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TR Press Release

TR Fastenings Uckfield raises over £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support



October 2018



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Employees at TR Uckfield, HQ of global engineering, distributor and manufacturer TR Fastenings, raised £215.59 for Macmillan Cancer Support last week.

The total was generated through selling cakes as part of the charity's annual national coffee morning. Keen bakers at TR Uckfield created a mix of sweet and savoury goodies including a range of different cakes, cupcakes, cheese straws and more.

Walkiria Nubes Cordova, Accounts Payable Team Leader and organiser of the morning said: *"This is such a great way to raise money for the charity which supports so many people whose lives are affected by cancer. The office is full of skilled bakers and they outdid themselves. Thank you to everyone who came along and donated so generously and a special thanks to all the lovely bakers for making the treats so delicious."*



TR Press Release

TR Fastenings Inc lends its support to young technology students in Texas



September 2018



TR Fastenings Inc, the US business of global fastenings manufacturer and distributor TR Fastenings (TR), is supporting a team of technology students in Texas which has qualified for a prestigious national competition. The pupils from Cypress Ranch High School in Houston are taking part in the [National Technology Student Association \(TSA\) competition](#) which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from 22-26 June.

The TSA programme, which is only two years old, teaches participants important skills in the design, development, manufacture and economics of various technology projects, and pitches their work against other CFISD schools at State, regional and national levels.

The students at Cypress Ranch have seen great success, with 24 students qualifying for the State Competition in Fort Worth, at which they won 25 awards. Three pupils also went on to qualify for the National competition, securing the support of TR and other businesses to fund their travel, accommodation and resources for the trip.

Joe Haymes, Strategic Sales Manager at TR Fastenings Inc, which is based in Houston, Texas, managed the donation effort, stating:

"As a business, TR Fastenings Inc is fully committed to identifying and nurturing technology and engineering talent from a young age. We are proud to put our support fully behind these exceptional Texan students as they travel to Atlanta. We wish them all the very best for the competition and look forward to witnessing their progression in their chosen fields in the years to come."

TR Press Release

Hiking 'mighty' for Macmillan Cancer Support



August 2018



TR's Jenni Morland, European Health, Safety and Environmental Manager has completed the [Mighty Hike](#), an astonishing 26 mile course that took 8hrs 34 minutes and raised a fantastic £1,400 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The route started at 9:30am from the grounds of Alnwick Castle in Northumberland, and after a "Zumba inspired warm up session" Jenni and her group began their incredible trek in the 27 degrees heat. Walking six miles out towards the coast, and then following the coastline for a further 20 miles through Craster, Embleton and Seahouses, the hike ended at Bamburgh, home to the former Kings of Northumbria.

The unexpected heat forced several hikers to drop out during the day due to blisters and heat exhaustion but, according to Jenni, "the atmosphere was brilliant, with walkers and Macmillan team supporting those who were struggling to get over the finish line".

Astoundingly, Jenni kept going even though she had suffered a damaged ligament in her ankle during the 24th mile. "I had to strap it up tightly and limp the last two miles – but it was absolutely worth the pain."

It was an emotional day for all involved, as many of those taking part had personal reasons for raising money for Macmillan, but Jenni has already signed up for next year, convincing a colleague from TR's North East office to join her as well.

Geoff Budd, TR's European Managing Director, commented: "*Jenni has completed an incredible feat in support a worthy cause. Her drive to finish the course, even after sustaining an injury, makes us proud to call her one of our own.*"

TR Press Release

TRs' Anjie powers her way to three world records at Powerlifting championships



August 2018



Global fasteners business TR Fastenings (TR), headquartered in Uckfield, has a world record holder in its ranks as Anjanita 'Anjie' Baker celebrates her recent triumph at the Amateur World Powerlifting Congress (AWPC) 2018 World Championships, held in Manchester in August. Anjie achieved this feat despite challenging circumstances and illness, making the achievement all the more impressive.

Anjie has worked at TR for 18 years and is part of the web development team, working on the site's 3D animations for its multiple fastening product ranges. She began weight training in 2011 and by 2017 was competing in British strong woman events which involved truck pulls and atlas stone lifting. In late 2017, Anjie decided to switch sports and try powerlifting, which involves three disciplines: the squat, the bench press and the dead lift. TR sponsors Anjie's kit for all of her powerlifting competitions.

In January 2018, Anjie joined the Amateur British Powerlifting Union (ABPU) and took part in the Masters (M1) event, and came away with three world records in her age and weight class for the deadlift and squat disciplines and for the overall total weight lifted. Following this she competed at Body Power at the NEC in Birmingham, and qualified for a place in August's World Championships.

"The lead up to the competition wasn't great for me as I was diagnosed with Strep throat less than a week out from the competition and was ill in bed with antibiotics" says Anjie. She did recover enough to compete but had to enter a higher weight class. In a competition starting at 5pm, which meant a challenging day-long wait to begin, Anjie went on to break all the existing world records in the U75kg category and win the title.

Anjie comments: *"I wasn't feeling my best and I know I can do even better, but to come away under those circumstances with world records and the title means an awful lot. This has spurred me on to achieve even more at my next competition."*

August 2018



TR Fastenings (TR) is proudly supporting the Exeter Formula Student racing team, who competed in the international competition this year. Formula Student is the most established educational engineering competition in the UK and is a known testing ground for the next generation of world-class engineers.

The competition aims to develop enterprising and innovative young engineers and to encourage more young people to take up a career in engineering. Usually part of a degree-level project, each team is tasked to produce, design and manufacture a prototype single-seat race car for autocross or sprint racing, and present it to a hypothetical manufacturing firm. Each vehicle goes through a rigorous testing process, as it is viewed by the motorsport industry as the standard for engineering graduates to meet, that will allow them to transition from University to the workplace.

