

Readers

Letters



Dear Sirs,

It must be 25 or so years ago when the late Joe Pendrich of Pendrich Steeplejacks rigged a Monti -Breaker onto a similar three legged rig to the pictures in your latest issue. This was lifted and rigged by winch at the top of the chimney.

Pendrich went into receivership, I believe, after Joe passed away and was then bought out by Bierrum & Partners who took over the Pendrich name and operations. Over the years Bierrum advanced and developed Pendrich's machine. The two 650ft (197m) chimneys at West Burton, Retford, Notts, were dismantled using a modified version along with a new rig.

This equipment is I believe now the property of Bierrum International Ltd, the latest version is assembled inside the chimney base and lifted to the top by strandjacks and then works from inside the chimney.

Before you go to press you might want to contact Gary Eastman at Bierrum who I am sure will confirm the above and fill in any blanks.

Regards,

I D. Avey, H&A Steeplejacks Ltd
Balderton, Newark, Notts

We did check with Mr Gary Eastman who turned out to be a veteran of the chimney industry. He told us that he too had seen the photos from the magazine and had cut them out and put them on the wall as a reminder of what some people will do.

He explained the system that his company uses, he confirmed the essence of Mr Avey's letter and explained that Bierrum had invested a great deal of engineering developing the Pendrich idea into the Bierrum Spider which uses an articulated loader crane type arm and hydraulic breaker to cut the chimney into panels that are then lifted to the ground. All debris falls inside the chimney and no manual handling is required.

Due to the interest in this subject we have included some details on the Bierrum device on our innovations page.

Dear Sir,

Why has it taken so long for vertikal.net to post picture galleries from Bauma? I was unable to attend for business reasons and was expecting a far quicker and more in depth coverage of the event...

I had planned to attend to view new developments in the telehandler industry...

Edward Barnes
Nash Plant
Australia

We replied to Mr Barnes explaining that with almost 1,500 photos and a heavy spring exhibition schedule we were working on it. The article, which features over 180 photos from Bauma was finally posted on May 16th and can be seen by going to: www.vertikal.net/en/stories.php?id=3998

Mr Barnes responded:

Leigh,

Thanks for your early reply I look forward to seeing the developments from Bauma, especially Merlo's new Roto concepts...

On a more positive note than my previous e-mail, I would like to congratulate you on your fantastic, informative website and also Cranes & Access. Too often on this side of the world we are kept in the dark about new ideas and products and often have to wait till they are released in Australia. I find vertikal.net and Cranes & Access very valuable in keeping me up to date, and often ahead of the Australian Dealers...!

Keep up the good work...
Ed Barnes

Dear Sir

Having just gone through the May issue I was shocked to see the photos on page 49.- the ones of the chimney demolition. I can only hope that the company in the photos have had charges brought against them. In this day and age of the HSE on the case of anyone that works at height, I am more than surprised that anyone would let this work start let alone get as far as the photos show. Where was their Method Statement and Risk Assessment.

M Meager

Mark Meager, Contracts Manager, R Bellamy Ltd
Steeplejacks and Lightning Protection
West Horndon, Essex

Dear Sir,

The photos and comments on page 49 of your May issue, concerning the demolition of a chimney were misleading in that they suggested that this was bad practice. In fact this has been a perfectly acceptable method of doing this work for over 30 years.

Received from a crane man, name withheld on request.

This was the only letter we received condoning the method: Ed

Dear Mark,

I was pleased to read in your May editor's column that you had passed on to your readers my all-too-practical suggestion that we should try to do more with refurbishing older equipment while we see what shakes out in terms of Hybrid technology.

At Terex, we will, of course, be responsive to what our customers want for engines. We also have the advantage of not being an engine manufacturer ourselves, in the sense that we will be able to work with our customers to select the best alternatives from what may be developed.

Best Regards,

Ron DeFeo, CEO, Terex

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