

LOCAL FAMILY BUSINESS

Brian Kelf has run B A Kelf Bodyworks Ltd in Horsley Woodhouse for almost 40 years. Brian, who lives in Denby Village with his wife Janet has two sons – Alan and Peter who are both actively involved in the business.

Prior to going it alone, Brian worked for Trent Motor Traction, Wilkinson Car Restoration and T C Harrison. Brian had worked part time for a few friends in the motor trade and was always very envious of them, so when the time was right he took the plunge and set his business up.

Brian takes great pride in his company and maintains that the reason his business is thriving after so many years is because everyone works hard to do a good job and customers can expect excellent value for money. After all these years it is obvious that Brian loves what he does – he comments: "I still find the industry very interesting and it's still challenging at times!"

All Brian's family are involved in the business and he also employs ten permanent and two part-time staff.

Brian likes to relax with his caravan and spends his free time touring around Britain and Europe. Closer to home his passion is watching Derby County and entertaining family and friends at home.

Brian told me about one of the funniest moments he'd encountered whilst in business: "I knew a salesman a long while ago who didn't realise a particular showroom had clear glass windows he drove straight through them!"

As much as Brian is passionate about his trade there is a downside: "Paperwork!" He comments.

B A Kelf Bodyworks Ltd are in Horsley Woodhouse – see their advertisement opposite for further contact details.

