

Scammell Reunion at Carters

by Mike Thomas

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Tony Billings arranged a reunion, primarily for ex-Scammell employees. Something close to 30 arrived. Most are pictured in the photographs below. With the help of Tony, Frank Bone and others, I have tried to list the names of those present - sincere apologies for any mistakes!



Jack Burnell (1), Bill Clare (2), Dave Merrill (3), Ken Rands (4), Terry Welsh (5), Tony Billings (6), John Berry (7), Vic Wilkes (8), Albert Redding (9), John Anthony (10), John Fadelle (11), Frank Bone (12), Dave Playforth (13), John Andrews (14), Dave Greene (15), Chris Sawyer (16), Jenny Andrews (17), Mick Green (18), Philip Andrews (19), Terry Western (20), Nigel Allen (21), Alan Wharton (22), Glynne Rees (23)

In both photographs, they are posing in front of a Scammell which was built in 1944 and which proudly proclaims “British and Best. Still going strong”. It is a real tribute to Scammell engineering that, 61 years later, it is not only going strong but earning a living! As you can see in the second photo, it carries the name “Why Not”. Being No 5 in Carters’ fleet, it follows logically from No 4, “Why Me”! Perhaps the better backdrop would, however, have been No 6, “Why Worry”, given the group! In total, Carters had 6 Scammells in the line up - in addition to Nos 5 and 6, there was No 1, “Kathleen”, No 14 “The Maidonian”, No 15 “Perseverance” and No 16. In addition to the splendid Carters’ fleet, there were four Showtracs as listed below.

No	Reg	Name	Livery
2	HAU 964		Russell Cook
3	EDL 111	King	Bensons
6	HTO 221	Progress	Hibble & Mellors
15	LDH 253	The Major	Pat Collins

Finally, I counted six other Scammells. Member David Walker and his family had three present, the PSA Highwayman, Pickfords Mountaineer (NGF 129) and LA20 (NGF 120), member Terry Ainger was there with his Crusader and an Explorer and Pioneer also turned up. All in all a splendid day and a lovely bunch of ex-Scammell employees!