

CHESTERFIELD SPECIAL CYLINDERS LTD.



We hope that you are finding our newsletters both interesting and informative, as we try to keep you abreast of developments within Chesterfield Special Cylinders and at our future site in Sheffield.

In this issue, we bring you up to speed with the progress of the new building, our company name change, our recruitment campaign ... and we introduce you to more members of the Chesterfield Special Cylinders team.

Foundation work in progress for the high-speed boring machine.



Progress at our new site

Replacement of the roof on the building is now complete and things are moving at a pace with the interior of the office block, with the foundations for the main pieces of production equipment, and with painting and erection of the first two of eleven cranes.

Pipework services including gas, air and water are going to plan.

However, due to the electricity board being unable to connect us to the mains supply until around the end of February, our physical move to the new premises will have to be put back to April/May.

Our current landlords on the Chesterfield site have extended our lease until the end of June to allow us to complete a phased transfer of plant and equipment.



Phil Catton, Production Director, surveys the Finishing Bay.

Recruitment

On the shop floor, we have been successful in recruiting four operatives, (with more to follow) to replace those who are unable to move with us to our Sheffield facility. Training is progressing well and the new members will be a great asset to the production team. Our next priority is to expand our number of skilled machinists.



More key members of the team

It is a pleasure to introduce four more invaluable, long-standing employees of Chesterfield Cylinders who will be making the transfer to Sheffield with us. They bring with them a wealth of product knowledge and business acumen – plus that most valuable asset – experience - gained from, between them, over 100 years' with the Company.

1. Martin Wrelka – Development Engineer

Starting in 1983 and apprentice-trained by the company, Martin has over twenty-one years' service with Chesterfield Cylinders. Since gaining his HNC in Mechanical Engineering in 1988, he has specialised in production plant design and plant efficiency improvements within a production engineering environment.

He now has considerable experience in the design, project management and installation of bespoke processing and manufacturing plant for the Chesterfield gas cylinder production lines.

A recent major achievement saw the introduction of one of the Company's largest capital investments in several years - a world-leading gas cylinder marking machine, jointly pioneered between Chesterfield engineers and the machine supplier. This is a truly specialised machine, offering a productivity increase from an average of 45 cylinders per hour to a potential of 120 per hour. Martin influenced much of the methodology and pioneering aspects incorporated into the machine's design, including TPM and SMED, thus providing the Company with a valuable production asset, while registering a significant success in his own career.

Martin is fully involved in the current works relocation project. An advocate of attention to detail from the outset of any project or design, he views this area of work as a significant undertaking, and one which is crucial to the Company's 'seamless' transition to the new premises in Sheffield. Martin strongly aspires to achieving 'right first time' results! He also looks forward to utilising his experience in the further development of production plant and efficiency at the new site in the future.

2. David Chapman – Production Controller

David joined what was, in 1965, the Chesterfield Tube Company, working as an apprentice, in the Metrology, Heavy Tube and Stainless Departments, before completing his apprenticeship in the Central Machine Shop.

He was made Shift Charge-hand and then Foreman of Central Machine Shop in 1977, producing all the tooling requirements for the Hot & Cold Hydraulic, Large Cylinder and Small Cylinder Departments.

In 1990 David took charge of a new venture for Chesterfield Cylinders – sub-

contract machining, which involved the planning and costing of parts for the oil industry.

David's career changed in 1993 when, after spending all his working life on tooling and maintenance, he moved into the Special Products Division as a Production Supervisor. In 2000, he became Tools Co-ordinator and, later in 2005, he will have completed 40 years service with Chesterfield Cylinders.

David wishes you to know that he has a close affinity with Chesterfield Football Club, which he has supported home and away for more years than he can care to remember. Luckily, his wife Jane also shares his passion for football.

3. Dominique Mountford – PA to Directors

After arriving in England in 1974, Dominique first started working at Chesterfield as an interpreter; using her native French language to help visiting foreign cylinder inspectors. In 1991, a vacancy in the Quality Department was her opportunity to join the Company. Over the following years, her role developed to include areas such as personnel, health and safety, auditing and general administration.

Chesterfield Cylinders, when part of the UEF Group, embraced the concept of Continuous Improvement. Dominique was instrumental in making Chesterfield the leading light of the Group. This philosophy is still fundamental to Chesterfield Special Cylinders today.

She is now looking forward to the challenge of organising and supporting the workload of five very busy directors!

4. Mike Bunting – Quality Engineer

Michael started his 35 years at Chesterfield Cylinders as a Technician Apprentice. On completion of the apprenticeship, he joined the Industrial Silencing Division as a Design Engineer. After obtaining his HNC in Mechanical Engineering, he then progressed to a supervisory role within Tubing & Special Products Division – the forerunner of Chesterfield Special Cylinders.

In 1981 he took on the task of Shift Quality Control Supervisor in the Large Cylinder Division and then joined the Quality Department as a Quality Assurance Engineer. It was in this role, in 1989, that he was involved in achieving our first Certificate of Approval for Quality Systems - with what was then designated Quality Standard BS 5750 Part 1. Since then he has successfully maintained the QMS, ensuring that it meets both the needs and expectations of the business, as well as ensuring it remains in line with current quality standards and related regulations, including ISO 9000 - 2000.

When required, Michael's current role has also included supporting the sales effort - for example, when he was recently instrumental in concluding a significant order from the Indian Navy.

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