

A Night to Remember Byzak 10 Year Celebration

Byzak people from all the regions converged upon the Castle Green Hotel in Kendal in a perfectly planned and coordinated operation on a Friday evening in April to celebrate 10 Years of Byzak under the leadership of Peter Byrne.

With sunset views of the Lake District on the warm spring evening guests enjoyed a buffet meal, the bar and the entertainment of large screen racing with a tote, casino tables with prizes, and a live band. The highlight of the evening was a surprise presentation by the company to Peter Byrne.



Dave Kirton, Deputy Managing Director, expressed the company's appreciation of Peter's governance of Byzak and the support provided by his wife Betty. Peter was presented with an Award from the staff to mark the occasion. The sculpture, specially commissioned from Spanish art studio *Gaudio*, commemorates Peter's passion for mechanised tunnelling.



Peter Byrne was Managing Director of the company from early Kennedy days, before it became Byzak in April 1997. He has strengthened its traditional "family" core values, and has overseen the transformation to a main stream, top ten contractor to the UK water industry operating throughout the North of England and Scotland.



<http://sts.byzak.co.uk/10years>

Further pictures see Intranet

10 Years On

Sept 1997 - Byzak moves to Robson Avenue, Trafford Park; Byzak Plant to Burscough.

Oct 1997 - Byzak Software established; name change to Kaleida, November 1999.

Jan 1998 - Scotland Office (Hamilton) opens.

June 1998 - Byzak rescues Tarmac's tunnelling machine from Swansea Harbour.

Oct 1998 - Byzak's diversification commences with first treatment works (Seaton Carew) for Northumbrian Water.

Nov 1999 - Completion of 10 km of tunnels for Welsh Water, Byzak's largest single contract (£36m).

Jan 2000 - Byzak ventures overseas to Malmö (Sweden) for 800 metre stormwater system using Herrenknecht machine.

April 1997 - Peter Byrne buys majority interest in Kennedy Construction Ltd. The name change is made and Byzak is born.

June 2000 - Open Day at Ayr. 3500 people walk beneath the Harbour through the 4.5m dia 1.2km long tunnel, Byzak's largest to date.

Feb 2001 - North East Office in Gateshead established.

Aug 2001 - Wear Valley Water Treatment Works starts in North Penines AONB. It was opened by The Princess Royal in 2005.

March 2002 - AMP 3 Framework Contractor to Northumbrian Water for STW programme.

May 2002 - Diversification continues with formation of M&E Division (SEMPI).

Oct 2003 - Byzak commences refurbishment work at Davyhulme WwTW, (United Utilities), one of Europe's largest works.

May 2004 - Framework Contractor to Scottish Water for Small Value Capital Works, telemetry and DSEAR; now extended to 2008.

March 2005 - Re-appointed by Northumbrian Water for 3 No AMP 4 Frameworks to 2011.

Oct 2005 - British Tunnelling Society Award for River Dee gas pipeline tunnel (Aberdeenshire) – third successive BTS award.

April 2006 - Byzak receives Gold Award from RoSPA. Second Gold Award made in 2007

Dec 2006 - 80 tonne Sennebogen crawler crane added to Byzak fleet.

Feb 2007 - Dunfermline Flood Prevention contract. At £11.1m this is Byzak's largest award outside the water industry.