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## Vehicle News



# James Removals Ltd adds Another Marsden Vanplan Vehicle to its Fleet

New BAR member James Removals Ltd recently took delivery of a refurbished three pallet Mercedes from Marsden Vanplan. James De-Machen and his partner James Goodwin started the company ten years ago in Bromley, Kent. James De-Machen's father had also been in the removals business running JD Transport.

The partners started with a Luton van doing local removals and jobs for dad. James De-Machen then got his CPC and HGV while his partner got his HGV so they bought a 17½ tonner from a company that had gone into liquidation and sent it to Marsden Vanplan to be refurbished. This was the start of a long association with Marsden Vanplan that has seen all the following removal vehicles coming from the Warrington body builder.

The fleet now stands at 12, with two 17½ tonners, four 7½ tonners, four 3½ tonners, a mini bus and a panel packing van. One of the 3½ tonners is a one-pallet van which was one of the first built by Marsden Vanplan, seen on this month's front cover. Marsden Vanplan also built the company a 2-pallet trailer to hitch to the 3-pallet or 5-pallet vehicles.

The company operates a 3,000 sq ft palletised warehouse and has further storage capacity elsewhere.

Mathew De-Machen, James' brother, operates a removal company in

Malaga, Spain so that James Removals has a depot in Spain to help with deliveries and return loads. The Spanish company is staffed by ex-pat Brits.

The company when running to and from Alicante uses the Brittany Ferries Portsmouth-Caen route as it is only two days driving, whereas via Calais it is three.

Both partners attended the BAR Conference at the Celtic Manor this year and they found it friendly and great fun as well as being educational and a chance to meet others. However, they didn't get round to dressing up for the party night, this being their first visit.

It is very much a family business, with James' mother, Mrs De-Machen, doing the estimates.

The company sponsored his sister Charlotte for the London Marathon where she was running in aid of a cancer charity.

The future would seem to require a larger facility because as James De-Machen puts it: "We can't fit any more vehicles in the yard."



James Removals refurbished 3-container vehicle.



James 1-container Ford Transit showing the rear of the vehicle open.



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