TR, which has a site in Poole, was approached by the team to provide crucial fastener components for the car, including 8 x M10 Hexagon Lock Nuts, 6 x M8 Hexagon Lock Nuts with a left hand thread and 6 x M8 Hexagon Lock Nuts with right hand thread.

It was the specialist left handed thread parts that were crucial to their car design, regarding the suspension pushrods and steering track rods. With a left handed thread at one end, and right handed at the other, setup changes to the car could be made quickly and with great precision by simply twisting the track/push rod. This meant that the rod-ends could be adjusted at either end and then be being fixed in place with the specialist Lock Nuts.

The competition judges loved it, commenting on how it gave more control over fine adjustment compared to a shim.

Geoff Budd, TR's European Managing Director, commented: *"The team have an absolutely fantastic car which we are proud to say features TR's fastener products. We are dedicated to aiding young talent and supporting engineering education projects. We wish the team every success on their journey."*

Click [here](#) to find out more about Formula Student.

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings Gets a Hole-In-One Sponsoring Children's Hospice Charity



August 2018



TR Fastenings (TR) has been delighted to support Forget Me Not Children's Hospice, a charity supporting the families of affected young people, through sending a team to compete in the Drive DeVilbiss Charity Golf Day.

Following a highly successful event last year that raised an amazing £6,000 for the charity, the goal was to 'smash' that figure onto the green for 2018.

TR entered a team to participate in an 18-hole 'stableford' competition, along with a raffle prize draw, evening awards and a hosted dinner.

The event also allowed TR an opportunity to support Drive DeVilbiss, one of Europe's foremost manufacturers of hospital and home health care furniture and accessories, serving as a principal supplier of an extensive product range to both the private and public healthcare markets in the UK as well as into an increasing number of international markets.

Ian & Sean were delighted with another invitation to take part in the Drive Devilbiss Golf day, continuing on the success from last year's event, and had a super day of golfing.

Ian comments, *"We were thrilled to be supporting the Forget me Not Children's hospice and Drive Devilbiss. We are looking forward to even more success next year."*

TR Press Release

Mud racing to support Cancer Research UK



August 2018



Lynsey Baldock, from the TR BBP site in Uckfield, tackled the 5k “Race for Life: Pretty Muddy” challenge on the 24th June with her three team-mates, and raised an incredible £737 for Cancer Research UK.

Running the event with two friends in honour of close family members who have been affected by cancer, Lynsey smashed the nine-obstacle course and overcame every hurdle in her way.

The race, which was held in Tilgate Park in Sussex, featured a number of obstacles, rough terrain and lots of mud, to which according to Lynsey, they “got absolutely covered” in!

Lynsey says: *“It was a really tough course but we powered through, and had fun doing it. Anything we can do to raise funds for research into beating cancer is worth all the effort, and we hope people can spare some change for this worthy cause.”*

TR Press Release

TR-backed Mick Kirby Wins 3rd Place in National Competition



August 2018



TR Fastenings (TR) is proudly continuing its support of keen-eyed clay pigeon shooter Mick Kirby, who has achieved a personal best score in a national shooting competition, proving again that with perseverance and dedication, anything can be accomplished.

Mick, the Sussex-based shooter, has successfully competed in the sport at an international level after overcoming a stroke 11 years ago that left him disabled. The stroke paralysed his left arm, and being a left-handed shot, Mick had to retrain his skills from scratch.

Mick took part in a competition in Newcastle, where he competed in an incredible three events in three days, with the important English Open competition taking place on the final day. Mick enjoyed a storming success over the competition weekend and achieved two 3rd place awards at the event.

Mick is always striving to improve and his dedication is certainly paying off. He recently shot two new personal bests during a two day competition at Bisley, Surrey, achieving 88x100 on the Saturday and 90x100 on Sunday. He has improved to such an extent that now most of his competitors are able-bodied, proving that you can achieve anything you dedicate yourself to, regardless of the hurdles faced.

Geoff Budd, TR's European Managing Director, commented: *"Mick proves again and again that he is an amazing sportsman with unrivalled dedication to his craft. His personality and his drive to continually improve are qualities that we should all aspire to and we are proud to support him."*

August 2018

Access²Healthcare

TR Fastenings (TR) is proudly supporting the Access2Healthcare (A2H) scheme, a community project transport project for people who cannot drive and who have no access to public transport, and need to visit their doctor or nurse. The scheme is an essential service as the NHS does not provide transport for journeys of this nature and patients have to make their own arrangements for keeping appointments.

This amazing project is run by Wealden Bus Alliance CIC, and began in late 2014 when East Sussex County Council donated a “Kick Start” funding grant of £7,000.

A pilot scheme began in Uckfield in 2015, with two drivers serving four local surgeries. To date, they have assisted getting an incredible 1200 patients to their doctor or nurse appointments. The scheme has now expanded to retain nineteen volunteer drivers, and since October 2017, also services surgeries in Hailsham, Hurstmonceux, Rotherfield and Crowborough. Community is at the heart of the scheme, with costs to patients minimised; a return journey is an affordable £5.

The service has a central booking office/call centre in Newhaven that is open Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm, which manages the overall scheme: It accepts bookings, contacts and allocates drivers, confirms the patients booking, handles DBS checks and maintains driver and customer records.

All of the drivers are paid the national standard mileage allowance and the company's directors and management team are all volunteers, receiving no payment.

Geoff Budd, TR's European Managing Director, commented: *“Access 2 Healthcare is a vital service provided by a professional and dedicated team that helps those in need. TR wholly supports the work that A2H is doing as, like us, their vision is about people and providing value to them.”*

Watch the scheme's promotional video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgNG1MeGfRY&feature=youtu.be>

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings Supports Modern Classic Motorsport Racing



July 2018



TR Fastenings (TR) is proudly supporting Laurence Squires, a talented driver and accomplished racer currently competing in the Aston Martin Owners Club (AMOC) "Intermarque Championship".

