

BEYOND THE NEWS

Tributes to JCB long-timer

Tributes have been paid to one of the first people to work at JCB. John Wheeldon has died at the age of 87. He was the sixth person recruited by company founder Joseph Cyril Bamford in August 1948.

Wheeldon went on to become the company's first ever demonstrator, before setting up JCB's training school and later becoming visits manager. He retired in 1990 after 42 years' service, but later returned part-



Wheeldon at the controls of JCB machinery

time as a tour guide.

His daughter Jane Staley also works for the company, as PA to JCB chairman Lord Bamford, and this month she marks 50 years' service with the firm.

Lord Bamford was taught how to drive JCB machines by Wheeldon. He said: "I knew John from when I was a very young child because he was one of the first people my father employed.

"He was a true gentleman and a loyal employee. My sympathies go out to Jane and all the family at what is a very sad time."

Before working for JCB, Wheeldon was one of the company's first customers, buying from Bamford a screw-tipper trailer when he worked on farms.

MRW TRIVIA QUESTION

Which modern city is Roman Lindvm?

Last week's answer: Ford Granada

ON THE MOVE



John Cope (left) has been appointed recycling sales manager for

Eriez Magnetics Europe, manufacturer of magnetic separation, metal detection and vibratory equipment. His role is to increase sales in recycling markets across Europe. He previously worked for The Recycling Company and then Biffa.

Spencer Group, the engineering specialist, has appointed **Frank Millar** as group chief executive, with

founder and current chief executive **Charlie Spencer** becoming chairman. Millar's previous job was operations director of Costain's Natural Resources division, which includes the waste sector.



O.Kay Engineering has hired **Hannah O'Brien** (left) as

a technical sales engineer. She will help clients deliver greater profitability through tailored recycling, energy recovery and materials handling solutions.

THE LITTLE INTERVIEW



RICHARD TOMLINSON, DIRECTOR, FARM RENEWABLE ENVIRONMENTAL

ENERGY (FRE-ENERGY)

What was your first job?

Chief muck-shoveller and calf-bedder on the family farm.

What are the best and worst moments of your career so far?

The best would be being awarded the best integration of anaerobic digestion (AD) into a farming system. The worst would be trying to get the initial planning permission for an AD plant.

What is your toughest challenge?

Dealing with mind-numbing bureaucracy while maintaining my sanity.

Book or e-reader, and what are you reading now?

Book - *Cows Save the Planet: and Other Improbable Ways of*

Restoring Soil to Heal the Earth by Judith D. Schwartz.

How do you relax?

I stop working and fall asleep.

What one thing would you change about the waste/recycling industry?

Adopt the 'hub and pod' principle for recycling food waste back to land.

If you weren't in waste, what would you want to be?

Top Gear presenter.

What is your favourite food?

Organic Sunday roast beef.

What is your favourite place, apart from home?

Barmouth estuary.

What is your favourite song?

Mustang Sally, which has been performed by many artists.

If you could have a drink with one famous person, who would it be?

Prince Charles.

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RAG AND BONE REVIVAL



Warwickshire has just held its first-ever Thrift Week. Dozens of money-saving events and activities took place across the county - from make-do-and-mend workshops, clothes swapping and a thrifty market to special discounts and prize competitions.

As well as highlighting the county's 100+ charity shops, Thrift Week was designed to encourage more residents to join online reuse networks such as Freegle and Freecycle. Steptoe & Son lookalikes Tim Guest (Harold) and Paul Muldoon (Albert) checked out the bargains at a Warwickshire recycling centre reuse shop in the run-up to the events.