event that I will always keep in mind is the move of QNLZ out of No1 Dock. I will never forget the experience of seeing her float for the first time, nor the sheer size of what we had all been working towards; I was quite emotional.



What is the most challenging part of your job and what do you like best?

Without doubt, the greatest challenge is meeting the complex delivery schedules. I'm a born organiser so my job is perfect for me; the best part for me is when the plan comes together – that is hugely satisfying.

Finally, what do you do in your spare time?

I enjoy keeping fit and have started running this year. So far, I have run three half marathons for charity – an achievement I'm very proud of. Who knows, perhaps I'll work up to a full marathon next year? Apart from that, spending as much time as possible with my husband and German Shepherd!

Tell us more about your charity work

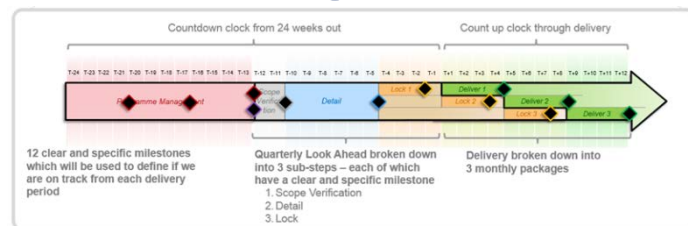
I have always been involved with charities and enjoy organising events at work. Since joining QEC, I have organised charity race nights, cake sales and office activities in aid of CHAS, Children in Need & Comic Relief, as well as being part of the organisation and support team for the two ACA Beat the Block Cycle Challenges. At the moment I run a charity tuck shop in Building 102, supporting Seagull Trust Cruises in Falkirk. This local charity provides canal cruises for people with special needs and I have really been able to see the huge difference that the money makes. The tuck shop has made an amazing £7,600 in a little over 18 months – that's a lot of sweets!

AIM - Planning Programme Management

The AIM Planning team have been working closely with the QNLZ programme management and Assembly Planning teams to help assess the best way in which to manage the planning of the ACA programme.

This change required identifying what could be improved in relation to the established planning process and credit should be given to all involved in rebaselining the plan.

The new plan incorporates a three step process – Programme Management, Quarterly Look Ahead (QLA) and Delivery. This provides clear deliverables which denote the end of each stage and clear ownership of each. Neil Holm, Programme Manager for Warship Programmes at Rosyth commented 'the development of the end to end planning view has helped us communicate



how all planning and execution activities fit into the overall programme management structure, right from the Level 1 strategic schedules to the execution of daily plans. This has helped us to roll out this new structure to the QNLZ delivery organisations'

If you have any questions in relation to the new planning process, please feel free to contact Jeananne.Drummond@babcockinternational.com

See how they did it – HMS Prince of Wales skidding film

Two weeks ago we reported back on the successful skidding together of super blocks 02 and 03 for HMS Prince of Wales. This successful operation has allowed the welding together of the two sections of the ship ahead of schedule and is now nearly complete.

To mark this significant milestone we filmed the procedure and tweeted it out to more than 10,000 followers on the social network site, twitter (see below). In less than two days we received almost 4,000 views on our YouTube channel.

If you haven't yet had a chance to see the process, visit the QE Class Carriers YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5tlLuHpHYw>



Twitter – 10,000 followers... and counting

We'd like to thank all our twitter followers for liking, re-tweeting and commenting on all our communications. Since we launched our twitter account we've attracted more than 10,000 followers – a number we reached at the start of November.

ACA Communications Manager, Alan MacAskill, commented: "The fact that we're attracting approximately 100 new followers each month is a testament to the interest the British public have about this magnificent programme. Indeed, many of those expressing interest are from abroad, underlining just how high-profile the QEC Carriers are."

If you have a twitter account or would like to receive regular updates including milestones, photographs and videos, you can follow us online through:

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Homepage: www.aircraftcarrieralliance.co.uk

Ian's November blog... now live

Ian Booth, Managing Director of the Aircraft Carrier Alliance has now posted his latest blog.

This month Ian reflects on the progress of both HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales, which has arisen from Dry Dock No1 in Rosyth in just a few short months, as well as an update on Mission Systems and Power and Propulsion.

To view the blog, please visit

<http://www.aircraftcarrieralliance.co.uk/delivering-the-nations-flagships/programme-director-blog/yr-2014.aspx>

Clyde

LB04 – commitment to safety

Last week there were zero recordable accidents on LB04. 215,583 hours have now been worked without a lost working day case since July 14. There have also been no recordable accidents in that period which shows that given the extremely busy working environment, safety still remains our number one priority.

Also in SHE, there were two audits on LB04 this week in adherence to the Safety Maturity Model (SMM) and the Environmental Maturity Model (EMM), where the block was assessed as maintaining SMM Level 5, and EMM Level 3. This re-affirms the block team's commitment to safety and the environment.

Within Quality, there was a satisfactory audit this week of the key process on the block. The audit reviewed the process of locking and controlling CHOI compartment access, and confirmed it to be working very well. This is important in terms of protecting areas where scope is completed, and reduces the potential for costly rework.

In build, the P01 plan remains a high priority, with some larger compartments being barcoded, and a high volume planned over the next few weeks. This will considerably increase availability of workfaces for follow on trades, including paint, insulation and cabling, with further collaboration between the trades allowing cabling to increase towards a 300km target.

Since accelerating the plan, performance has been extremely strong across the block, which is encouraging for the team.

In addition to baseline scope, there remains a focus on change, where output to strike rates are being achieved, with spend being closely monitored via on-block audits, in order to prioritise and execute change in line with the plan.

The CHOI programme continues to stay ahead of plan, with 12 compartments achieved last week and 21 expected to be signed off this week.

The build and production teams are equally focused to deliver the block in line with the accelerated plan, while keeping SHE at the top of the agenda.

Merseyside

CB04 – progress update

P01 inspections are complete to CB04 A ring this week. Paint now 70% complete within A ring with insulation 40% complete including the completion of the first metal clad compartment.

Hilti and cable baskets commenced install this week to insulated compartments within A ring.

Fitting of High Pressure Salt Water (HPSW) manifold pipework commenced, photograph of 2MC5 shown.

All CB04 B rings units are now in place following the lift and turn of unit five this week.

CB04 C ring three deck and hangar deck are in place, two deck and flight deck works continue.

The second block handover meeting took place onsite this week with the next meeting scheduled for December.

