

SPOTLIGHT ON

In this issue, we turn the interview spotlight on **Royston Cox**, Senior Procurement Officer for The Automated Technology Group.

What brought you into this industry?

I sort of drifted in to it but, with a keen interest in anything automotive and engineering in general, it's where I've stayed.

What's the most exciting thing about your job?

I wouldn't say purchasing is the most exciting of professions, but securing a good deal and getting things in on time at the right price is quite satisfying.

Who inspired you most in your career?

My good friend, Paul Rodell, who helped me when starting out in purchasing at Estil.

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

My only real regret is not choosing Technical Drawing over Art when selecting my options at school.

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

My short-term memory has got me in to all sorts of bother and my inability to remember people's names has put me on the spot on quite a few occasions.

If you won the lottery, what would you do?

Apart from the usual – buy a nice house, travel and so on – I would set myself up with a fully equipped garage, restore old cars and go racing.

What's your favourite book of all time?

Being dyslexic, I've only read a few novels so it would have to be the Haynes car manual, 'How to build yourself a sports car for £250 or less'. It's a classic!

Who would be your perfect party guest?

If he were still with us, it would have to be James Hunt. He knew how to party!

Who or what makes you laugh?

Monty Python. I know quite a few of their sketches word for word.

What is your guilty pleasure?

A nice, smooth single malt.

Do you have any secret ambitions?

To get behind the wheel of a Formula One car and do a few laps.

What's your dream holiday destination?

Italy is top of my list but anywhere with history, beautiful architecture and breathtaking scenery.

Name your three favourite movies of all time.

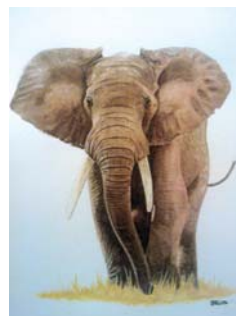
Pulp Fiction, The Italian Job (the original with Michael Caine) and The Blues Brothers.

What's your favourite pastime?

I have lots but my favourites are photography, painting, golf and tinkering with my MG sports car.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I don't hide my talents very well as I tend to show them off when I can, but not everyone knows about my artistic abilities. I do like to paint in watercolours and have even done a couple of commissions for people at work. I've also fully restored a classic Mini, something I'm particularly proud of.



NEW FACES JOIN SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Automated Technology Group's social committee is delighted to welcome Vicky York, Procurement Assistant for ATG (pictured, top), and Jackie Pile, Receptionist for ATG (pictured, below), as new members.

It is with great regret that we have had to say 'farewell' to Kerry Thompson who has left the committee and the company to pursue other ventures – we wish her well and good luck for the future.



Johnny Bangs
Junior Planning Engineer

DIARY DATES

Silsoe Stride Charity Fun Run, 26th June, Wrest Park

Join in the 5K adult run, 10K elite race, children's race or barbecue and festivities.

ATG Annual Golf Day, 1st July, Pavenham Park Golf Club

Another competitive but fun event is planned for 1st July, with tee-off at 1pm.

If you have an idea for an event or feedback on events held to date, please feel free to email your social committee at social@atg.gb.com