



Cushioning life's knocks

# Cushion Club News

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## Super, Super, Super Supporters!

Welcome to the Cushion Club Newsletter, which is all about YOU - our loyal Supporters.

Our new poster 'Are you up for a challenge?...or are you facing one?' lets people know the Industry may be changing but the FTBA is still there for those in need, thanks to your regular donations. Events also raise funds and we hope you will enjoy reading about some of them. Do come and join us in 2008, you will certainly have a great time either as a company or as an individual participant. How about organising a darts match, a raffle, a dress down day, a cake bake - large or small ways to help with fundraising!

**Very many thanks to EVERYONE!**

Over the years Andy Corbett and Steve Mundy of Prima Foam have been tireless supporters. Andy even jumped out of a plane for the Charity, returning some months later, with his Mum Jan joining him, to do it all over again! As Steve said "I may not have reached such dizzy heights but one thing I was sure about was how many people would enjoy a relaxing day out". So the dynamic duo masterminded The FTBA Fishing Challenge, generously sponsored by Prima Foam. 2007 reeled in nearly £3,000. Shaun Lewis of Victoria Carpets, who Chairs Kidderminster Golf Committee and is a member of the FTBA Board was delighted to present the boys with the much deserved Corporate Supporter of the Year Award.

Jonathan Seddon Brown, CE of the FTBA says "Attending Industry shows is a crucial part of our activity each year as it



gives us an opportunity to meet and catch up with people from right across the industry". It's also a wonderful way to fundraise!! CMPi's NEC Interiors Show and Harrogate Flooring Show raised considerable sums. The London Fabric Show took donations from their many guests drinking tea and coffee, whilst Manchester Furniture Show's Theresa Raymond and Laraine Janes decided to raise even more this year and ensured Charles Oulton of Halo plc conducted their Charity Auction, raising an excellent £1,000. They plan even bigger things for Manchester 2008! As always The Associated Carpet Group thought of the FTBA, donating £560 from their 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Shop Floor people most generously gave to all these initiatives. Peter Bonsall of FIRA led a team of enthusiastic cyclists around the Isle of Wight and became the first person to request donations for the FTBA on the JustGiving website.

HELPING FAMILIES IN THE FURNISHING INDUSTRY

## Spreading the Word...

When Mike Clare became National President in 2006 he was determined to assist The Cushion Club in recruiting new members from his Dream Team. The Halo Group got involved too - So a warm welcome to all our new CC members. 2007 National President Nicholas Hayes knows all about grass roots Supporters as many at Collins and Hayes are regular FTBA donors. This year their team was determined to win the Fishing Challenge Trophy but sadly The Big One just got away - still there's always next year! Members at Victoria Carpets are encouraging their colleagues to join up too. David Ruddiman again ensured that all who sailed with his fleet had the most magnificent time on the high seas and in port Cowes.



## News...News...News...News...News...News...News...News...News...

Paul Jordan of Hypnos plc, a great CC supporter and founder member has our very best wishes for a happy retirement. Hypnos' Stephen Moore has kindly agreed to continue recruiting new members. Stella May is extremely busy with The Ercol Road Show but still manages to promote the endeavours of the FTBA.

Long time Supporters Paul Aiston and Neil Gent of Pro-Techs and DeCoro, raced in to most generously sponsor FTBA Karting 2007 at Daytona Milton Keynes, ensuring that industry families had a wonderful fun packed day raising a fantastic £8,000.

The FTBA welfare system supports around 240 beneficiaries with a regular weekly payment to supplement their pension. Also over the years, many hundreds of needy industry people have received assistance. So its no surprise that when Britain

recently experienced horrendous flooding the FTBA were there as always to help - truly a life line for some of those whose homes were so badly damaged by the water.



The FTBA is only able to help so many people because of the generous donations that YOU make. EVERY PENNY COUNTS so a BIG THANK YOU to YOU our Super, Super Supporters for Helping to CARE. Do please tell people about the FTBA.

**TOGETHER WE REALLY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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