



## BIG Thank Q!!



We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Swatragh based charity committee for all their hard work throughout the year.

2008 Charity Committee Pictured above with Macmillan Cancer Representative. Back Row L-R Fintan Walsh, Maria McGleenon, Mark Brown, Andy Murphy. Front Row L-R Eddie Deighan, Sean McKeague and Rosemary Maunsell, handing over the cheque for £3,119.71 raised at the table quiz.

Events that were organised during the year by the committee were Relay Teams and Runners in the Belfast Marathon, Table Quiz and the Big Breakfast. We all know that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make these events possible and is much appreciated. The total amount raised throughout the year was £10,152.25.

We hope to continue our charity events next year so anyone who would like to be involved in the committee, please forward your name to Dympna Kearney or Julie Dougle.

It is now a year since Think Tank was re-introduced. We hope you have enjoyed all the stories as much as we have enjoyed putting it all together.

We would like to thank everyone who has submitted stories and pictures and helped to keep it going.

This is our bumper Christmas edition and we hope it gives you a laugh during the long cold winter nights. Remember to have a go at the competition, you could have a pleasant surprise in the new year!!

All it leaves us now to say is that we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will be back for more next year so please keep the information coming as without it there will be no newsletter.

## The BIG Breakfast !!



Pictured from L-R Dympna Kearney, Maria McGleenon, Julie Dougle, presenting a cheque for £265.21 raised by the BIG Breakfast morning at our Swatragh depot.

As you can see from the pictures right, Julie and Dympna were hard at work cooking from the early hours so that there was enough sausages on hand for everyone to devour. The morning was a huge success and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generous support on the day. Let's see if Basingstoke can beat that!!!



Julie I don't think the sausages are supposed to be that colour!

# Table Quiz in Walsh's Hotel, Maghera

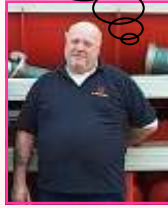
On Friday the 17th October the BP McKeefry Swatragh and Crossland Tankers Swatragh, Charity Committee organised a table quiz in Walsh's Hotel. The event was greatly supported by local businesses, the local community as well as employee members and their families. The event was a huge success raising £3,119.71 for Macmillan Cancer. We would like to thank the committee for their hard work and thank everyone who got involved.



Maybe if I hold the page up I can see the answers through the tippex!!

## Pimp My Ride Crawley Style!!

I don't think that pink is really my colour.



Word of warning to all Crawley drivers, if you are going on holiday, **HIDE YOUR CAR!!**  
Steve found this out after he returned from holidays to find his car looking like this  
Heellloooo Minxy!!!

## Back in the Day!!!!



For those of you who are unsure of who this is—it is our very own Michael Hopkinson from the Grimsby depot. This picture was taken in 1976 at a Rolling Stones Concert in Knebworth— definitely he hasn't changed much!!

## BP McKeefry in the Community



Pictured left are Sean McKeown and Cathy McKeefry along with friends, who attended the Action Cancer Race Day at Down Royal on behalf of BP McKeefry.



Cathy McKeefry pictured (centre) with Rainey Old Boys Youth Rugby Team.

BP McKeefry are proud to sponsor Rainey Old Boys R.F.C youth teams for 2008/09.

## Employee Safety Corner

In each edition of the newsletter we are going to focus on a safety issue that affects different areas of our business.



This month we would like to remind all drivers to depressurise a tank after each delivery.

This is extremely important as it poses a threat to the next driver/operator working at the tank as they may be unaware that the tank is pressurised.

Always remember safety first!!

## Health Checks

Recently BPM McKeefry Garage employees received a health surveillance check.

The Health Check will monitor the employees hearing, lung function, eye test and hand vibrations and highlight any large degrees of deterioration over time. So far the guys are ticking along nicely.

We hear that there was a long queue and empty garage when it was time to see the nurse, (they couldn't wait)!!

## A Day In The Life Off..... Glen Nicholson

Hi all fellow workmates, I was asked to write a piece about a day in the life of a Crawley Sludge Driver.

First I would like to say that we all have silly nicknames for each other, these all add to the laugh and makes the day go quicker. I must also add that the camaraderie shown since I have worked here is 100%.



My nickname is Shrek or Sexy by my partner (LOL), other names that we can mention include Nobby, Doctor Death, Weasel, Uncle Pete and Crusher (you all know who you are!!).

I wake at 4am in the morning to the sound of my alarm blaring beside me, I roll over and see Emma (my partner) and looking at her at this time of the morning is better than any alarm clock to get you out of bed quickly (only joking!!).

