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It's hard to imagine it's been 40 years.



## Inspection services firm benefits from crash course

AN inspection services firm which boasts clients such as Shell, Esso and BP is making the most of the economic upturn with a new computer system. R and A Key Inspection Services, based in Stockton, is now using a hosted SaaS (Software as a Service) system, which means their engineers across the country can access their server remotely, without the pitfalls of a normal VPN (virtual private network) - and its directors can still run the business from abroad. The company began crashing its server began crashing its server a week, causing



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## Appointment looks to solve taxing worries



## IT innovation brings 12% rise in turnover

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A TRANSPORT firm is on target to boost its turnover by 12 per cent to £7.5m after investing in new IT software. Beamish Transport Ltd operates 44 vehicle transporters and specialises in moving new and used cars, vans, motor homes and mobile caravans throughout the UK. It had new software developed after consulting Clive Owen Technology Services in Darlington, which advised how IT could make them more efficient. The new software has enabled Beamish to reduce the time it takes to issue invoices and advise drivers of their collections/deliveries. It can also track their movements; has reduced paper storage and introduced an electronic proof of



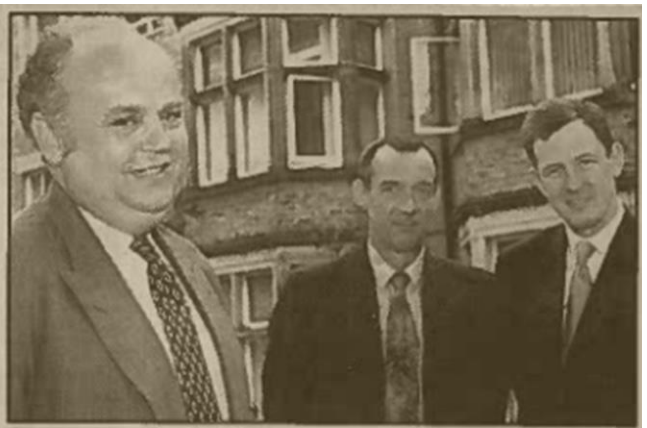
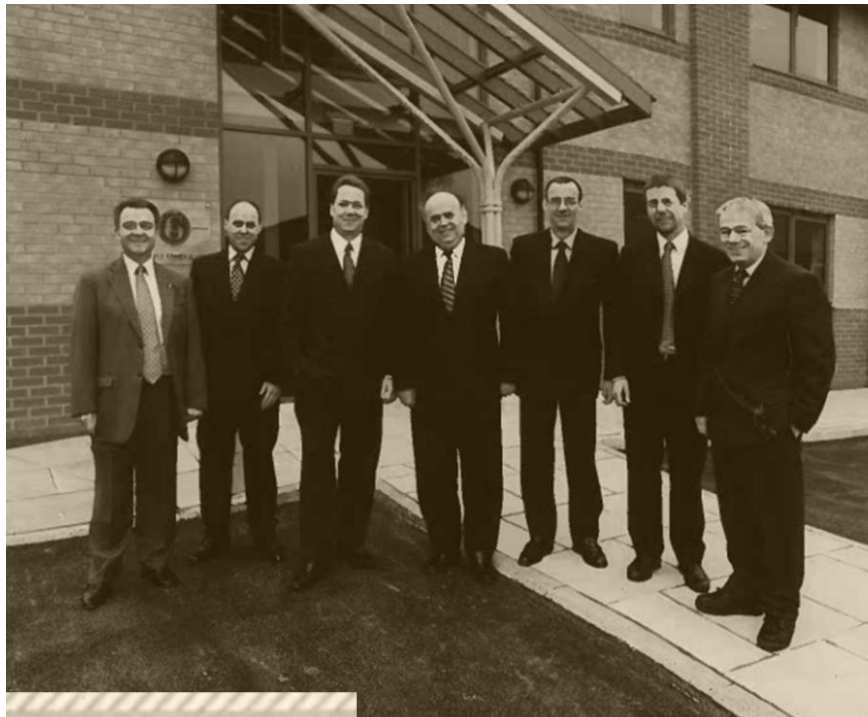
Scott Vieira, software developer at Clive Owen Technology Services, and Richard Foster, director at Beamish Transport, are seen in the car. Richard Foster, Beamish Transport director, said: "We plan to grow the company steadily and, in order to be able to do so, we need the systems in place to enable us to be cost effective, remain competitive and offer the best possible service

