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PARK GATE LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Park Gate have held a presentation evening to recognise long service by three employees. The company have traditionally made these awards to people who have been at the company for 20 years and recently 3 staff from different departments have reached this milestone. Firstly **Mark Howe**,

an Approved Electrician in the Contracting Department, who started at Park Gate in August 1989. Mark has worked for Park Gate on a large number of sites throughout the UK. Secondly, **Stephen Palmer**, an Approved Electrical Winder, who started in September 1989. These days Stephen supervises site motor maintenance contracts and carries out site mechanical work like laser alignment and vibration analysis in addition to motor rewind work. Last but not least **Andrea Beattie** who does the accounts work in the Kingstown offices. Andrea started working at Park Gate in February 1989 and took over the accounts role from May Ferguson in the mid 1990's. The presentations were made at a function held in the Victoria Club in Carlisle. The company also presented a retirement gift to



Robert Park, Eddie McCann & Ian Park

Eddie McCann who retired recently following a long career in the motor rewind industry at Smith and Co with a final year at Park Gate.



L to R - Ian Park, Andrea Beattie, Mark Howe and Stephen Palmer.

Brook Launch New Series 10 Motor Range

Brook Crompton have introduced the **Series 10** product range which is a complimentary, low variant, addition to their current product portfolio. This high quality industrial standard range completes the necessary steps towards the new mandatory EU, MEPS standards. Motors are available in IE 1 Standard Efficiency, IE2 High Efficiency and IE3 Premium Efficiency variants. The range covers 0.06KW to 630 KW in 2,4,6 & 8 pole speeds in 56 to 400 frames. For more information on this adaptable and low ownership cost product



Satisfied Customers

Park Gate would like to thank all customers who completed our recent customer satisfaction survey. We were delighted with the results which gave "good" or "excellent" to 94% of all of the questions asked. On the "how do you rate the company overall" question 97% of responses gave Park Gate "good" or "excellent". We would also like to thank those customers who gave us some constructive criticism or made suggestions. These have been very useful in helping us to introduce measures to improve in a number of areas.

Training

Since our last newsletter our staff have attended a total of 35 training courses including 9 people passing the 17th Edition Wiring Regulations course, 14 doing Food Environment Contractors H&S Passports and 6 doing Quarry Industry Contractors H&S Passports.

We would like to congratulate **Niall Henderson** and **Daniel Kirkbride** who have both recently completed their apprenticeships in the Contracting Department and are now working as JIB Graded Electricians. They both came to Park Gate from school in 2005.

Hydro Automation

Park Gate Process Development Dept have recently carried out the successful automation of **Hydro Energy Developments Ltd** hydro electric scheme at the Deanston Distillery near Stirling. The distillery was originally built as a cotton mill in the 18th century and diverts water from the River Teith via a 2 mile Lade into 2 turbines with an output of 200KVA. Park Gate Project Engineer **Chris Bell** says that "the project involved the automation of sluice gates, water levels, grid synchronisation and power output using Schneider M340 & Twido PLC's, Factorycast web monitoring, SEW geared motors and stepper motors. We were delighted to be involved in this interesting application of renewable energy—and the whisky is excellent too!".

Staff Snippets

There has been a mini baby boom at Park Gate and we are happy to give congratulations to Chris Bell and Julie on the birth of their son Charlie on 29th December and to Mike Bulmer and Emma on the birth of their first child Islay on 31st January. Also to Mike Lopez (Jimmy) and Helen on the birth of their 3rd daughter Tilly Rose on 19th April.

Get Well

Best wishes to George Park who unfortunately had an accident in late February in which he broke his pelvis. After a couple of weeks in the Cumberland Infirmary George, who started Park Gate back in 1946 and is now 92, is at home making steady progress and we are hoping that it won't be long before we see him back here at Kingstown.