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New museum cabinet proves a hit

PSJ launched its brand-new museum cabinet recently at the Museums and Heritage Show at Olympia in London.

This exhibition is the leading event of its kind, bringing together the latest products and services for museums and galleries, as well as heritage and cultural visitor attractions.

The cabinet was very well received, attracting interest from show visitors from many different fields in the sector and from all around the world. Those visiting the PSJ stand included representatives from the Natural History Museum, the Victoria & Albert Museum, the British Museum and the Science Museum – to name just a few.

Representing PSJ at the show were Alan Lawson and Luke Jenner, who both worked hard over the two days of the exhibition to promote the cabinet. Attracting as much interest as the cabinet was a stuffed badger – from Alan's private collection – which was used to help draw people onto the stand. PSJ shared the stand with Lista, with whom the company has a close working relationship, following several successful joint projects, including the military toolbox.



In addition to the cabinet, PSJ exhibited a prototype of its removable artefact-viewing tray, designed for use in standard drawer cabinets. This allows the contents to be securely locked away in the metal cassette, whilst remaining visible through the glass lid. This design concept is proving popular with PhD research students and professors, who need to be able to remove the cassette from the cabinet and take it away to analyse its contents, whilst not compromising the security of the precious objects inside.

The first batch of museum cabinets is already in production, with the order being placed weeks before the Museums and Heritage Show took place, based on a recommendation from the Natural History Museum.

PSJ is now following up the leads from the show, with Alan and Luke confident that several will turn to orders. Said Alan, "We are also organising a main distributor for the cabinet and have already received several offers from interested parties."

'Brighton Rockers' pump the pedals for BHF



Seven brave souls from ATG took to two wheels recently to tackle the London to Brighton cycle ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Calling themselves the PSJ 'Brighton Rockers', the team completed the course in mercifully fair weather on Sunday 16 June.

Said Bill White, Programming Technician for PSJ, "It was pretty tough going, as none of us had ever done a cycle ride of this length before, but I'm pleased to say that we all made it and we hope to raise in the region of £1000."

Along with Bill, the members of the team were Andy Wright, Works Manager; Sheet Metal Fabricators Greg Harper, Dan Parkes, Craig Johnson and Adrian Brice;

and Alex Josling, Electrical Design Engineer.

Continued Bill, "It was a fantastic event that was well organised, with people along the route cheering us on. There were plenty of places to stop, with barbecues on the go and other refreshments if you wanted them. We all crossed the finish line, where the crowds were out in force and the atmosphere was really great. We all wore official London to Brighton T-shirts which were sponsored by Igranic and PSJ Fabrications, so many thanks to them and to Alltech for the extra printing on our shirts and, last but not least, thank you to everyone who sponsored us."

Golf day success



Overall winners, left to right: Richard Perkins, Gary Walker, Steve White and Marcus Guile

The ATG Golf Day held recently at Mowsbury Golf Course proved to be a very successful event. There were eight teams in all, competing for some great trophies in a Texas Scramble. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed a bacon panini with tea or coffee on arrival. The golf was highly enjoyable and there was a bit of banter between players.

There were a few competitions on the way round: the first was the longest drive, which was won by Andy Wright, and there were two nearest-the-pin competitions, one of which was won by Dave Harris and the other by Kevin Hardy. The overall winners were Marcus Guile, Gary Walker, Steve White and

Richard Perkins. The day finished up at the 19th hole, where a meal of a giant burger and chips with salad was served, along with a few drinks to wash it all down. This was followed by a prize giving and photos, and between us we also managed to raise £150.00 for Prostate Cancer UK.

Many thanks to Mowsbury Golf Club for laying on such a great day, to Mastergrave Ltd for the lovely trophies, to everyone who took part to support the event and especially to Andy Wright for doing a great job in organising it all. It would be helpful to have some feedback from people as we seek to make this an annual event and attract a few more people.

Footie fun

The inter-company football match between Autotech and PSJ/Igranic will take place on Friday 19 July at Wootton Blue Cross Football Club (set your satnav to MK43 9JT). Kick-off will be at 7.30pm and – with a bar and buffet available – it should be a good evening's entertainment, so please come along with friends and family to support your team. All welcome.

Need for tweed



The PSJ Brighton Rockers' valiant effort in the London to Brighton event was not the only sporting feat accomplished on bicycles recently. Alan Lawson, Sales Manager for PSJ, and Gavin Lodge, Group Production Manager – along with Gavin's wife and several clients from Lista, The British Library and The Natural History Museum – assisted in being 'riding marshals' in the fifth annual Tweed Run. This involved riding the route whilst stopping traffic, blocking roads and re-stoking pipes!

The event was established in an attempt to rid the streets of London of the Lycra-clad brigade and replace them with something far more traditional. Although restricted to 500 riders, well over 3000 people wanted to participate in the madness. The route runs for 12 arduous miles around the metropolis, taking in many famous landmarks. At the picnic stop near Covent Garden, sponsors provided refreshments and party games, such as 'throw the flat cap on the pigeon'.



Finishing off at a hostelry near King's Cross five hours later and a few riders short, the event was a great success. To follow on from this, Gavin and Alan will be competing in 'The Chap Olympiad' – reputedly Britain's most eccentric sporting event – in Bloomsbury in July.

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Austen gets off to a flying start

After the first meeting of the year was cancelled due to snow, the racing season for Austen Greenway, Senior Simulation Engineer for Autotech, began with a 'double header' at Brands Hatch on 27 April. He qualified second in class for both races, so was on the front row of the grid, only 0.06 seconds behind the pole driver.