Clive Owen. "We have a number of 'add-ons' that we are currently working on with and, just as we use them for our audit and accounting needs, we also see their being an integral part of longer term growth," said Mr Foster. Lee Huck, director of Owen Technology said: "The company manual and very intensive processes, the software has had a impact on them, so hours per week just cater for all these processes. It allows every detail at the top instead of having the great detail matter how it develops, Beamish that you can ware to fit with

## Tax break boost for new laboratory

A PIONEERING technology firm that has supplied companies across the world, including NASA and Samsung, has opened a new laboratory. Peratech, of Richmond, North Yorkshire, is behind the technology of QTCs (Quantum Tunneling Composites), ultra-thin, pressure sensing materials which change resistance





**NEW FIRM:** Left to right: Mr Clive Owen, senior partner at Clive Owen and Co, Mr Peter Hogan, partner, and Mr Jonathan Fry, managing director of Coniscliffe Financial Planning.

## Accountant adds advice service

said Mr Fry. "Also, long-term financial planning for directors and business owners has never been more important or difficult."

## Friday Turnover up but confidence



DARLINGTON area business are a boost in turnover but they remain cautious for the future, according to the findings of the Darlington Index.

Mr Luckett, partner at accountants Clive Owen and Co, which compiles the D&S Times, said the July suggested that the anticipated seasonal upturn had not yet reached Darlington in its wake a well-represented increase in turnover of 8pc.

Mr Luckett said: "The fact that

this summer's increase hasn't emerged until July reflects an underlying uncertainty which remains despite the upturn we saw in June's confidence index.

"The economic insecurity which has haunted the region's economy over the past year has left a residual short-termism amongst businesses and consumers."

Mr Luckett added that consequently the summer spending upturn had taken longer to develop and boost turnover.

The increase in turnover, along with other outward signs of renewed prosperity in the region such as the latest announcement of a further 1500 jobs being creat-

ed at Orange, contrasts with June's confidence index which slipped 2.6pc.

"It will be interesting to see if these latest job announcements yield an increase in confidence next month," Mr Luckett said.

Employment levels in the region remained static. This was not unexpected as September is generally a time of year when companies begin to take on staff.

"The fact that staffing levels have not contracted thus far, despite the previous falls in turnover, makes encouraging reading and suggests strong resilience on the part of Darlington businesses," he said.



Partner Mr Tony Luckett of Clive Owen & Co



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### in Shotton

Shotton has joined accountants Clive Owen and Co in Darlington to strengthen the regional business team.

A graduate of Durham University, Shotton joins as a trainee chartered accountant and will undertake examinations over the next three years. In his free time, he is a member of Gateshead Harriers.



For some businesses this was already a significant part of the year end procedures. In less than a year, this will change and it will be policy for business owners to give this information at the same time as employees receive their payments. So when it says Real Time Information it really does mean real!

Angela added: "There is little doubt that RTI will create a significant amount of extra work for businesses and some may find it

easier to outsource their payroll function. If however, business owners decide to keep payroll in house, then now is the time to prepare. As with any change there is settling in time and it is common for errors to occur in the early stages, however, given that this is regarding employee's payments, then there is little room for errors. So the earlier you prepare yourself and your business the better. As CIPF members we

are ensuring we drive payroll our clients."

The event was well-attended with feedback from the audience positive. One attendee said: "I am extremely interested more than ever to get all the information needed at one time and we are ready for next year."



