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the newsletter from Abbeychart Limited: Suppliers to the Vending, Pure Water, Soft Drinks and Catering Industries

On the right tracks!

In our Spring newsletter we celebrated 20 years of service and recently invited friends, suppliers and customers to a special train day-out in the heart of Bronte country. It was a great success and you can read about it on page 4 of this edition. Also, we have been busy introducing new products and services, only some of which we can show you inside our newsletter.

Our suppliers constantly keep us on our toes by introducing new products and technology. One such leading company is Silex Ltd, a specialist manufacturer of silicone rubber products of whom we have partnered for many years.

The firm offers a very wide range of silicone products for diverse applications, from the automotive, vending, aeronautics, pharmaceutical, food processing industries and even homewares. They are in the forefront of silicone manufacture and are constantly adding to their innovative range.

Abbeychart offer Silex silicone tubing, NSF, FDA and Water Council approved materials in many colours and sizes. New generation platinum cured translucent tubing with excellent resistance to taste, taint and anti-yellowing is now often asked for. Special single or double permanent striping over the entire length and in many colours is also offered.

Braided and mandrel built hoses for more arduous duties, even wire helix for vacuum applications are available. Extruded sections and profiles to suit various performance needs and tolerances can be supplied in all the usual food grade, flame retardant and high or low temperature and steam resistant grades.



Mouldings from simple 'O' rings to intricate precision mouldings can be supplied as a one-off or high volume. Silicone sponge, sheet and cord, plus many other silicone based products can be supplied.

Peter Best, Abbeychart's MD said; "Silex is a highly dependable and efficient supplier enabling us to answer our customer's needs – and fast. We have extensive stocks of their products and if a special requirement is requested we know we can supply it quickly. Silex keep us up to date with information virtually on a daily basis. That shows how futuristic the company is – they are a pleasure to do business with."



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New innovative services from Abbeychart

Following our resounding success at Avex earlier this year we will be introducing our new mini catalogue of spare parts, which now total over 900 for most leading brands of machines.

It is the first time we will be offering specific parts by OEM machine type, which will be highly competitive and available fast from extensive stocks.

All Abbeychart supplied parts are also covered by our comprehensive warranty policy. We will also be introducing a brand new service whereby individuals can sign-up to email and text messaging so as to receive advance information on all our new products and services.

Why not pop-onto our stand – you will be very welcome.

Easy fit LED tubes reduce running costs

We have introduced a new range of LED tubes which are simple drop-in replacements for fluorescent tubes. The initial cost may be higher, but is well outweighed by the lifetime, labour and replacement costs for changing failed tubes and starters.

Improved technology and manufacturing processes contribute to an LED tube life of around 35,000 hours, approximately 5 times the life of fluorescent tubes, using only quarter of the power and running much cooler. Light 'flicker' is eliminated with the use of LEDs

and a softer, more sympathetic and consistent illumination is achieved with standard diffusers.

The range suits most standard sizes from 30cm to 120cm and have universal pin positions. Because LEDs are manufactured without using any heavy metals, there are no high disposal costs and because they are contained in plastic, transport breakage, packing and postage is reduced dramatically.

Options include a choice of brightness and colour, which can improve even old vending machines. A bespoke service is also offered on quantity production runs.



Abbeychart goes social

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Website update

Take a look at our new and improved Home Page www.abbeychart.co.uk

We've made life easier for you to navigate our site for fast information on all our products and services.



New inline water filter offers high filtration and scale inhibition

The latest addition to our ABC value range is an inline water filter for use with cold and ambient water applications, offering high filtration with chlorine, taste and odour removal, a scale inhibitor plus easy fitting and a competitive price.

The ABC 5 inline filter is a US manufactured, injection moulded polypropylene cartridge incorporating a carbon block made from sustainable forest virgin coconut, offering higher levels of filtration to 1 micron and a polyphosphate scale inhibitor. It has a flow rate of 3.8 litres/min and a temperature range of 4.4 – 37.8°C at a pressure of 1.4 to 8.6 bar.