Laurence is leading the championship, having completed two races so far and finishing 1st in his class for both races; however there are still three more races left in the season at Donnington Park in July, Snetterton in September and Silverstone in October.

A typical AMOC race meet contains six races with over 120 competitors: The GT Challenge, the AMOC Intermarque Championship (in which Laurence participates), the Jack Fairman Cup, Equipe GTS, Equipe Pre '63 and the Welsh Sports & Saloon Championships.

In addition, Laurence competes in the classic sport car Club (CSCC) events with one race at the Snetterton 200 in April, and another at Silverstone Int. in May, where he again finished 1st in his class. He has other races planned throughout the remainder of the season.

Geoff Budd, TR's European Managing Director, commented: *"Laurence is on course for a successful finish to this AMOC season, building on his previous competitive championships. As a global business which has grown from grass roots level to become a major partner to Tier 1 automotive suppliers around the globe, we always champion dedication and talent in automotive engineering. We wish Laurence luck and are proud to be backing him this season."*

July 2018



TR Fastenings (TR) is proudly supporting employee Dan Baldock, who after taking a 9 year break from racing, has built a Rookie Rod racing car for the 2018 race season. Dan works in TR's headquarters in Uckfield.

Racing with promotor Spedeworth, which has 8 tracks nationally, Dan has entered into the "Rookie Rods" formula. This may be an entry formula, but it is highly competitive and has stringent technical requirements of the cars used. The cars must use a donor Nova or Corsa body shell, have a full roll-cage fitted, be fabricated fixing the fuelling system inside the car itself and be completely rewired.

The donor engine is taken from a road going car and sent away to be professionally rebuilt. Since the engine will be involved in racing, it has to have far more durable components than are standard with the engine; it is machined and fitted with different cam-shafts, pistons, head tolerances, carburettors and manifolds in order to enhance performance.

There are 18 race meetings per year, and when racers place in the top 10 per heat, they gain a certain level of points which are added to their score for the season. The award points are doubled in the final. After each race, drivers are moved up or down the season chart. Where racers are on the ladder, denotes their starting position on the grid which is managed through a roof grading system.

In addition, there are also championship meetings through the season: The Long Track meeting at Ipswich, the Supreme, held at Aldershot and the Southern & Sussex Championship, both held at Arlington. Dan has attended 4 races so far this season having completed his car and is currently positioned in the 'blue' grade – half way up the grid with 6 top 3 heat finishes so far including 1 race win.

Geoff Budd, TR's European Managing Director, commented: *"Dan is on course for a successful first season back after 9 years off-track. He has built the car himself, a credit to his talents as a racer and a mechanic. As a global business which has grown from a grass roots level to become a major partner to Tier 1 automotive suppliers around the globe, we always champion talent in automotive engineering. We look forward to watching Dan progress and are proud to be backing him this season."*

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings Bowls Over Heathfield Cricket Club with Donation



July 2018



TR Fastenings (TR) has donated sponsorship funds in support of the youth teams at Heathfield Cricket Club (HCC), near to TR's headquarters in Uckfield. Founded in 1878, the club is 140 years old but has had cricket played on its site for over 200 years and is a central part of the local community, bringing together cricketers of all ages.

HCC runs a number of sides, from junior and social to veteran teams. The club caters for 100 junior players, all with differing levels of cricketing ability and has invested in a professional coach for its keen younger cricketers to further their skills. At the grass roots level of the junior cricket activities, we have a quickly expanding number of softball (the entry level of junior cricket) players. We have also invested in training at this level, engaging professional coaches from SKILLZ to develop our younger players.

Andy Samuel, head of junior cricket at HCC says: "The club has always been proud of what we offer our junior members. We have been able to produce a host of talented young players, some up to county standard. In the past this was done by volunteers, but with this sponsorship from TR Fastenings and our other supporters we have been able to hire professional coaches, allowing us to give excellent training to even more young players."

Mark Belton, CEO at Trifast, TR's parent company, comments: *"Heathfield Cricket Club is doing fantastic work supporting and educating young people in its local community and we are delighted to be supporting them. A cricket club is not just about sport; it's about bringing people together and promoting physical health and sporting values such as teamwork, hard work and perseverance. We place great importance on these values at TR so it is very satisfying to be throwing our support behind a like-minded organisation."*

TR Press Release

Jenni's marathon hike for Macmillan

July 2018



TR's Jenni Morland, European Health, Safety and Environmental Manager who is based at the Newton Aycliffe site, is taking on the Northumberland coast in July for a charity hike.

The Macmillan 'Mighty Hike' will see participants including Jenni and a friend walk for 26 miles (a marathon distance) along the beautiful Northumberland coastline on 21st July 2018 in aid of the cancer support charity Macmillan.

The hike will start at Alwick Castle, the setting for some of the Harry Potter films, and will finish at Bamburgh, taking in breath-taking coastal views along the way. Hikers will receive free drinks and snacks during the hike and a well-deserved free buffet lunch and hot food when they finish.

Jenni is walking in memory of Linda Woodward, her late colleague from TR at Newton Aycliffe, as well as another of her friends.

July 2018



TR Fastenings (TR) is hosting the 16th Uckfield Mini Grand Prix featuring over 150 local schoolchildren in its car park on Sunday 15th July 2018 from 11am-3.30pm. Organised jointly by the Uckfield Rotary Club and Uckfield Community Technical College, it is a major highlight of the Uckfield Festival which is running from the 6th-15th July.

The race, which was first held at TR in 2003, will race 200 students from years 5-6 against each other in 24 teams. This is the only race in the UK to feature kit cars being driven side by side by children in a grand prix style competition. Just like in professional Formula 1 racing, the Kit Car teams will consist of drivers, pit crews, mechanics and supporters.

