

Disastrous Dinners

# Kegworth Air Disaster



Date **Tuesday the 19th of November 2019**

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

Location **The Three Sisters, 139 Cowgate, Edinburgh** [thethreesistersbar.co.uk](http://thethreesistersbar.co.uk)

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

## Presenter

**Ian Clarke**

Ian is a retired Process Safety Engineer. During his 36-year career with a petrochemical major (22-years in Process Safety) he fulfilled plant and project support roles in Europe, the US, the Middle East and Asia.

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## Incident

Shortly before 8pm on the 8th January, 1989, a British Midland flight took off from Heathrow Airport bound for Belfast. At 8:25pm it crashed across the M1 motorway, just east of East Midlands Airport. During the climb a fan blade in the No 1 engine had detached. The flight crew incorrectly identified the No 2 engine as the problem and shut it down.

Why?

Human error was the "usual suspect", but were the pilots set up to fail? What lessons learned are transferable? And are there any parallels with the recent Boeing 737-Max crashes?

## 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.