



Think Tank

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We would like to wish all McKeefry, Crossland and MTS people and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your contribution in 2005 and may 2006 bring you health and happiness.



Turning over a new leaf



Mike Burton, Sales Manager for Crossland Burnley will be retiring at the end of December. Mike has worked all his life in the tanker industry and his wealth of knowledge and experience will be missed.

A surprise party was held at Bingley Rugby Club and a number of his colleagues were there to wish him well.

Apparently when Mike and his family were on long journeys he would insist on playing 'I spy' with a difference. His three daughters (Vanessa, Joanne and Rachel) had to Spot the Tanker!

Peter Ward, is the cleaner for Crossland Tankers in Burnley and will be retiring at the end of December. Peter was very diligent at his job, nothing was ever too much trouble. We all wish him well in his retirement.

(Peter was too camera shy for a photograph)

On behalf of everyone, we would like to wish both Peter and Mike a healthy and happy and long retirement.

The retirements will be marked at a presentation in Burnley on 23rd December.

The Top Garage

The mechanics in the "top garage" as we call it are responsible for the servicing and maintenance of the fleet of BP McKeefry lorries and trailers/tankers. This could involve anything from replacing a bulb to engine and gear box overhauls. They also carry out all the piping and wiring on the new build Crossland Tankers. As well as this they look after

the fleet of vans and cars and are always on hand to help the transport team out with occasional driving at nights and weekends.



L-R Dessie McAtamney, Ady Wilson, Martin O'Kane, David Deighan, Adrian McCafferty Colin Neely, Sean Foye



McKeefry goes green

In the New Year we are introducing a short term pilot Miles Per Gallon competition amongst drivers at each depot. Those drivers that yield the highest MPG figure and those drivers that show the greatest improvement will both receive a prize of a meal for two at a local restaurant. Further information may be obtained from your Transport Manager.



Congratulations to Gerard and Maria McKenna on the birth of their baby boy, "Michael" born on the 24th November 2005, weighing 7LBS 15 OZ—Gerard works for Crossland in Swatragh.

Congratulations also to Dominic Traynor (who works in Crossland Burnley) and Louise on the birth of their baby girl "Shannon" on the 5th December 2005.

Crossland Tankers in Burnley have just completed a major order of 20 milk reload tankers for SJ Bargh, taking the total number of trunkers we have built for them to over 30 in the last 3 years. Pictured below is the before and after shots.



Andrew Ainsworth—masking the vehicle prior to painting



Garry Chew—refitting the wings after painting and re-building a vehicle



Derek Rawstron, Andrew Ainsworth and Wayne O'Gara—smiling with pride at their workmanship!



The end product—Mike Burton and Stuart Cornthwaite, Managing Director, SJ Bargh

Graham Cross, Transport Manager, had a successful end to the 2004-05 shooting season, winning 5 trophies. He uses a Walther .22 small bore target rifle and his shooting club is in Hever Kent.



Christmas Competition

Thanks to all those who entered the Christmas Competition—the winners are:

- Mark Brown, Crossland Tankers Swatragh
- Matthew Grist, BP McKeefry, Crawley
- David Deighton, BP McKeefry, Grimbsy

Your prizes are on the way.