

BP McKeefry goes Mobile

As part of their maintenance programme Basingstoke depot has also employed a mobile fitter. Sam Jameson joined us from Oakes Brothers where he was an agricultural Fitter. His initial training with BP McKeefry took place in the workshop in Swatragh. Sam has been provided with a van fitted out as a mobile workshop and is equipped to carry out inspections and repairs on our vacuum tanks and other equipment where necessary.



Congrats to Sean for 20years Service!!



L-R: Sean McKeague, Brian McKeefry

Andy & Trish Best Wishes for your future together from all at BP McKeefry

Andy Hare (Contracts Manager in Basingstoke) tied the knot on 29th September 2007 with the beautiful Trish. The days events were enjoyed by all in attendance at the Copthorne Hotel, Reading.



Rally Fever Hits Ireland

In November the World Rally Championship came to Ireland for the first time. This was the penultimate round of the championship and the 2 lead drivers Sebastian Loeb and Marcus Groenholm started the rally only 4 points apart. The rally commenced around the grounds of Parliament Buildings in Belfast on Thursday November 15th and finished near Bundoran, Co Donegal on Sunday 18th. Barry McShane from the Swatragh transport office was a marshal at the Ballinamallard stage on Saturday.



If you look really close at the photograph you can see Barry hiding in the bushes!!

Congratulations to Sean McKeague based in our head office in Swatragh who has been with us for over 20 years. To mark the milestone Sean was presented with a gift from Brian McKeefry on behalf of the company.

Dean Martin Lives!!

There have been reports in the local press in Grimsby of sightings of the legend that is Dean Martin!! BPM driver David Deighton has been known to croon like the best of them so much so that he has been mistaken for Dean Martin in his local pub! But we are advised that his talents don't stop at Dean Martin. Who knows maybe Simon Cowell may notice his talent at the next X-FACTOR auditions and make him a star!! Let's hope you stick at the driving for now!!



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Hello Everyone! Welcome to the latest edition of our company news letter.

A great many of you from Grimsby to Liverpool and from Crawley to Swatragh have told me that you enjoyed the previous editions, so did I, and I am keen to keep at least a quarterly news letter.

We Need Your Help!

We need you to submit information and topics for articles to the team assembling this news letter.

Written up articles or just bullet points giving the basic facts, either will be welcomed.

Subjects can easily range from sporting achievements, charity fund raising, births, marriages, long service, new staff members, etc to new vehicles, new contracts/work, profiles of the people and work in existing depots etc.

A great deal of work and life and change happens in our company and with our people in the space of a few months. Lets all do our part to make what's going on with our people and within our depots known throughout our company.

Please submit any articles to Dympna (dympna@crosslandtankers.com) or Julie (julie@bpmckeefry.com).

Brian McKeefry.

BPM DRIVERS ARE PUT TO THE TEST!!



L-R Kathryn Burnett, Kelvin Stalker-Gingell and Julie Dougle.

The new auditing duo consists of Kathryn Burnett and Julie Dougle. Kathryn works alongside Barry Symmonds at the Grimsby depot and Julie is based in the Transport Office at Swatragh.

The main purposes of the audits are as follows:

- To ensure that drivers and the units are kitted out with all safety equipment required.
- To ensure drivers have all hoses and fittings required and that all equipment is tested on a regular basis.
- To monitor and ensure that all service and maintenance records are up to date.
- Detect any minor or major defects and get them rectified before they become a major problem.

To date Kathryn and Julie have been to Grimsby and Basingstoke and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting new faces and learning more about how the various depots operate.

The good news is all of the lucky candidates have survived so far!! So they will be seeing you all very soon and all drivers audited receive a small gift as a thank you for their time.

Recycling-The Way Forward

The weekly or fortnightly collection of recyclable waste is now a part of every-day life for most people. BP McKeefry is involved in the transfer of recyclable and non recyclable waste.



