

Yorks dealer celebrates 25 years in style

A classic car dealership that has sold £50m of vehicles since its formation has celebrated 25 years in business with a party for customers, suppliers and friends.

More than 250 people attended the Classic & Sportscar Centre's dinner at the National Railway Museum, York. They included former Liberal Democrat leader Lord Steele, who has bought a Jaguar and sold several cars through the centre. Also present was former England rugby team captain and head coach Martin Johnson.

CEO James Szkiler says: 'It was a heartfelt thanks to our customers who keep coming back and remain loyal. We really do appreciate this.'

The Malton, North Yorkshire business had sold £30 million of classics since James took over 11 years ago, and 5000 cars since it began in 1991. Some 30 people are now employed including those at the bodyshop, Malton Coachworks.

Main speaker at the event was former *Top Gear* presenter Quentin Willson.

The Classic & Sportscar Centre, now one of Britain's biggest classic car dealers by volume, was set up by James Szkiler's father Nick in 1991. The firm was originally called Grundy Mack, after Nick's brother's financial services firm. **Nick Larkin**

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