The Cars

The 24 volt electric-powered Greenpower Goblin kit cars, which have a top speed of 15 mph, must be built from scratch by the pupils themselves and use over 100 parts. The event aims to teach the children a range of important skills, from mechanical engineering knowledge to team building, marketing and design.

Also similarly to Formula 1, style is 'almost' as important as performance and the students have the ability to showcase their artistic talent by painting the cars any way they please. The students choose a theme around which the car is decorated and there is an additional prize for the best themed team.

The Race

Four teams compete against each other per race, with sharp Le Man styled driver change overs. Races consist of 12 laps with six drivers who swap over after 2 laps each. This pit stop change is a highlight of the race and usually decides between the winning team and the runners-up. All teams race in 2 qualifying heats and a final to determine their ultimate rankings.

A new technological addition for 2018 is that all cars are now fitted with on-board sensors for recording lap-times and are connected via a live feed to the event website to showcase race results.

With over 1000 spectators expected, it is a fun family occasion that showcases the pupils' engineering prowess and racing skills. There will also be a food area on site serving hot food, drinks and ice cream.

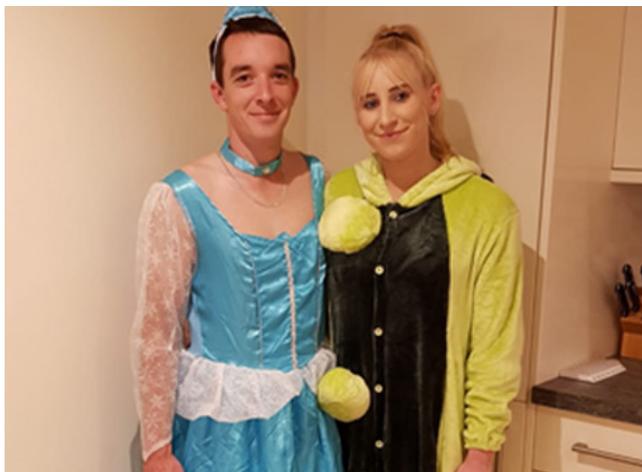
Geoff Budd, Director at TR Fastenings, comments: *"The Uckfield Mini Grand Prix is a fabulous tradition and one which we are so thrilled to support each year. The young engineers and racers who take part are the future of the technology industry and we at TR Fastenings are proud to be helping to showcase and nurture their skills. Good luck to all teams!"*

TR Press Release

Hayleigh and Mark are running the gauntlet in aid of Epilepsy Action



June 2018



Hayleigh Horscroft and Mark Evans, from the TR BBP site in Uckfield, will be taking on the 'Gauntlet Games' obstacle challenge on the 14th July. Mark suffers from epilepsy and although it is currently under control, the cause is very close to his and Hayleigh's hearts and they are keen to raise money and awareness for epilepsy charity, Epilepsy Action.

The 5k race, which is being held in Handcross, features a number of obstacles, including the 'Flume of Doom' as well as wrecking balls and an aqua crossing. To add an extra element of fun to the occasion, participants are required to dress up for the race, with a fairytale theme. Hayleigh and Mark are dressing as the Princess and the Pea. See picture for who won the argument to wear the princess dress!

Hayleigh, who is PA to the Trifast board directors including CEO Mark Belton, says:

"Although I'm sure the race will be tough, it's bound to be a lot of fun and we are really looking forward to it. Epilepsy has a real effect on the working and personal lives of Mark and all the others who suffer from this illness. Anything we can do to raise funds and awareness for Epilepsy Action is worth all the effort and we hope people can spare some change for this worthy cause."

TR Press Release

Blood, sweat and chairs: An overview of TR PSEP's charity activity in 2017



June 2018



Colleagues from TR PSEP in Malaysia had a busy year in 2017 both in and out of the workplace, with the team taking part in a number of activities and campaigns for charity. From blood donation to furniture donation, TR PSEP employees dug deep and raised both awareness and money for a number of worthy causes throughout the year.

Furniture donation, March:

- Every year, the PSEP team supports the “Go Green, Recycle for Charity” initiative and on the 21st March 2017, employees donated unwanted office furniture to the Pertubuhan Amal Seri Sinar charity home. A total of 30 items of furniture were donated, from tables to cabinets. The objective of the donation was to give furniture to those who needed it whilst also supporting a sustainable and recycling-led community effort.

Health week campaign, April:

- From 17th-20th April 2017, TR PSEP, in collaboration with Lourdes Clinic, held a Health Week at the site. The aim of the campaign was to increase employees' awareness of and commitment towards living a healthy lifestyle.

The Health Week activities included:

- Free Health screening and vitamin sales by Lourdes Clinic
- Talks by doctors on general health and back care
- A health quiz, with the winners receiving health and exercise equipment as prizes

Blood donation day, May:

- In co-operation with the Tengku Ampuan Rahimah government hospital, TR PSEP held a blood donation drive at the plant on 5th May 2017. This was the third time the team has tied up with the hospital to organise this event, which aimed to collect blood supplies for the National Blood centre and also raise awareness of the benefits and importance of blood donation.

The blood drive attracted 55 people and the hospital team managed to collect 39 blood donations, almost 3R (Reduce, Re-use, Recycle), throughout 2017:

TR PSEP teamed up with XPM Welfare Society Malaysia, a registered Non Government Organization as approved and recognised by the National Social Welfare Department in 2017 to encourage employees to donate recyclable items. The welfare society then sold off the items and donated funds to local welfare homes.

In total, 4 drums of recyclable items were collected and donated, including glass bottles, plastic bottles, paper, books and magazines.

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings keeps Dutch solar boat project afloat by supplying crucial components



June 2018



TR Holland, the Dutch arm of global fastener distributor and manufacturer, TR Fastenings, is supplying parts and support for a solar-powered boat developed by students from the HAN University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands.

