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What's your Number?

Name: David Mears
Company: Course Care
Position: Joint Managing Director



How long have you been in the industry?
 "Around 15 years in this particular one."

How did you get into it?
 "I met the previous owner of the company on holiday in Spain and he persuaded me to join the company."

What other jobs have you done?
 "I was trained as a Marine Engineer and served in the Merchant Navy as an Engineer Officer - The most hairy moments probably being taking aviation fuel on a tanker into a war zone in Vietnam in the late 60's."

What do you like about your current job?
 "As joint MD, there's never a dull moment as I'm kept pretty busy. The variety of work and the different contacts I make each day are rewarding, as too is being able to be a part in driving the company forward."

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?
 "Quite a lot of modernisation, an awareness of the need to meet demands of legislation and taking environmental responsibilities seriously. There is also a much more professional approach and, education and training are seen as key matters. Much has been done to support this by BIGGA and other professional bodies."

What do you like to do in your spare time?
 "Mountain biking, walking, meals with friends (which includes barbecues as often as the weather permits!)"

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
 "As I'm 60 next birthday, retired should be the answer, but who knows!"

Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?
 "That's a tough one! I have met such a lot of good folk, making friends with a number that it would be difficult to name all. They fall into three categories though, as they come from customers, suppliers and trade journals."

What do you consider to be your lucky number?
 "Something I've not really thought about or been asked but 2, I suppose. Now I expect you want to know why? No. 2 has been on two of the three houses we have owned and there's two of us running the company and we get along well."

Pick a number.
 "Well, I'm picking 2 of course!"

You've picked Colin Gregory from Massey Ferguson, do you know him?
 "I met Colin for the first time during the Harrogate Week Steering Committee meeting on 7th June 2006. We introduced ourselves, exchanged business cards and had a pleasant chat. I think he was new to the team, as I was and I do recall his input during the meeting. But, I can't say that I really "know" him. I'm sure our paths will cross from time to time from now on!"

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Harrogate week

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