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A selection of bronze and aluminium castings from J. T. Price

Westley Group acquires Sweetmore Engineering in Stoke



Westley Group are pleased to announce the acquisition of Sweetmore Engineering Holdings (incorporating J.T. Price & Company), in Stoke-on-Trent. The new business, which will trade as **J. T. Price (inc Trent Foundries)** from 7th December, is set to combine with Westley Group's Trent Foundries facility, which will shortly relocate to J.T. Price's manufacturing site in Newcastle-under-Lyme. Existing Trent Foundries' customers will continue to benefit from Sales and Customer Progress support from their usual contacts in Cradley Heath, while J.T. Price will continue to serve its customers from the Stoke base.

The addition of J.T. Price to the Group is an important step forward for the UK foundry industry, providing a long-term secure and competitive source of supply for non-ferrous castings. J.T. Price brings to the Group significant experience of architectural and complex commercial sand castings in bronze and aluminium, further broadening the range of markets that Westley Group companies supply into. J.T. Price will work in tandem with Westley Foundry in Cradley Heath to offer its customers an unrivalled combination of skills and expertise, unsurpassed in Europe.

We welcome J.T. Price employees and their customers to Westley Group and look forward to working in partnership to deliver top quality products and services.

WESTLEY GROUP FACT OF THE MONTH Westley Group companies spend over £2.1M on gas and electricity each year!

Longest serving ladies at Walter Frank **FRANK**

Walter Frank employees Margaret Wilson and Susan Atterbury are this year celebrating a total of 70 years service between them! Margaret has worked at the aluminium die-casting foundry since 1969, when it was located in Barnsley. She currently works part-time in the accounts department, but other roles have included Secretary to the MD and Sales. Susan has worked for Walter Frank since leaving school in 1979 and has been a valued member of the Sales team ever since.

Both employees have seen Walter Frank undergo many changes over the years, including its relocation last year to Francis W. Birkett's site in Cleckheaton.

We would like to congratulate both ladies on their dedication and commitment to Walter Frank over so many years.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE



Name:
Steve Holmes

Company:
Mathers Foundry, Manchester

Role:
QA Supervisor

Employee since:
September 1997

Biography:
Steve has worked for Mathers Foundry for 12 years and is a key member of the Quality Assurance team. Steve has recently been promoted to QA Supervisor and is responsible for overseeing day to day inspection operations.

Mathers' customers demand top-quality castings which are increasingly subject to Non-Destructive Examination to prove their integrity. Steve ensures that the correct inspection reports are included with all castings and that castings meet the customer's technical requirements. Typical reports include Liquid Penetrant Examination, Magnetic Particle Inspection plus Dimensional and Wall Thickness Reports.

In his spare time, Steve enjoys going to the gym and football.



JOKE OF THE MONTH!

"Why does Santa have 3 gardens?"

-So he can Ho Ho Ho!!

Joke from Brad "The Comedy" Robinson, Mathers



QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." Quote from Claire Littley