Named the Photon, the boat has been solely developed by the students themselves and is due to be raced in both national and international races, with the Solar & Energy Boat Challenge race taking place in Monaco in July. TR Holland has arranged for the supply of bigHead fasteners to the students, which have been used in the boat's prototype. The TR and bigHead logos have been included on the boat as a thank you, and both firms have been credited as friends of the project on the team's website.

Facts about The Photon:

- The boat is 6 meters in length and 1.8 meters wide.
- Including the pilot, the boat weighs just under 200kg
- The powerful solar panels can generate 1000Kw in energy and propel the vessel at speeds of up to 30km/h.

Ron Vlutters, Managing Director of TR Holland, comments "*All over the world, TR is committed to supporting young people to pursue engineering and technology as an interest or as a career. We are proud to be associated with a project as exciting and innovative as the Photon, which combines the development of new sustainable technologies with the latest trends in design and manufacturing. It's a pleasure to provide the fasteners for the boat and we can't wait to see how she races!*"

Upcoming race dates:

- NK Zonnebootrace Akkrum: 11-12 May 2018
- Purmerend: 22-23 June 2018
- Groningen: 29-30 June 2018
- Groningen-Leeuwarden: 4-7 July 2018
- Solar & Energy Boat Challenge: 12-14 July 2018

June 2018



TR Fastenings (TR) has continued its proud tradition of supporting the Little Horsted Fun Run, which this year took place on the 13th May. The run takes place just a few miles from TR's Uckfield headquarters in Sussex.

The event, which is now in its 9th year, helps to raise money for equipment and maintenance for Little Horsted primary school, and is organised by parents, carers and family members of the school's pupils. Support from sponsors such as TR goes towards the cost of hosting the event and funding the race numbers, signage and first aid support for the big day.

The run is open to runners of all abilities, offering participants a choice of 1k, 5k and 10k courses, all taking routes across the beautiful Sussex countryside.

June 2018



CANCER RESEARCH UK

TR Fastenings BBP employee, Lynsey Baldock, is taking part in her local 'Race for Life: Pretty Muddy' event for Cancer Research UK (CRUK) on Sunday 24th June. The 5k mud run, one of thousands which take place across the UK throughout the year, is being held in Tilgate Park in Sussex.

Lynsey is running the race with two friends, in honour of close family members who have been affected by cancer. The race is not a straight-forward 5k, but will instead involve obstacles, rough terrain and lots and lots of mud! Money raised from the events is used by CRUK to fund research, technology and ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer.

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings adds fire to fundraising effort for Cancer Research UK



June 2018



TR Fastenings contributed to over £800 raised for Cancer Research UK (CRUK) by donating a Kindle Fire device to a raffle drawn at a special beauty consultation evening hosted to raise money for the charity.

The event, held at the Buxted Park Hotel in April, offered attendees the chance to spend an evening with award-winning beauty consultant Jane Mather. After prosecco and canapes, Jane demonstrated make-up techniques on a model, focusing specifically on make up and beauty trends suitable for women over 40. This was followed by a Q&A session with Jane and the raffle, which featured a number of prizes donated by local companies including TR.

The evening raised over £800 for CRUK, via ticket sales and the proceeds of the raffle.

TR Press Release

TR Norway sponsors skiers as they climb to dizzy heights



June 2018



TR Norway acted as the chief sponsor of a skiing competition held high in the Norwegian mountains in March, an event which catered for all members of the family. The contest took place 890m above sea level in Tretten, in the Lillehammer mountains where 30 people competed on a 2km slope. There was also a quiz competition for the children and TR provided prizes for everybody taking part in the day.

Jan-Erik Storsve, general manager of TR Norway, has a cabin in the region and comments: *"This was a great family day out and there was something for everyone of all ages to enjoy. TR is committed to supporting community events and we were proud to put our name to this competition and take part in the fun!"*

May 2018



On Friday 27th April, members of the TR Fastenings team at BBP in Uckfield joined colleague Tom Ballan in sporting their finest football shirts at work, in aid of the Bobby Moore Fund for Cancer Research. The charity was set up 25 years ago after the untimely death of the football legend Bobby Moore at just 51 due to bowel cancer, and supports lifesaving research into the disease.

Tom chose to support the charity after members of his family fought and beat bowel cancer, thanks in part to the help and resources of the Bobby Moore Fund. Since the fund was set up, mortality rates have fallen by more than 30% and over £23.5 million has been raised for research. The fund holds an annual 'Football Shirt Friday' in April where fundraisers are asked to donate money in exchange for wearing their favourite football shirt to their place of work.

The total raised by the BBP team was just over £100, and you can still donate to Tom's fundraising page if you wish to contribute.

Tom comments *"This is a very simple and fun way to raise money for a really worthwhile cause: bowel cancer is not often talked about but the fund does amazing work to research the disease and support those fighting it. I was proud to wear my football shirt to show my support and was really grateful to my colleagues who joined in on the day."*

Tom has a number of additional fundraising events planned for the year for the Bobby Moore fund, including an annual charity football match, which will be held in December.

TR Press Release

Sponsors match against Newick Cricket Club ends in narrow defeat for TR team



May 2018



TR lost by 23 runs to Newick in a match celebrating TR's ongoing sponsorship of the club

Uckfield firm TR Fastenings (TR) celebrated its ongoing sponsorship of Newick Cricket Club with a 'friendly' sponsors match held at the King George V Playing Field in Newick on Sunday 13th May. The TR team suffered a marginal defeat, finishing just 23 runs short.

Newick is 'Club Mark' certified by the English Cricket Board (ECB) and has a number of senior and junior teams playing in the East Sussex leagues on Saturdays. The club also fields various teams for Sunday and mid-week fixtures.