It can be supplied in 1/4" female NPT, JG push-fit or push-fit elbow, 3/8in push-fit or spigot and 3/4" male configurations and conforms to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001. The filters can be supplied with a user's own brand label on orders of 50 or more.

Low Cost PRV reduces cash flow too!

Introducing our new low cost pressure reducing valve (PRV) to complement our existing wide range of water regulators. Reducing water pressure to your POU machine can be an expensive procedure, but with our new Mini Inline PRV you can obtain the right pressure at the right price.



Fitting inline with the current 1/4" standard pipe, our Mini PRV reduces the mains water pressure down to a more consistent and manageable 2.5 Bar, preventing pressure spikes from causing damage to your equipment.

Predominantly used in the POU industry, the Mini PRV can be used on any dispense equipment where pressure reduction is required. It comes with a screw mount base and 1/4" push-fit connections allowing for a quick and easy installation.

With its compact size and ease of installation, the Mini PRV will appeal to customers needing a lower cost PRV.



All-plastic mini faucet is tapped as first one to handle hot water

An all-plastic PEI Mini Faucet able to handle hot water, and thought to be the only one of its kind available anywhere, is a notably innovative product in Abbeychart's new NSF approved range of beverage faucets and accessories for hot or cold dispense.

The range includes a standard plastic shank faucet for cold water and both standard and mini faucets for hot and cold water. Brass metal bodies allow a bigger jug size to be placed underneath. All are NSF and FDA compliant.

Hot water faucets in the range handle temperatures up to 100°C and feature certified stainless steel springs for extended life and silicone seats meeting taste-free and odour-free criteria. Standard plastic shank cold dispense faucets have polypropylene bodies and nylon handles, bonnets and stems.

Shanks for accepting 3/4" gauge shields in lengths of 8" to 18" are available and all faucets are interchangeable with units from other main manufacturers. Handles can be provided in any colour and printed with Hot or Cold and with a company logo. They are ideal for urns, industrial boilers, heating cylinders, bulk brewing and coffee, iced tea, juice or water dispensers.



New rugged run-back timers for OEMs

A range of mechanical and electronic run-back timers designed for rugged use and long term reliability are now available.

The timers have multiple switch functions to control up to two independent switches set in any configuration. Some of the timers can be factory preset for up to 14 hours. They have an operating temperature range of -30° to +125°C.

Typical applications include microwaves, mini ovens, deep fat fryers, toasters, fans, saunas and solariums, steam cookers, grills, barbecues and battery chargers. Knobs, graduated dials and audible bells are available to suit requirements.



Valve designed for high flow hot and cold beverage dispensing

Developed for large flow rate hot and cold beverage dispensing systems, the Superflow RV10 Solenoid Valve is a new addition to the AbbeyValve Series.

It offers a flow rate of 82ml/sec (5 litres/hr) at temperatures from 0 to 98°C and pressures of 0 to 60mbar.

Simple to install & service, the RV10 valve features a 'pin lock' system enabling quick and easy seal and membrane changes in the field. They are supplied



complete with vent tubes and flow control screws that are operator adjustable.

Superflow valves have an 11mm outlet and are ideally suited for in-cup machines and large volume beverage dispensers. They are manufactured with polysulphone bodies, silicone seals, Teflon orifices and stainless steel armatures for increased service life.

All AbbeyValves are available in most voltages from 12v/dc through to 230v/ac.

Waterproof digital test thermometer is highly accurate

We have added to our range of thermometers a new Brannan waterproof digital test thermometer for applications in espresso and general catering and for any industry where accuracy and cleanliness is a must.

The RPW315 digital thermometer can accurately detect temperatures from as low as -40°C up to 240°C when in contact with the test media, with a maximum/minimum memory function, and it shows the results clearly in an easy read digital display, either in degrees Celsius or Fahrenheit.

The unit comes complete with a 120mm stainless steel probe, a handy pocket case and even batteries are included.