Crusher and I live only 100 yards away from each other, we car share every week and at 04:45 we meet and head off on our 45 minute drive to work talking about anything and everything and debating who is going to get their share of our sense of humour today.

When we arrive 9 times out of 10 Nobby is there and greets us with Hellllloooo and smiles, (but I think that is just early morning wind)!!!!!!

We get our trucks ready and check our work for the day and start rolling out to various works or farms.

When I first started if I did not know any place I was going to, everyone was only too glad to help me find my way.

Even now we all keep in touch and let everyone know about any delays via the phone or radio. There is not much to say about the daily work we do as every day is different in some way or another.

We all look out for each other and communicate to one another if there are any problems on the roads.

One day I broke down at one of the worst possible places on the A25 but the moment I phoned Graham he got it sorted straight away, recovery services came out and another truck came to take my trailer and I got out of the way in no time at all!!!

As we all finish our shifts, there is normally time for some banter between us all, except that it is normally Crusher and myself that get it in the neck from, shall we say, the "older drivers"? And I won't mention Mick Mate, Weasel or Nobbys name!!!

I would like to say at this stage a BIG THANK Q to all my workmates for making me settle down so quickly at BP McKeefrys and for all their help.

By Glen Nicholson—Crawley Depot

PS. If any other employee would like to write a piece about their depot and their work experiences please don't be shy and start writing so we can all share!!!

## New Employees



**Gordon Stephens**  
HGV Driver, November 2008  
RE3 Reading.



**Nick Hammond**  
HGV Driver, September 2008  
RE3 Reading.



**Roger Davis**  
HGV Driver, November 2008  
RE3 Reading.



**Ricky Parker**  
HGV Driver, September 2008  
RE3 Reading.



**David Byrne**  
HGV Driver, October 2008  
Liverpool Depot.

Peter Rowland started on the RE3 contract at Reading as an HGV driver in Sept 08.

Ian Benn also started in the Grimsby depot as an HGV driver in Aug 08.

Remember to send pictures and details of all new recruits to Julie or Dympna.

B P McKeefry have chosen the Multiple Sclerosis Society as their sponsored charity for 2009.



To boost the funds raised throughout 2009 we have decided to adopt payroll giving, this allows employees to give regular donations to this charity or a charity of their choice.

Donations can be as little as £1 per week, you are not obliged to give it is entirely up to you. For every £1 you agree to give only 0.80pence is deducted from your gross pay, the balance is given by HMRC.

You will receive full details about this scheme in the very near future. If you have any questions please contact your payroll department.



This column is dedicated to all those steadfast employees who have clocked up numerous years with us and appear to be a glutton for punishments by continuing to be with us!!

Length of Service

**5 years**

Michael Hopkinson  
David Deighton  
Fintan Walsh  
Sean O'Hara

**10 Years**

Christopher Dawes  
Ryan McKeague  
Darryn Douglas



We would like to say a

**BIG THANK YOU!**

We wouldn't be where we are today without your continued effort and hard work!

## RUN FORREST RUN!!

Eddie recently completed the Dublin Marathon on the 27th October in a time of 3hrs 59 mins. This is his third marathon this year. So far he has 25 half marathons and 9 marathons under his belt.

Eddie could be seen many a day running the roads around Swatragh/Maghera, visi vest on (the eternal safety conscious) and headphones in ears, just like Forrest Gump.

He was hoping to break the world record, but the lure of Guinness in Friels and a minor groin injury proved too much and prevented him from doing so...

Ah maybe next year Eddie, maybe next year!