TR has sponsored Newick CC since 2013, and its logo is featured on the club's stumps. Sponsorship money from TR and other supporters is put towards general running costs of the club, improving and maintaining the two sites, the pavilion and equipment including scoreboards and kit.

Geoff Budd, TR Europe's managing director, commented: *"As always, we were treated to a wonderful day of cricket at Newick, and despite the result, we all had a fantastic time. Supporting local individuals and teams is very much part of the TR ethos and we are very proud to lend our support to Newick, which plays a valuable role within the village community and Sussex as a whole."*

The TR team consisted of:

Mark 'Skipper' Evans
Dan 'Howzat' Turner
Richard 'Safe Hands' Southgate
Martyn 'Test Match' Wade
Stuart 'Av it' Pring
Jack 'The Horse' Horscroft
Dan 'Where's my beer' Reardon
Stuart 'Stewball' Chesson
Nathan 'Tendulkar' Parmar
Grant 'I'd rather be playing golf' Horscroft
Hayleigh 'The Cat' Horscroft

TR Press Release

TR employees party with Toyah Willcox at KMF charity 80s night



May 2018



Members of the team from TR Manchester got their gladrags on in March and time-travelled back to the glory days of pop, at a KMF 80s themed charity night at the New Vic theatre in Stoke.

The event, which was raising money for local causes and for the theatre itself, was a celebration of the 80s featuring all the hits and a very special guest appearance from Toyah Willcox. The night was hosted by sheet metal manufacturer KMF group, which has been a TR customer for 30 years.

The evening included a raffle and an auction, to which TR donated two tickets to watch the RS racing superbikes team (sponsored by TR), raising £200. The overall amount raised was over £9,000.

April 2018



Global fasteners business TR Fastenings is pleased to be continuing its sponsorship of Mick Kirby, the Sussex-based clay pigeon shooting champion who has successfully competed in the sport across the globe since overcoming a stroke 11 years ago.

Mick, 58, is naturally left-handed, and after the stroke paralysed his left arm, he retrained to shoot with his right arm in 2009, with help from disabled sports charity Sportability. Mick has taken part in both disabled and able-bodied shooting competitions across the UK and internationally with considerable success, winning first, second and third places against able-bodied shots in Class C competitions.

For a number of reasons, Mick has been unable to shoot as much as he would have liked over the last four years and he suffered another setback in September 2017, when he broke his one 'good' arm. However, he has not let this deter his love for shooting and is now fully back in action. He eased himself back into training with a lightweight, semi-automatic gun, and muscle memory soon began to return. Mick is now gradually returning to his 12 gauge gun, and developing his trap shooting style.

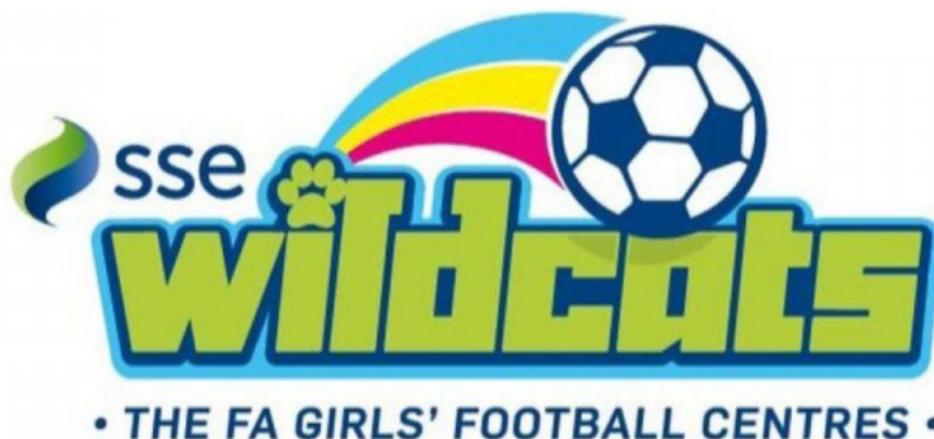
Mick principally trains at Dartford shooting ground, which means a lot of travelling but the team there is invaluable to Mick, helping him with training and event preparation. In January 2018, Mick competed in the Malaga Clay GP, which this year featured Para-clay classes for disabled shooters for the first time and was very pleased with his performance. He also took part in a club shoot in early February at Fletching, and came joint first in class with 43/60, against able-bodied shooters. He then shot two new personal best scores in trap shooting at Dartford: 22/25 and 25/27.

Mick intends to participate in two or three national opens and one European competition in 2018 and also has his sights set on the Para shooting cup in Italy in October. He is passionate about helping other disabled people get into sports and works with amputee charity Limbpower and stroke survivors charity Different Strokes.

Mick comments: "More and more disabled shooters are competing across Europe, which is fantastic progress for the sport. The aim is - and has been for over ten years - to get Para-clay shooting included in the Paralympics. Sadly this has taken a setback this week with the IPC still not allowing the sport to take part in trials at Paralympic level. This action has boosted the cause to a higher level, with many more countries pledging to send para shooters to international events to show support for inclusion. I am dedicated to helping people rediscover their passion for sport or to discover it for the first time after they become disabled. With the help of my sponsors, including TR Fastenings, I am able to pursue my passion for shooting and aim high in everything I do, and I am very grateful for the ongoing support."

Geoff Budd, European Managing Director for TR Fastenings, adds: "To get into sport at such a high level after a debilitating stroke is one thing, but to commit to retraining after breaking his arm is another, and we are immensely proud of the determination that Mick has shown in returning to competitive shooting this year. At TR we are passionate about supporting local talent and enabling people to dig in and achieve the very best they can, and we are thrilled to be supporting Mick in his ongoing sporting journey."

April 2018



SSE Wildcats Girls' Football Centres from The FA will provide girls aged 5-11 in Uckfield and the surrounding area, with regular opportunities to play football. The initiative offers organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls. More than 200 clubs were piloted across England in 2017 and the scheme is now being extended to more than 900 centres with 26,000 participants across the country.

