

Paul Barron CBE - "A real rags to riches story"

Father and Grandfather told him to "get a trade young man"

Paul began his career as an Engineer Apprentice at Ruston Hornsby at 16 (later known as Ruston Gas Turbines and Napier Turbochargers).

He wasn't inspired in school and there weren't a lot of options back then. His options were take a low wage of £5 per week as an apprentice to learn a trade and gain a skill or take a higher paid job on a building site at £20 per week.



Took his own report on the need for a Turbine Blade Spares department to MD and set up and managed the department. Turn over was £1/2 million at first, £18 millions after 3 years and £500 million today



Advisor on Stockholding to 100 countries which turbine blades were being sold to. "Boy from Lincoln. Who had never been further than Skegness found himself in Libya and Iran"



Commercial Director of Ruston Gas Turbines and Napier Turbochargers after the Commercial Director left and Paul told the MD "I can do that job"



Unsuccessful in his application for a fellowship with GUC but gained a commendation from GEC to his MD from Lord Weinstock.



Supervisor in the Material Control Department for a year and then made Supervisor of the Turbine Blade Department.



Industrial Engineer apprentice with the Graduate Apprentice for 2-3 years.



As an Apprentice Mechanical Engineer, he learnt the trade in other aspects of the business for 2 years.

5 years as an apprentice in total!

Manager and General manager of Ruston

MD of Ruston

President of UK Alstom when Alstom and Ruston