New low volume wire ware service for OEM's

Introducing our new design and manufacture service to provide low volume premium stainless steel wire ware for OEM's of catering, beverage and coffee equipment.

The most popular for general use is stainless steel and plated steel for lower temperature needs, with both having the option of plastic coated handles in a variety of colours and sizes. Plastic coated wire is ideal for shelving, drip trays and similar needs.

Other applications include fryers and accessories, spatulas, pasta baskets, cones for baskets of brewing sets, wire basket filter holder for coffee brewers, knife holders plus hundreds of other catering requirements.

Iain Gordon retires from Abbeychart



After serving over 20 years with Abbeychart, Iain Gordon our long serving Technical Manager, is starting his well earned retirement from 1st September at the ripe old age of 67.

Iain, who is a Rolls Royce trained aero engineer has countless years of experience in mechanical and production engineering, originally joined up with Abbeychart's Managing Director, Peter Best back in 1985, when both were employed by Thermal Refrigeration Limited in Abingdon. This is where he began his 26 years of knowledge, skill and expertise in all things to do with rotary vane pumps.

When Abbeychart was founded in 1991, Iain

was one of the first to join and took all aspects of refurbishing and assembly under his wing. Since then, he has seen the range of products and assemblies mushroom, and now there is a team of 12 handling this busy section of the Company. His knowledge and application experience will be a hard act to follow, but with Alisdair Denney now at the head of Quality, Engineering and Production we have a most able successor.

Iain also shares with Peter Best a love of steam traction engines and is regularly seen around the rally sites crewing one of the Witney based engines.

Abbeychart would like to thank Iain for 20 years of great service, loyalty and dedication. We suspect we will not have seen the last of Iain as he hopes to continue to do a little work but on a consultancy and part-time basis.

Good luck in your retirement, Iain.

All aboard!

The Abbeychart Express this year rolled out on the picturesque Worth Valley railway in West Yorkshire, pulled by our Managing Directors' steam locomotive, 45212.

On a cloudy, but thankfully dry 12th August, many customers, suppliers and friends of Abbeychart enjoyed a day trip between the busy market town of Keighley and through the beautiful Bronte country, passing Haworth and on to Oxenhope. This will be the last time for a while that 45212 will be available to pull this regular and popular event, as it will soon be retired for another (expensive) overhaul. A great time was had by all and particularly popular was the real beer dispensed by hand pumps in the buffet car!



Linzi completes her Degree!

Abbeychart's Sales and Marketing

Manager, Linzi Sahota-Moore has celebrated her successful completion of the BA Hons in Business with Economics from the Open University.

This huge achievement was completed over a number of years and not without personal sacrifices. She has somehow managed this on top of three promotions from Abbeychart, bringing up her 14 year old son, running a busy household and being a wife to her husband, Ken. An inspirational story and full credit to Linzi for achieving this! Well done.

Steve Lambert is Employee of the Year

Quality Manager, Steve Lambert walked off with the Abbeychart Employee of the Year award when it was presented by our Managing Director, Peter Best.

Steve has been with us for over ten years and has risen through the ranks, now heading up all of our quality and approvals function. This includes our WRAS and NSF certification, plus maintaining and enhancing all aspects of our continuous drive to force up quality. Steve also manages our ISO 9001 accreditation which Abbeychart has held for many years.

In his spare time, Steve has just become a proud dad when partner, Jade Wilson gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Isabelle Jade.

Congratulations on both achievements.

Andrew's 10th anniversary

Andrew Shirley received his 10 year service award from Abbeychart's Managing Director, Peter Best.

Andrew is currently the Internal Sales Manager of Abbeychart and is a member of the senior management team. When he first knocked on our door (literally!) as a young college leaver, his enthusiasm,

energy and friendly competence shone through to encourage us to sign him up straight away!

He has a natural aptitude to problem solving, a huge desire to give the very highest levels of customer service and is a thoroughly nice bloke. Andrew is a very keen user of the gym and has muscles where only us mere mortals could dream of.



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