

Disastrous Dinners

By Gum - A Design Error

Date **Wednesday 25th of September 2019**

Time **18:30 for 19:00 start**

Location **Behind The Wall, 14 Melville St,
Falkirk FK1 1HZ behindthewall.co.uk**

Entry is **Free of charge**. Attendees will have to pay for their own food and drinks on the night.

Presenter

Ron Dalton

Ron has worked in R&D , Production , Process Design and General management for several major chemical and Engineering companies and in several countries . His experience includes ICI - (England- Synthetic Rubber and Petrochemicals); DuPont (USA -Lycra); Tate & Lyle (England -Xanthan Gum) ;Foster Wheeler (England, Scotland ,Japan ,South Korea ,Germany and South Africa-Lubricants, Transonic Windtunnel , Hydrocarbons , Pharmaceuticals etc).

Ron is a Fellow of IChemE which he joined in 1958 and has seen quite a few disasters during his many jobs!

Incident

Xanthan Gum is a very stable, polysaccharide, aqueous thickening agent, derived from bacteria and used in many foods and industrial products. It is produced by fermentation of sugar under sterile conditions. A continuous process was developed by Tate and Lyle and a new plant built on Merseyside. The process plant requires rigorous sterilisation by medium pressure steam to avoid contamination. It was just after this sterilisation procedure that a major disaster occurred as the plant was being restarted.

Event overview

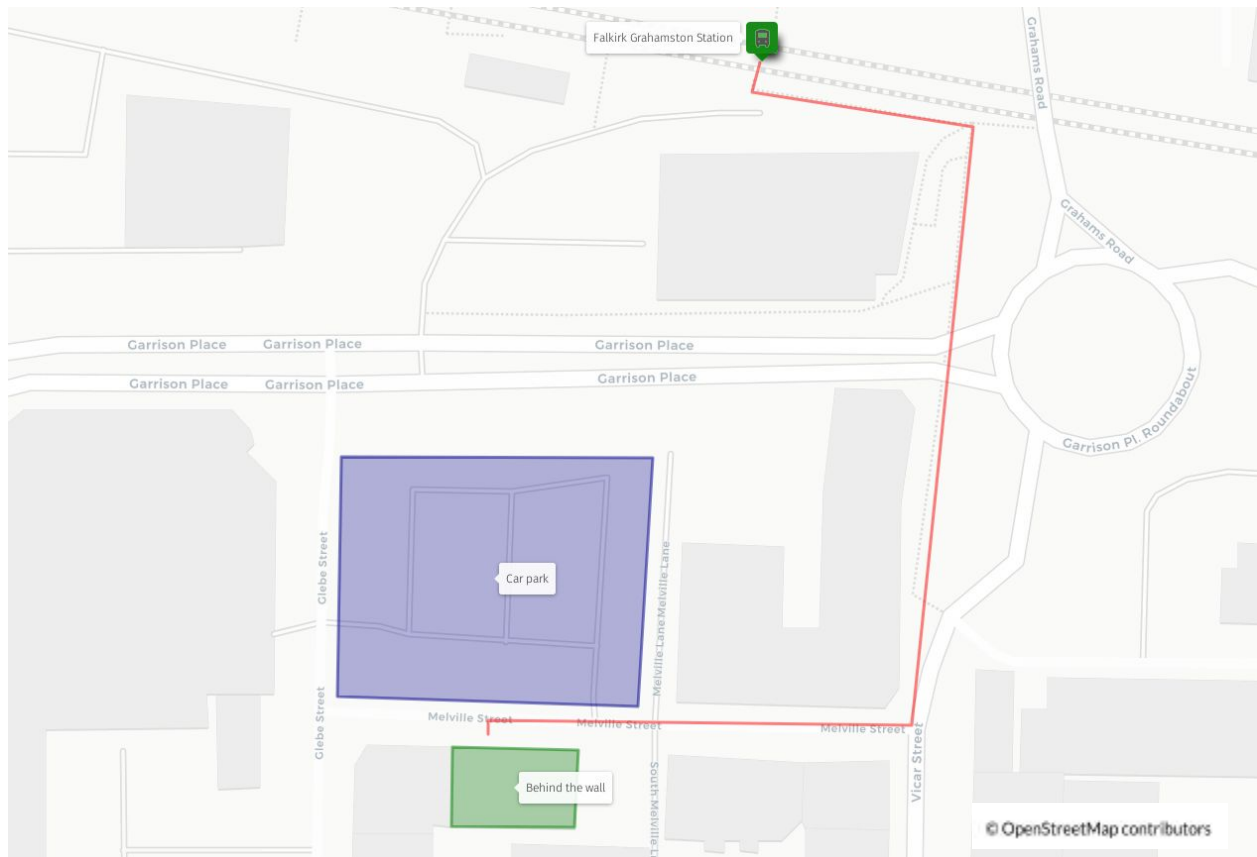
Disastrous Dinners is a series of talks focusing on an accident or disaster and what can be learned from it. After the presentation, there will be a social dinner and drinks along with lots of time to continue the discussion.

The aim of Disastrous Dinners is to cover a wide range of accidents, including those from outside the process industries. As a result there should be something for everyone to learn from, whether they are a student, recent graduate or seasoned engineer.

To contact the event organiser, please email DisastrousDinners@a14m.uk

How to get there

Behind The Wall
14 Melville Street
Falkirk FK1 1HZ



By train

The venue is just over 100m from Falkirk Grahamston station which has direct trains from Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Stirling.

Walk up the train station ramp to Grahams Road. Turn Right onto Grahams Road and walk up the hill, continuing under the pedestrian underpass. Turn Right onto Melville Street. The venue will be on your Left.

The route is marked in red on the map above.

By car

The venue is opposite the Melville Street pay and Display car park (note that parking is free after 3pm).

From your car walk uphill towards Melville Street. The venue is visible from the car park.

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