This project involves the bulk transfer of dry-waste to landfill sites for disposal and to transfer stations throughout the South East of England for reprocessing. BPM currently have 6 lorries involved in this contract (numbers will increase) with a mix of ejector trailers (used to transfer waste to landfill) and walking floor trailers (used to transfer recyclable waste for reprocessing) these trailers are moving in the region of 2,000 tonnes per week. BP McKeefry welcomes the 5 drivers who transferred across from the previous contractor.

Washbay Operator turns Fire Fighter

A fire broke out at our MTS depot in Liverpool on 23/11/07. Damage caused was minimal, thanks to the quick action by one of our washbay operators Jacek Ligeza. Jacek (pictured right) had just finished washing a tank when he noticed smoke coming from the tool store. When he investigated it further, he discovered flames coming from the main electricity board. Jacek then grabbed a carbon dioxide fire extinguisher and put the fire out, turned the isolator off and raised the alarm. He then stayed by the tool store to ensure the fire did not restart until further help arrived. BP McKeefry would like to thank Jacek for using the correct equipment; keeping a cool head and stopping what could have become a very dangerous situation.



BPM Grimsby Relocates



(L-R) Barry Symmonds and Kathryn Burnett who are based in our Grimsby Depot have just finished moving to new offices based in the same industrial complex as before. Kathryn stated that, "the move was very strenuous for everyone involved, (that's why Barry had a holiday afterward!), Thanks must be given to Dessie McAtamney and Darren Bradley who assisted with the move which helped to make the place appear more like a working environment instead of a crazy jumble sale!" Both Barry and Kathryn are very happy with their bright new offices.

Renewal of Fleet in BPM Grimsby

Two new Scania Highline 6x2 units have been added to the Grimsby fleet in July 07, both these vehicles have automatic gearboxes which the drivers are well impressed with. The lucky drivers are Kevin Wright and Fred Gibney, we would like to wish Fred and Kevin the best of luck with these new units, may they have many hours of enjoyable truckin ahead!



The Latest Suspects



From L-R: Brenda McKeefry, Karl McTague, Ciara O'Hagan who are all based in BP McKeefry Swatragh.

Brenda began her employment with BP McKeefry as an Accounts Assistant in October 2006. Before commencing her employment Brenda was a student at The University of Ulster in Magee where she studied Business Studies with Human Resources. Karl began his employment with BP McKeefry as a Transport Planner in November 2006. Previously he worked for TBF Thompsons as an HGV Mechanic, Karl also has his HGV licence. Ciara began her employment in March 2007 as an Administration Assistant. Prior to joining BP McKeefry, Ciara worked for Clady Plumbing Supplies as Office Manager.

New Lorry Drivers

From top to bottom: Alan Black, Barry Graham, Jim Reddington and Daniel McGoldrick are all employed by BP McKeefry in Swatragh. Alan, Barry and Daniel are based in Swatragh and Jim is based in Dublin. There is also a relief driver, Dermot McCullough based in Swatragh who covers holidays, sickness etc.



From left to right; Glen Nicholson (Shrek), Matthew Grist (Matt), Steve Byrczowski (Ski) Are all employed as drivers for BP McKeefry and are based in Crawley working on the Thames Water sludge contract.



Basingstoke Office Facilities have Grown!

Basingstoke has had another Portacabin added to the existing one due to continuing business growth. There has been an ongoing recruitment campaign which has resulted in a total of 12 new drivers (6 are based in Basingstoke), 1 new mobile fitter (Sam Jameson who is featured on back page), 3 new office staff and Martin Hammond as Business Development Manager, joining our company. Sarita Rai started on 1st October and Kerry Byrne on 6th November both in administration and Martyn Lewis on 5th November on the transport desk. Once refurbished, the existing office will be a conference room plus office space giving more room to accommodate the new staff.



(L-R) Sarita Rai, Kerry Byrne and Martin Lewis (background)