SSE Wildcats Girls' Football sessions take place on a weekly basis, either after school or at weekends, and provide a safe environment where girls can try football for the first time. SSE and The FA hope the initiative will inspire participants to engage with football, meet new friends, develop fundamental skills, learn new things and create the foundation for a lifelong love of football.

Sessions in Uckfield start from 11th April include:

A - Wednesday Evening 6-7 PM, Uckfield 3G Pitch (Ages 5-8)

B - Wednesday Evening 7-8 PM, Uckfield 3G Pitch (Ages 9-11)

Find a local session near you, [here](#).

Each SSE Wildcats Girls' Football Centre will be run in conjunction with local County FAs and utilise qualified coaches and local facilities. As well as activities for girls, there will also be opportunities for attending parents, carers and siblings to engage with the sport at the same time through 'Family Sessions' including Soccercise and Walking football.

The initiative is in line with The FA's Gameplan for Growth, with the target of doubling girls' participation in the sport by 2020. The strategy for women's and girls' football at grassroots level includes initiatives alongside SSE Wildcats, such as FA Girls' Football Week.

Development Officer & Wildcats Administrator Paul Fletcher said: To be selected to run a SSE Wildcats Centre is a huge coup for the club and illustrates the hard work the club is doing to allow Football for All, but also demonstrates our commitment to getting more girls playing a sport including Football. Since we launched Girls Football within the club, the numbers have grown and grown and we now have an active group of players in multiple ages, training weekly and playing matches in varying leagues. This is testament to the coaching standards we adhere to, but also how we make our sessions challenging, engaging, but most importantly fun and enjoyable. We can't wait to start Wildcats and welcome new players along as they start their journey into sport..

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings employee reaches new heights with powerlifting success



April 2018



Global fasteners business TR Fastenings (TR), headquartered in Uckfield, is throwing its support behind its very own Anjanita Baker, who is making a name for herself in the world of competitive powerlifting.

Anjanita, or Anjie as she is known, has worked at TR for 18 years and is part of the web development team, working on the site's 3D animations for its multiple fastening product ranges. Her interest in fitness and weight training began in 2011 when she joined Train Strong Bootcamp, and by 2017, she started competing in British strong woman events which involved truck pulls and atlas stone lifting. In late 2017, Anjie decided to switch sports and try powerlifting, which involves three disciplines: the squat, the bench press and the dead lift.

In January 2018, Anjie joined the Amateur British Powerlifting Union (ABPU) and took part in the Masters (M1) event, in the 40-45 age group, 67.5kg class. Astonishingly, despite this being her first competitive event in the sport, Anjie came away with three world records in her class, for the deadlift, squat disciplines and overall total weight, she also won the title of best overall female lifter based on her Wilks score, a formula that measures the strength of a powerlifter against other competitors despite their different weight categories.

As a result of this success, the ABPU invited Anjie to automatically take a place at the Amateur World Powerlifting Congress (WPC)'s European championships in Grenoble, France, in August 2018 as part of Team GB. In order to take part, Anjie is looking for local businesses to support her with sponsorship funds for kit, travel and accommodation expenses, and TR was the first to step up to the plate and offer a contribution.

In preparation for the Grenoble competition, Anjie will first be stepping up to compete in the ABPU's national finals at the Body Power fitness exhibition, being held at Birmingham's NEC on 12th May. She will also continue to train regularly at her home gym and at her weekly PT session at Performance Fitness gym in Eastbourne with her coach, renowned powerlifter Delroy McQueen. She hopes to qualify later this year for the WPC's world championships which will be held in Manchester, also in August 2018.

Anjie comments: *"When I first started training almost seven years ago, I never imagined I'd one day be in this position where I'd be training for major national and European championships, let alone coming away with world records. To continue to compete at this level, sponsorship is vital and I'm so grateful to TR and everyone else who has helped get me where I am today."*

For further information about Anjie's powerlifting and to find out about potential sponsorship opportunities, please contact her on anjanita@trfastenings.com.

March 2018



Jemimah Osborne is travelling to Kenya to build a school and water supply for villagers

TR Fastenings is contributing to a North-East schoolgirl's campaign to raise funds for a trip to a Kenyan village this Summer, where she and her classmates will be building a school, teaching and aiming to provide vital aid for the local community.

Jemimah Osborne, 16, is a family member of one of TR's customers, and has been appealing to UK businesses to help fund her school's three week visit to Kipsaina in Kenya in the summer of 2018. The village is situated very close to Mount Elgon National Park in the Midwest of Kenya, and its residents battle a number of issues common in the country including poverty, homelessness, unemployment, AIDS and corruption.

Whilst in Kipsaina, the team of 18 year 11 students from Barnard Castle School in County Durham will help to build a school, provide a clean water supply and teach students. Jemimah will be teaching hockey to the children as well as helping to build the school, and is hoping to raise £4,000 to cover the cost of her trip and contribute towards building materials for the project. As well as seeking contributions from businesses, Jemimah is also holding a number of fundraising events and cake sales to raise the money she needs for the trip.

Jemimah comments: "This trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me and my team to fully understand the challenges faced on a day to day basis in Africa, but also gives us the opportunity to genuinely make a difference in a small way to the people that we encounter and hopefully change lives for the better. I am very grateful for TR's contribution to this very worthy cause and I thank them for their support."

