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Bill Beaumont and Marilyn help Ronnie Barker's local firm celebrate 30th birthday

Impact Socket Supplies, Chorley-based manufacturers of sockets used with power tools in industry, are celebrating their 30th birthday in some style. Managing director Ronnie Barker decided that the company needed some pizzazz in its reception area – and imported a full-size statue of Marilyn Monroe for more of a Hollywood image!

“Light engineering companies aren’t generally known for their glamour,” explained Mr Barker. “But we decided that, having survived and prospered in a very competitive business for thirty years, we must have some star quality, and we brought in Marilyn to reflect that.”

Nor is Marilyn the company's only association with celebrity. Rugby Union icon Bill Beaumont, who famously captained the British Lions in the 1970's, is Impact Socket Supplies' landlord. Mr Beaumont owns Park Mills, where Impact Socket Supplies have had their head office and distribution centre since starting out in 1973. Park Mills, from where Mr Beaumont's soft furnishings manufacturing company Bill Beaumont Textiles also operates, is based off Deighton Road, in the Collingwood Road area of Chorley.

Impact Socket Supplies has always had strong Chorley roots. It is owned by Chorley men Mr Barker, who joined the firm in 1990, and Phil Higgins. A third partner, Gerry Cuerden, also from Chorley, retired from the business a few years ago. Impact Socket Supplies is now firmly established as the leading company of its kind in the UK, supplying sockets and accessories for power tools especially to the engineering industry, including blue chip manufacturers as well as suppliers and distributors.

When Mr Beaumont presented Mr Barker with a certificate celebrating his company's thirty years of achievement, Marilyn was also in attendance!

Mr Barker, who bought Marilyn from a shop on Bengal Street and has since acquired other life-size statues, which he intends to use in his marketing, has yet another glitzy event to look forward to in the birthday year. In November, he jets off to Las Vegas, to visit an industry exhibition, the AAPEX and SEMA Show 2003, and also to take a well-earned holiday.

Right: Ronnie Barker, Bill Beaumont – and Marilyn



Park Lane Walking Club?

Q. What is a walking club doing in the Club Newsletter?

A. Because it is aimed at business people & consultants.

It is an informal group of business people & consultants from the Greater Manchester area who like to get out for relaxation; good company & networking. Bring your business card & see who you meet??

Normally one walk a month is arranged on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. The next one is on Wednesday 10th December in the Holcombe hill area north of Bury.

If you would like to know more then contact John on john@engineering-support.co.uk or 01257 278400

new members

Assessability Ltd

Occupational Therapy Expert
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Monitor Computers

Repair & maintenance of PC's & Networks.
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THE NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 7.45 for 8pm

2nd december

Next meeting Tuesday December 2nd
at Lancashire College.

Decembers meeting is a members night. There will be several short presentations from a variety of our club members.



Whats on in 2003/ 04

The programme for 2003 is full and has taken note of the response from members to the questionnaire circulated at the AGM. The programme for 2004 is coming along. If you have any ideas or if there is something you would like more information on speak to an committee member.

2003

- Dec 2nd: – Member's Presentations.
Dec 16th: – Christmas Dinner.

2004

- Jan 20th: – Bowling Competition.
Feb 3rd: – Janice Beach - Business Advisor for Customs & Excise
Mar 2nd: – AGM.



**NO MATTER HOW GOOD, THERE
IS ALWAYS
ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT**

No company is perfect believes David Kevill, General Manager of KEVILL & CO. He asks, "Do you believe that your business is operating as efficiently, effectively and successfully as it possibly can?" If you do, he believes that you are likely to find that your competitors soon become more successful, at your expense. He suggests that there is always room for improvement in any organisation and KEVILL & CO would be delighted to work with you to identify areas in your company that could operate more efficiently, effectively and successfully.

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The rogues gallery...



Left: Brian Wilding with a 1966 "World Cup Winners" vintage bottle at the November wine tasting

Below:
November prize winners



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