

## **KENT MACHINERY & ENGINEERING COMPANY 1960 - 76**

This is the family 3 man business I took to a UK and world top tier machine tool rebuilding and trading position in 13 years. A family dispute ruined my successful partnership with my father

## **EXETER MACHINE TOOLS GROUP (EMT) 1976 - 86**

Despite owning 49% of the KENT shares I left KENT with £0. Business friends loaned me money and machine stock to start again and growth back to world top tier level was fast

## **EMT with S A MULLER MACHINES - TIMEX 1983 - 84**

Successfully managing the biggest ever single purchase and sale of machine tools (2500+) under huge political, commercial, time and financial pressures was the high spot of my first 30 years

## **WICKMAN EXETER 1986 - 89**

Wickman Bennett had lost its way. They bought EMT into the company to create external trading profits and reorganise WB sales. Profits made but internal politics prevented reorganising WB sales

## **WICKMAN BENNETT - dream, triumph, national disaster. 1989 - 92**

UK no. 1, world renowned company. I purchased 50%. As MD tasked to refocus product range, improve sales and reorganise production. Massive turn around, Back to big profits in 16 months – then.....

## **WEBSTER & BENNETT - Coventry 2. Small with big ambitions 1993 - 99**

With no possibility to save Wickman as a manufacturer in the UK, Muller and I targeted the Webster & Bennett product line as our machine tool manufacturing way forward. Great success, then.....

## **TAJMAC-ZPS - Czech Republic's no 1 machine tool builder 2000 - 02**

A complete machine tool factory. 2000 employees in design, foundry, machine shops, assembly, installation, commissioning. Appointed MD - increase sales, reorganize production. Part success

## **WEBSTER & BENNETT INTERNATIONAL Warwick 2003 - 08**

Politics in Czech Republic were hurting progress. In UK the venture capitalists were destroying W&B. I bought the wreck at wreck price. In 3 years back to world class *but not with my capital again*

## **WICKMAN BENNETT - Coventry 3. just vertical turning 2008 - 10**

After 3 years of huge success in Warwick I would not cooperate to move W&B Warwick to Belgium. The owners put W&B into administration. American customers with machines in the Warwick administration transferred them to us to complete. **Spark China** – good then bad. Politics again!!

## **EXETER MACHINE TOOLS - Stoneleigh Park 2010 - 18**

After all the disappointment of the stupidity of the closure of Warwick and politics in China Petr went back to Czech Republic and I only dealt with service work if it came my way. Age 67 my focus went onto my gym. I became the oldest student studying through to Level 4 Fitness Professional

## **VTT Stoneleigh Park and Sheffield. DESIGNS - DSK MACHINES (Korea) 2016 - 22**

Petr came back to a very successful Millennium modernisation contract from Rolls-Royce Defence, Bristol. DSK were well into negotiations to buy our designs and supply machines and parts to us. A machine sale to a Sheffield company saw us move there. Lots of positive business, one horror story

## **VTT-WB Birmingham - we go forward with the pattern of the past 6 years 2023 -**

Refurbish/modernise/service machines we built since 1993. Transform older generation W&B machines to the Manuplus designs. Buy/refurb/sell W&B machines.