Technology Services, with Samantha Thompson, managing director of the Ripon Spa hotel - Photo: [unclear]

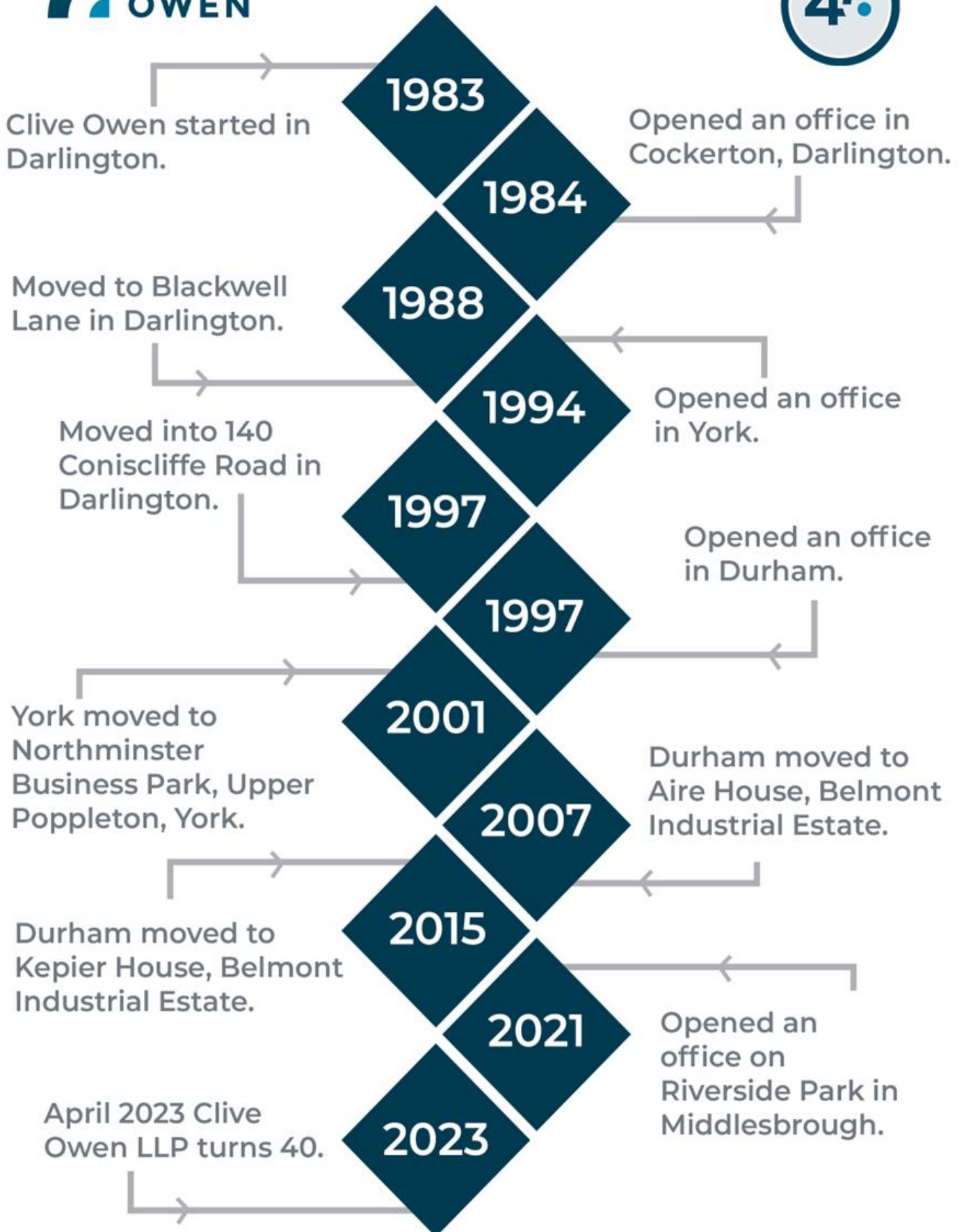
restaurant and conference facilities. She said: "Customers rely on WiFi so much, whether they want to file reports, do research or

"We're due to take on another member of staff and I expect to see our turnover increase by at least 15 per cent this year as a result. We're already

he said. "They can view from the very top of the hotel down to the bar and even onto the river and not lose coverage once."



the age-old 'Christmas excuse' as early as December because of New Year holidays could be as late as January the time invoices are settled smaller businesses in particular could cause major financial problems This delay could create payment problems causing interrupting a consistent



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