

In memoriam: John Barnett

It is with the deepest regret and sadness that we report the passing of John Barnett on the 8th January 2014, following a long-term illness.

John was well-known as a co-founder of Wexco Airfreight – one of the earliest UK GSSA companies - in 1979. It is a testament to his extraordinary hard work and professionalism that the company survived and prospered through many of the most difficult years in the industry's history. At his retirement in 2010, the company became part of the Kales GSA network, but proudly retains its original name to this day.

We wish to pay tribute to John's dedication, professionalism, patience and fastidious attention to every small detail. His humour, humanity, charm and constant encouragement were an inspiration to all who had the honour to work with him. His high service standards and ethics earned him a reputation among his many client airlines that was second to none.

The industry has lost a gentleman and a true professional. We have lost a trusted and much-loved colleague. John Barnett will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

Peter Kales, Chairman, Kales Group