



# MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## THE IVR AGM WEEKEND 2020

### AGM Charity Auction

BILL JACKSON and  
JACK OVENDEN AWARDS  
CELEBRATE EXCELLENCY

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**IT'S PARTY TIME !!**  
**Dust off your dancing shoes**

*The*  
**Alleycatz**



This highly acclaimed band are in big demand, so the IVR are delighted to announce that they will be performing at the Gala Dinner on 7th March. They play a mix of music from pop, soul and R&B to the 60's, Motown and disco beats of the 70's. There really is something for everyone to enjoy.

## **CROWNE PLAZA®**

### **Stratford-Upon-Avon**



The IVR AGM will be open to all members and will be held in the Packwood Suite at The Crowne Plaza at 12.30 pm on the 7th March 2020. All members are welcome to attend and contribute within the meeting.

The Gala Dinner will be held in the ballroom, with a meeting of drinks and hellos in the bar at 6.30pm. Seating at the dinner for 7pm.

This is an industry-wide recognised event, come and join the party.

#### **2020 PACKAGES**

Double B&B x 2 nights - £345  
(includes 2 tickets to the Dinner)

Single B&B x 2 nights - £260  
(includes 1 ticket to the Dinner)

Double B&B x 1 night - £240  
(includes 2 tickets to the Dinner)

Single B&B x 1 night - £155  
(includes 1 ticket to the Gala Dinner)

All prices include VAT.

Members receive a 5% discount.

Refer to [www.theivrgroup.com/news](http://www.theivrgroup.com/news) for full booking and cancellations policy.

# Celebrating Industry Excellence



## THE JACK OVENDEN AWARD 2020

Jack Ovenden started in the recovery industry in 1958 with a Morris Commercial and a Mann Egerton crane. The truck was built mainly to serve Jack's own customers in his busy village garage, Ashford Auto Services. Jack, having served in the REME as a young recovery mechanic, had a passion for breakdown trucks that passed down to his son, Nick. The pair joined forces and created Ashford Auto Recovery Services, which eventually grew into a dedicated recovery business. Jack was an original founding member of The IVR having served on AVRO National Council for 11 years, being very passionate about AVRO, the IVR and the industry standards they represent.

Jack sadly passed away in 2006. The Jack Ovenden Award was commissioned by his family in 2007 and was presented to the IVR for them to award to the Outstanding Student of the Year at their AGM each year.

It is a top honour for students to receive and Jack's family are very grateful to the AA for their amazing commitment to sponsoring it.

## THE BILL JACKSON AWARD 2020



The Bill Jackson Award was first presented by the IVR in 1987, and commends professional excellence within the recovery industry. Bill Jackson, who sadly passed away in 2017, was a pioneer within the recovery industry. An infamous heavy recovery driver and tow truck operator in the 1950s, 60s and 70s, he was the first training instructor of tow truck and heavy recovery in the UK and USA.

To be considered for the award, operators are required to submit documentation to the IVR at [mail@theivrgroup.com](mailto:mail@theivrgroup.com) around a completed recovery job, with a degree of difficulty, which was executed well. Applications should include photographic evidence, risk assessments and method statements that supported the operation. Chris Hoare, chairman of the IVR says, "The IVR has always promoted how important it is to maintain the highest standards at all times, and this award is to recognise those that have maintained the standards."

The IVR would like to hear about both heavy and light recovery experiences. There is always a story to be told around a recovery that has been executed with absolute excellence.

# AGM Charity Auction

Throughout the history of the IVR AGM Gala Dinner a raffle has been held to raise money for their chosen charity. Companies and individuals have generously sponsored this with the provision of prizes. This year will see a change to an auction.

Auction lots include fantastic donations such as a Century Express Series GEN II, a VR 5/6 course, a supercar race day and a trip to Florida to name just a few. So this is a great opportunity to raise some serious money for the two deserving charities the IVR have chosen this year.



Prostate Cancer UK earlier this year reported that the number of men dying from Prostate Cancer in the UK has exceeded 12,000 in one year for the first time ever, showing that more awareness and research is needed. Alongside the Chairman's charity of Prostate Cancer UK, the IVR have decided to also support the British Heart Foundation.

Heart and circulatory diseases still kill 1 in 4 in the UK making the work of The British Heart Foundation as urgent and vital as ever. Research completed by charitable donations have dramatically improved both prevention and cure of heart and circulatory disease, but more work is needed to improve the odds.



The AGM weekend is always a good time to boost our donations to charities, and with the auction this year we hope to raise more than ever. The IVR are extremely grateful to all our sponsors who have donated this year to enable this auction to happen.



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DEADLINE

With the AGM fast approaching it is important to remember that attendance is dependant on the renewal of your 2020 IVR membership.

All memberships must be renewed by the 2nd of March 2020 to ensure entrance to the AGM and also to take advantage of the 5% discount at the Gala Dinner. To renew your membership go to [www.theivrgroup.com/membership](http://www.theivrgroup.com/membership) and complete the online form, or contact the office on 01895 436426.





### Boniface Century Express Series Gen II

This medium underlift is perfect for the professional operator who demands a durable auto-load unit for high volume towing without sacrificing the capabilities to handle tough light-duty recovery work. The Century Express Series Generation II provides the total answer in this all new high performance package.

For full technical specifications visit

[www.millerind.com/products/light-duty/century-express-series-g2](http://www.millerind.com/products/light-duty/century-express-series-g2)



### 7 Nights in a Fantastic 5 Bedroom Florida Villa Stunning Emerald Island Resort

A fantastic opportunity for up to 10 of your friends and family to stay in a modern fully equipped 5 bedroom villa within the 20 minute golden triangle of Disney parks and other major attractions. Situated in a gated community with a clubhouse, pools, hot tubs, fitness room and outside bar. There are also playgrounds, a volleyball court, tennis centre and a nature trail.

Valid for 18 months - excludes school holidays

Subject to availability

Additional weeks can be purchased on request.

# AGM Charity Auction



### Personal Chef in your Own Home

Our executive chef will create a culinary feast for you and your guests. His experience includes working as head chef in the world renowned 5\* Hyatt Regency hotels as well as London's iconic Bibendum restaurant.

Sumptuous six course fine dining tasting

All ingredients provided

Washing up will be done

Anywhere in England on Sunday - Thursday

Valid for 12 months, subject to availability



### Supercar Driving Experience – choice of 5 cars

Enjoy the high-octane adrenaline thrill of your life with this amazing driving blast!

Package includes;

Chose from one of the world's most renowned driving machines for 3 miles each

Choice of over 20 locations

Subject to availability

Experience is for one person only