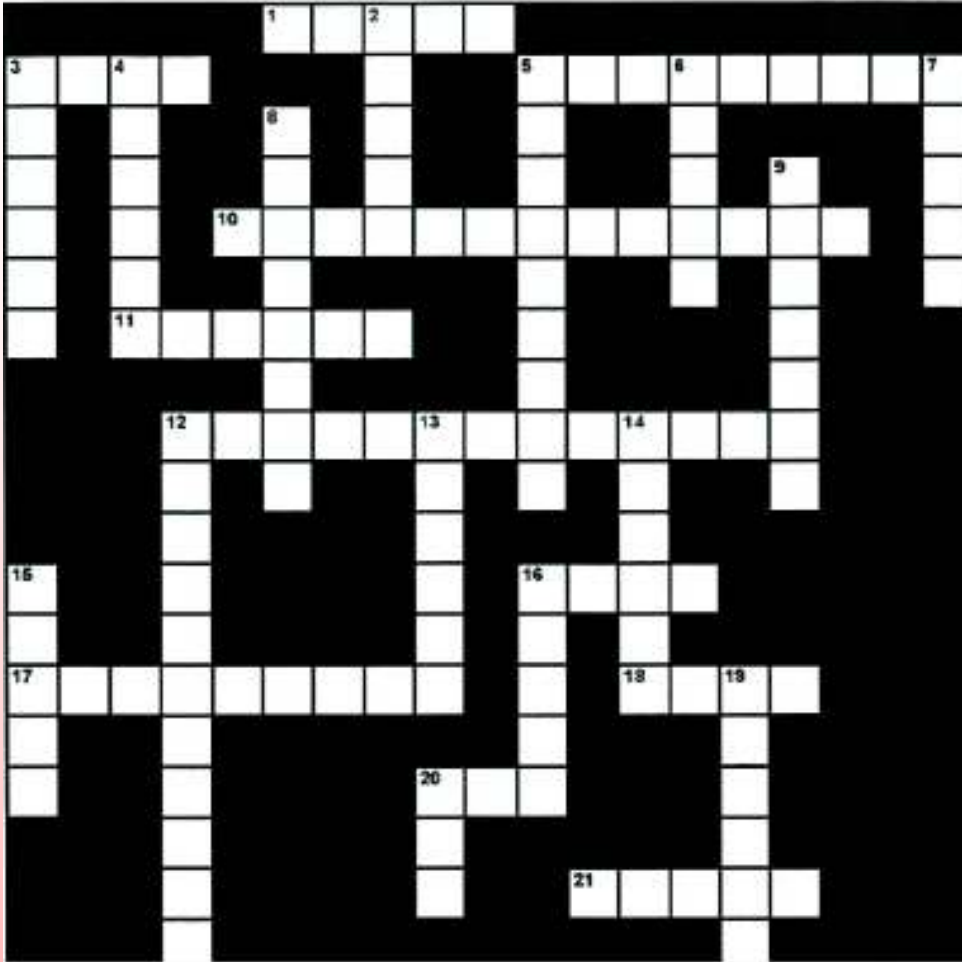
## WELL DONE DAN



As mentioned in the previous newsletter, our champ Dan Broda was off to Portugal from 24th-26th September to compete in the European Trampoline Championships. Despite an ankle injury he carried on and finished in 8th place in the mens final. We would like to say congratulations to Dan on this achievement. Since his return he discovered his ankle was fractured and he is still off training due to this so we hope it gets better soon. Well Done!!



# Christmas Crossword



## Down

- 2 Small brown thrush with a red breast (5)
- 3 Where Joesph and Mary had to stay (6)
- 4 The four weeks leading up to Christmas (6)
- 5 The day after Christmas Day (6,3)
- 6 The King visited by the wise men (5)
- 7 Gold, Frankincense and..... (5)
- 8 A popular addition to the Christmas table (8)
- 9 Name of the arcangel (7)
- 12 A decorated orange (11)
- 13 Christmas lasts for... Days (6)
- 14 A Christmas tree decoration (6)
- 15 The army occupying the land at the time (5)
- 16 Deck the halls with boughs of... (5)
- 19 Baby Jesus' bed or crib (6)
- 20 No room for Mary and Joseph here (3)

## Across

- 1 Christmas hymn (5)
- 3 The wise men's guide (4)
- 5 The town where Jesus was born (9)
- 10 The original Santa Claus (5,8)
- 11 The bird traditionally eaten for Christmas dinner (6)
- 12 A tradition introduced by Prince Albert (9,4)
- 16 A lot of angels (4)
- 17 evergreen plant with white berries (9)
- 18 Gifts from the shepherds (4)
- 20 Climbing plant (3)
- 21 One of Santa's reindeer (5)

Get your head down and the your brains out and see if you can complete this Christmas Crossword. The winner will receive a £40.00 gift voucher.

All answers should be returned to Julie Dougle at BP McKeefry Ltd, 114 Grove Road, Swatragh, N. Ireland BT46 5QZ no later than Friday 9th January. The winner will be announced in the next edition. Good Luck!

## Fond Farewells



Brenda McKeefry from the Accounts Office in Swatragh has decided to take a career break and is currently touring Australia, (We think she won't be able to cope without Barry!!)

Brenda left the company on the 29/09/08, and we couldn't let her go without a party. Heather baked a Pavlova (which was all eaten by 10:30am!!), and she was presented with gifts from her colleagues. Everyone would like to wish her all the best on her travels down under!!



Staff Members who helped Brenda eat the Pavlova

Contributors Corner  
Glen Nicholson  
Michael McKeown  
Michael Hopkinson  
Gary Maguire  
Dan Broda

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