Said Austen, "I got a reasonable start and managed to get past pole, but the 4th place car had a flyer and I was 2nd until the end of lap 1, when I got past him coming into Paddock Hill. I pulled out a big lead but then the red flag was waved due to a broken-down car. The race was restarted," continued Austen, "to run for 5 minutes plus a lap, but I had a rubbish start and slipped to 3rd. I managed to get to 2nd on the third lap and back to 1st on the fourth lap and then held on until the finish. So I recorded my first win! The second race was wet but I managed to get into 1st from the start and pulled out a big lead, which I managed over the rest of the race and came home winner again. So two races in, it's two wins, which puts me first in class and first in the overall championship – but there's still a long way to go."

Bye Bye Blues

Bedford Blues' dreams of RFU Championship Final glory came to an end as they slipped to a 31-24 second-leg defeat against Newcastle Falcons at Kingston Park recently. Trailing by nine points after the first leg, the Blues knew they had to get off to a good start, but they went behind after just five minutes when they conceded a penalty for offside. The teams then traded blows and points, which was in stark contrast to the first leg.

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The Blues led 18-17 at the break but their hopes were soon dashed as Newcastle fought back and retook the lead. From then on, Bedford never really looked like overturning the first leg deficit. Time was up and the season was over. The Blues may have lost, but they didn't go down without a fight and from 1 to 22 there were plenty of reasons to be proud of this group of players.

Hat-trick for Dunstable Town



Dan Mead

Dunstable Town FC has completed an amazingly successful 2012-2013 season. They were unbeaten in the league – a feat only replicated in recent times by the mighty Arsenal – winning 36 and drawing 6, bagging the Molten Spartan Premier title with four games to spare! They are now promoted to Southern League 1.

They also won two cup finals – the League Cup and the Beds Premier Cup, beating Luton Town! Top goal scorer, Lee Roach, hit an impressive 55 goals and Dunstable's

highest victory was 11-1. ATG Academy employee and Dunstable defender, Dan Mead, said, "This season has been great. I am getting on a bit now, but I am starting yoga so maybe I can play as long as Ryan Giggs!"

Spotlight on....



In this issue, we turn the spotlight on Mark Fenn, Managing Director of Igranic.

What brought you into this industry?

It was my Dad. He worked for VS Engineering, where I served my apprenticeship. I always found engineering interesting and still do to this day.

What's the most exciting thing about your job?

That every day brings a new challenge, plus the company policy of employing apprentices, which has been a great positive and gives me a good feeling for the future of the ATG group as a whole.

Who inspired you most in your career?

My Dad again – he was very level-headed (unlike his son!) and proved a good sounding board over the years.

If you were an item in a warehouse, what would you be?

The alarm system; much like it, I'm loud and noticeable!

If you had to do it all again, what would you do differently?

Actually, I wouldn't change a thing; I've met some great people and worked in many countries during my career.

What is the most embarrassing thing that's ever happened to you?

At the tender age of 16, I performed with four friends as a makeshift punk band at the school Beauty Pageant. We were dressed in black bin bags, Dr Martin boots and outrageous make-up. From the start, it seemed everyone in front of the stage really liked us – they were all cheering and laughing. After the show, the Head Teacher came and spoke to me and explained the reason for all the noise... apparently my bin bag was not long enough and the boxer shorts in 1979 were not that good at covering your dignity!



Who or what makes you laugh?

The cockney comedian, Micky Flanagan, is my favourite stand-up comic. 'Only Fools and Horses' and 'The Big Bang Theory' are TV comedies that I love to watch.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I'm a pretty good cook and not too bad with a needle and thread, either. Jamie Oliver and Vivienne Westwood might need to improve their acts.

If you won the lottery, what would you do?

Look after my family and friends, and buy a Bugatti Veyron.

What's your favourite book of all time?

'Cathedral' by Nelson DeMille.

Who would be your perfect party guest?

Jim Carrey. I think he would have me constantly laughing and waiting to see what crazy antics he got up to next.

What is your guilty pleasure?

Carte D'Or ice cream, although that's a bit dangerous as I'm diabetic.

Do you have any secret ambitions?

I would really like to be good at art, especially drawing portraits. Unfortunately my efforts are poor to say the least.

What's your dream holiday destination?

Hong Kong – to see the mix of the old ways and the ultra-modern lifestyle fascinates me.

Name your three favourite movies of all time.

'Godfather 2', 'Silence of the Lambs' and 'Layer Cake'.

What's your favourite pastime?

Going out for a nice meal with my family. I would like to take up shooting but many people seem to feel that I should not be allowed near a shotgun!

Steve's riding high for charity



Steve Clossick, Senior Controls Engineer for Autotech – along with his brother, Martin, and friend, Mark – will be taking part in a mountain bike challenge from Mont Blanc to the Matterhorn in July to raise money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Moved by the effects of lymphoma on a bike club mate, the intrepid trio will tackle the infamous 'Haute Route' across the Alps from Chamonix to Zermatt, riding off road for seven gruelling days and climbing 1500-2500m each day. There will be a report on their trip in the next issue of ATG News but please consider sponsoring them at www.justgiving.com/HoTcHoP.

GOT AN EVENT IN MIND?

If you have any ideas for an event or activity, please let your ATG Sports and Social Club committee representative know.

If the idea is viable, you would receive help and support in organising it.