

RENAULT
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RENAULT UP THE PACE AT DONINGTON CIRCUIT

On 23rd & 24th April 2011, FIA Truck Racing made a triumphant return to Donington Circuit with a blast of noise and diesel fumes! The whole event was sponsored by Renault Trucks, who in turn sponsor Team MKR Technology, the winners of the 2010 Championship. Over 100 members of staff and their families attended the event, courtesy of Renault, who had gone all out on the hospitality front, and it seems that everybody enjoyed the blazing sunshine, the excitement of the racing, and the endless amounts of free food and drink on offer! It was impossible not to be impressed by the spectacular sight of Renault, MAN & Scania tractor units blazing around the track at 100mph, powered by 12.8



litre, 1140hp engines. And for those of a more reserved nature, there was Legend car racing, pickup racing, a Formula 1 display and, of course, an Elvis impersonator! The whole weekend was a great success, and next year's event is already marked on the calendar—so watch this space for information.



THE DEPARTURE OF PAUL JARVIS

Paul Jarvis started with the company as a Parts Technician in February 1987. He was soon promoted to Supervisor and Parts Manager for Norwich, and went on to hold the position of Group Parts Manager. Paul's ongoing dedication, commitment and enthusiasm made him a pleasure to work with, and he shall be greatly missed. Our thanks go to Paul for all his hard work over the years, and we wish him every success in the future.

MOT LANE PASSES THE TEST

The VOSA MOT test lane in Ipswich has been operational for six weeks now and is proving a big boost for business, with several companies opting to use NT&V instead of the local test station. From next month, an extra day per week will be added onto its operations because of this demand, and car and van testing is also now taking place. Congratulations must also go to **James Repath** and **Graham Allen** in the workshop, who have passed their MOT testing course.



IVECO—THE FINAL CHAPTER

After 38 years, the Peter Colby Commercials Group of companies has ended its relationship with Iveco Ltd. The separation has been amicably agreed. Since 1974, the Peter Colby Commercials Group has enjoyed working with Fiat commercial vehicles, Iveco UK, Iveco Ford and Iveco Ltd. In this time, more truck product has been sold by the group than by any other dealership or dealer group. We will continue to serve our customers, supplying parts, service and minimising operator downtime. Collease will continue running the 400 Iveco vehicles on its hire fleet. The majority of these vehicles will be maintained at our own depots, the latest being Manchester where £2,000,000 is being invested. To emphasise customer commitment, we have invested £130,000 in new VOSA test facilities at our Ipswich depot. Our chairman, Mr Peter Colby is justifiably proud of our achievements and performance over the past four decades, and looks forward to continuing to supply vehicles and maintenance requirements in East Anglia and London with our partners, Renault Trucks, Hino and Isuzu. We have now been trading without Iveco for two months, and are restructuring the company in order to maintain our viability for the future. This restructuring has been very difficult, and we appreciate everybody's commitment and cooperation during this process, and while it is very sad to have lost some of our valued colleagues, we should all now face the future with confidence.

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HGV SUCCESS

A mention must go to Simon Yallop in the Norwich workshop, who has just passed his HGV test first time—not an easy thing to do, so this is a real achievement! Well done, Simon.



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THE LOTUS POSITION

Norwich workshop has negotiated a deal to look after nine Renault Magnams for DHL Lotus Motorsport. This is a fantastic boost for the workshop, so a big thank you to those involved for all their hard work in securing this.



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AND SPEAKING OF MAGNUMS...

...Our Magnumificent Sales Director, **Clive Bassindale**, has secured an order to supply three brand-new 6x2 520 Renault Magnams to RPL Transport in Milton Keynes. This is the flagship vehicle for the Renault marque and a great achievement for the company—so well done!



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PS... Congratulations to **Joe Castronovo** in the Enfield Service Reception, who celebrated the birth of his first child, Lorena, on 2nd March 2011 at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow. Lorena weighed in at a bonny 9lb (wow!) and according to our sources, she is a truly beautiful little girl! So our best wishes go out to Joe and his new family.

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