

CLASSIC & SPORTSCAR CENTRE'S 25 YEARS

The Classic & Sportscar Centre has been enjoying exciting times recently, having seen staff levels nearly double in the past 18 months across three divisions covering sales, restoration and maintenance. Earlier this month, the Yorkshire-based classic car specialist also celebrated 25 years in business with a star-studded event at the National Railway Museum in York.

"It's a sign of our appreciation to those people that have spent a lot of money with us over a long time and also a good way to give something back, plus put on some really good entertainment in a fabulous place," said director James Szkiler, speaking with *CCB* at the event.

The company was set up in 1991 as Grundy Mack Classic Cars in Huddersfield by James' father Nick: "It was the second worst recession in living memory, we were trying to start a business in classic cars. How do you do that? Well, we've always been about PR and different

ways of doing things."

As Nick revealed, this included amusing classified adverts in the Yorkshire Evening Post that were either "funny, stupid or rhyming". His first such ad being: "The winter rain, the frost, the sleet, a dozen batteries dead, who'd be selling classic cars when there's snow falling on your head? With jump leads in my hands and a battery on my back, I whistle as I start them in the yards of Grundy Mack."

In 1998 the business moved to the Malton area in North Yorkshire and in 2006 James took over the running of the business, having graduated with a business degree at York several years earlier.

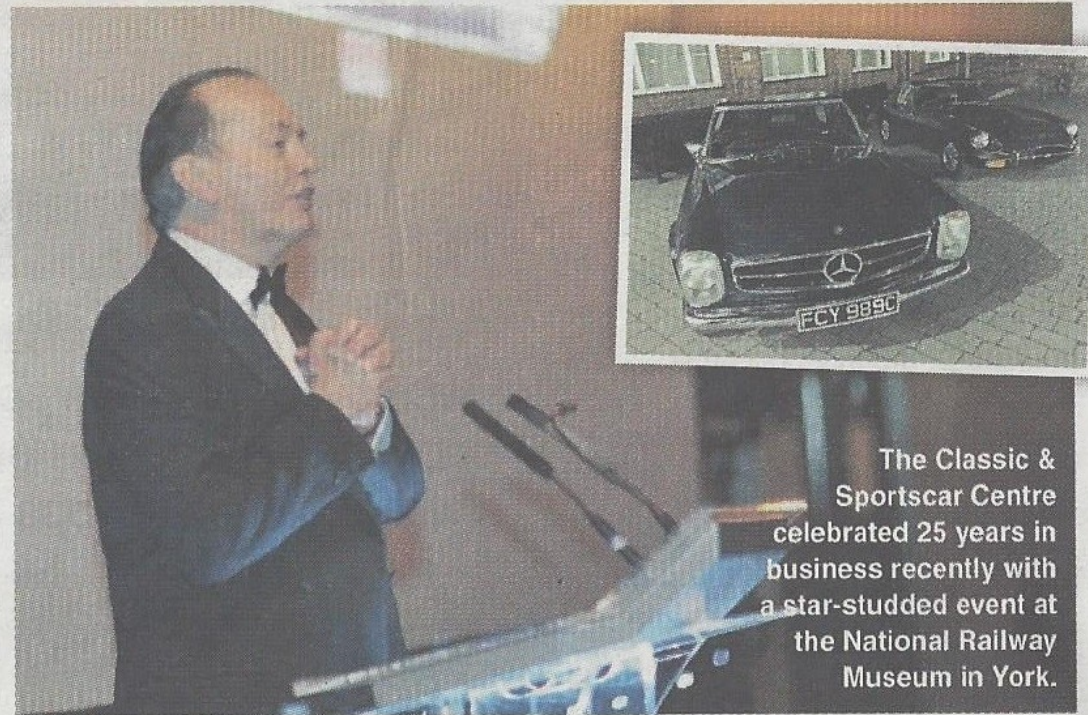
At the same time Grundy Mack was rebranded as the Classic & Sportscar Centre and in 2010 set up Malton Coachworks, offering classic car restoration, paintwork, bodywork and maintenance. More recently, in October 2014, a new five-bay mechanical workshop was also set up in Malton adding to the range of services offered.

To date, the Classic & Sportscar Centre has sold close to £40 million worth of classic cars worldwide.

The evening featured motoring journalist and television presenter Quentin Wilson as its guest speaker. In addition to praising the work of James and his team, he offered his impressions on the classic car hobby and its current rude health, surmising that "it isn't

going to go away, it's going to get bigger, it's going to get better, it's going to get more mainstream, and we're going to see more people coming into it."

Find out what the Classic & Sports Car Centre has in its showroom right now by visiting: www.classicandsportscar.ltd.uk or speak with a member of its team by calling: 01944 758000.



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