Don Lamb, Strategic Account Manager at TR Fastenings, adds: *"At TR we are passionate about supporting people to follow big dreams and achieve great things. Jemimah's trip to Kenya will no doubt be hugely rewarding but will also be hard work and we applaud her for volunteering for such an amazing opportunity. We are really proud to be contributing to this excellent cause, and we wish Jemimah and her team all the best for the Summer. We can't wait to hear how she gets on."*

February 2018



Amelia Devlin was interviewed by Uckfield FM along with her coach Greg Watson

Amelia Devlin, the 12-year-old Sussex tennis prodigy sponsored by TR Fastenings, enjoyed 15 minutes of fame this month after being interviewed live on air by local radio station Uckfield FM in its weekly Sports programme. This is the second interview that Amelia has given to the station, having been featured two years ago when she was just 10. Amelia, who is now no.2 in the county for her age group, spoke alongside her coach Greg Watson, and discussed her progress in training, her regular routine and her hopes for the future.

Greg has coached Amelia since she was 4, and he commented in the interview that it was when she was 8 or 9 that he realised she had the potential to go a very long way in the sport. She has now progressed from the softer 'green ball' to the more advanced 'yellow ball' and is ramping up her training as she prepares for the competitive season.

When asked what her plans were for the future, Amelia expressed her determination to continue her success, win many more tournaments, and reach the no.1 position in the county.

The full interview with Amelia and Greg is available to listen to on the Uckfield FM website [here](#).

TR Press Release

TR Southern Fasteners team raises €1,000 for homeless charity in Cork



February 2018



Employees from TR Southern Fasteners in Ireland have been busy taking part in various charity activities to raise funds for local charity, Helping Hands Action Group (HHAG) in Cork. The collective amount raised was over €700, which was topped up to €1000 by TR.

HHAG works with people who are at risk of homelessness due to threat of eviction or poor quality housing, those who are currently homeless (sleeping on the streets, living in hotel rooms, couch surfing), and those who are just emerging from homelessness.

The charity's work is based on an empowerment model of helping people to help themselves, by offering them practical tools and information.

TR Southern Fasteners employees were notified about the charity's work and were invited to get involved in any way they wished, by taking part in a number of different activities. Some employees helped with serving dinners, teas and coffees on the streets of Cork city in the run up to Christmas and others held other individual fundraising events.

Marie Spratt at TR Southern Fasteners commented: *"Every one of the team did what they could to raise money for this fantastic cause. We set out with the idea to make a little difference which could go a long way, and it was fantastic to be able to hand over the cheque for €1,000 to the team at HHAG."*

January 2018



Papworth Hospital Charity

Living & breathing Papworth

A team of TR Fastenings (TR) footballers netted an impressive victory against The Brickmaker's Arms 'Blaggers' from Ridgewood on 3rd December, in a match to raise funds for Papworth Hospital Charity.

Despite injuries leading to a depleted squad, TR's 11 remaining players put up a good fight and the half-time score was 2-2. After the break, the TR team found their best form, dominating the game and winning the match 4-2.

TR's European Distribution Account Manager, Nathan Parmar, arranged the game with his colleague Tom Ballan, as it was a specialist medical team at Papworth – a world-leading heart and lung hospital – which saved Nathan's mother's life with a double-lung and heart transplant in 2012. The opposition team from the Brickmaker's Arms also held a number of football matches and music events throughout 2017 to raise money for Papworth.

The TR team consisted of:

- Dan Turner
- Nathan Parmar
- Stuart Carlton
- Ben Leppard
- Alex Hobden
- Alex Saunders
- Josh Jones
- Pablo Merida-Castillo
- Ross Delmon
- Rob Le Cras
- Tom Ballan



Goals for TR came from Ben Leppard who scored two, plus Alex Saunders and Ross Delmon who scored one each. Ross Delmon was awarded 'Man of the Match' and the game brought the overall total raised for Papworth by Nathan, his family, his colleagues at TR and The Brickmaker's Arms to just under £4000.

Nathan comments: "After being told by one hospital that my Mum couldn't be treated, the team at Papworth stepped in and performed the surgery which literally saved her life. We want to say thanks to everyone who played, supported us or donated to the cause at the match in December. It was a great day and to come away with a win on top of raising so much money was an added bonus!"

TR Press Release

TR Fastenings renews Ryan Strafford sponsorship for 2018



January 2018



Superbikes star Strafford will wear the TR logo for another season after finishing strong in 2017

TR Fastenings has confirmed it will renew its sponsorship of superbike rider Ryan Strafford for the 2018 season. Ryan had a fantastic 2017 season on the track, finishing in an impressive second place overall in the Golden Era superbikes category.

Ryan started the RS Racing team with his father in 2011 and has enjoyed tremendous success since, including his first championship win in 2014. Ryan established his relationship with TR via his role at Press-Form Machinery Ltd, the UK's official agent and service partner for Haeger Insert Presses. TR, Press-Form and Haeger work in partnership giving sheet metal customers access to high quality parts, industry-leading machinery and consultancy. As one of Ryan's sponsors, TR's logo sits proudly on his leathers and on his bike, alongside other big names such as Continental Tyres.

Ryan is looking to better his 2017 success next season, aiming for the championship title. The team starts a new challenge in 2018, moving up to the GP1 Classic superbike category running a 1999 Yamaha R1, 1000cc 4 cylinder bike. Work is already under way to turn this once-street bike into a championship winning race machine. Adjustments and improvements will be made, including significant lightweighting, using the latest components and technology.

Ryan comments: *"I am delighted that TR Fastenings is staying with RS Racing for a second year. Although 2017 didn't quite end the way we had hoped, I have learnt a lot and I am now ready to apply that to the 2018 season. When a company such as TR has so much confidence in you as a rider, it transfers to the race circuit. 2018 is going to bring a whole new set of challenges but I'm confident it will also bring success and many more exciting achievements."*

Mark Belton, CEO at TR Fastening's parent company Trifast Plc, adds: *"Partnering Ryan over the last year has been an extremely informative and thrilling exercise for us. Witnessing the dedication, skill and engineering mastery that goes into building, maintaining and racing the bikes has been a privilege and we are really looking forward to supporting him next year in what we are sure will be a brilliant racing season for him."*



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