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Jack's Record 56 Years!

Jack celebrates 56 years at Collett & Sons!



A familiar face around the office, Jack Hughes joined the company after his previous employer, James Murgatroyd, sold Moorfield Farm in Wainstalls to Richard Collett, the grandfather of the current Collett & Sons owners, in the early 1960's. Jack had been a cattle dealer for the farm, but then began to drive Collett's milk wagons as well as collecting and delivering animal feed and hay. Apart from a break of six months in the 1970's due to health issues, which meant Jack was consigned to the office duties, Jack continued to work as a driver until his 'official' retirement in January 1992.

After his retirement party at the Imperial Crown in Halifax, Jack reported for duty the following Monday! Faced with this tricky situation, it was easy to continue to employ Jack as a 'second man' who would sit in the cab with the drivers when transporting abnormal loads, which is a legal obligation when doing this type of work, which he continued on with for a following five years. By this time Jack was over 70 years old and we all agreed, including Jack, that it was time for him to take things a little easier and he took on his new position as Sandwich Man! For over 20 years Jack has the daily task of taking the sandwich order from office staff in Halifax, collecting the sandwiches and distributing them around the office.

"Over the past 56 years, Jack has been a constant in our lives and everyone knows him as being part of the family as well as the fixtures and fittings of our Company. Jack has also been a faithful and valuable servant to the business for all this time. I have very vivid memories of working with Jack as a young boy, going out with the milk wagons at the weekend and helping with the empty milk cans. It's great to see him every day around the office, keeping us all in line!" David Collett, Managing Director.

"After 56 years working at Collett's, it's safe to say I've really enjoyed it!" said Jack. "From my early days starting out driving the milk from various farms right through to driving the HGVs, that was my favourite part. "It's lovely to see so many familiar faces each day and to still be part of the team, I'm glad I've lived through it all and long may it continue."

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