



PAPINI OPENS OWN FACTORY IN CHINA

PAPINI CELEBRATES 10TH BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to all the Papini Team on their 10th anniversary.


We all enjoy a success story and we have thoroughly enjoyed our long association with Papini. We've seen the business progress from a "good idea" to an innovative and progressive company.

Prospects for the next 10 years are just as exciting.

Gary's experience when working with M&S in the Far East has been a great contribution to the company. His experience in Product, Quality, Design and business negotiations have been a tremendous asset and together with his very close relationship with the Chinese make a formidable combination.

Heather who was previously a PA to a Tory MP controls all the "Purse Strings" and Admin of the company. The Tory party could probably do with her back again.

Together with the rest of the team, Deb, Faye, Richard, Tommy, Ian, Claire, Russell, Jemisha, Shanti and Murphy (the dog) we wish you all the very best for the future.

 **Peter Brecknock**
Peter Howard Foreman & Co
Accountants and Tax Specialist



Papini has two reasons to be proud this year. This month we celebrate 10 years in business and the opening of our new factory in China.

Heather & Gary travelled to China for the opening of the factory and Heather gives us her account of the trip to China.

'Last year, when Gary suggested we visit China for the opening of our new factory it seemed like a good idea to say yes, I would go along.

As the opening day drew nearer and the vaccination programme gained momentum my anxieties started to build. I hadn't heard of most of the illnesses the weekly injections promised to prevent.

The twenty three hour journey that Gary had complained regularly about for 25 years proved to be quite relaxing. perhaps it was the G&T's that helped.

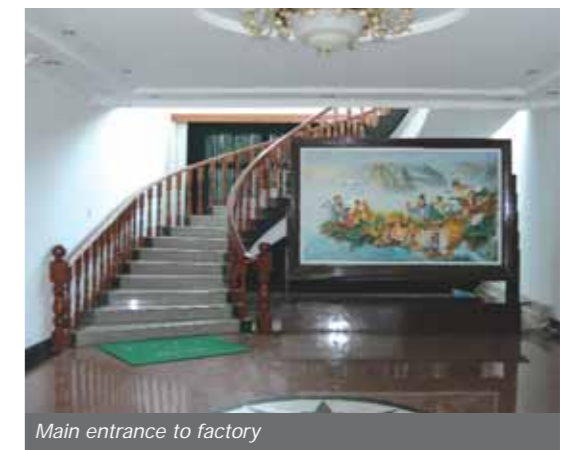
First impressions of China were extremely positive. The countryside was surprisingly green and very neatly organized. When we stepped out of the air-conditioned airport it was the humid 38 degree wall of heat that proved to be very difficult to cope with.

The intense heat was of little consequence when faced with the erratic driving capabilities of the numerous cyclists who seemed to be totally oblivious of the fact that they were constantly in the middle of the road. Our driver performed a miraculous feat avoiding all the weaving bodies.

We were so relieved to arrive safely at our hotel. The hotel was surprisingly plush considering it was the only hotel in the town. It was bizarre that Christmas Carols and Auld Lang Syne were repeatedly playing in the background. (In July!)

The following day we arrived in the pouring rain for the opening of the factory. Fortunately the rain ensured that the temperature dropped to a more bearable level. How proud we were to see the 10 foot Papini sign at the entrance.

The main entrance to the factory was extremely grand and Mr Wong explained that the entrance to a building in China was extremely important and was specially designed by a "Feng Shui" expert to bring wealth and success. >>



Main entrance to factory

Papini Elite Polo Collection : Bespoke off the Shelf



This has been a tremendous success after its launch at NEC Printwear & Promotion in February. The range offers something different for those who want a more personalized garment. Seven styles are from stock and can be bought in quantities from 1 to 1,000. Should any customer require a full bespoke service please contact us directly. We will produce 3D designs etc. to meet your requirements.

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Papini Bespoke Fleece Collection



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We made a mental note to repaint the entrance to our premises in Upton just in case this theory worked.

The production line for the polo shirts was fascinating. There are over 40 different processes to produce a finished garment. The factory is highly efficient producing 3,000 finished Papini polo shirts per day.

Factory Profile

The new factory has achieved ISO2000 standard and Gary has implemented an M&S style Quality Control.

All fabrics and trims are tested to UK High Street standards for:

- Colour fastness
- Shrinkage
- Pilling
- Weight
- Colour continuity to colour standards

Each shipment is strictly tested and colour continuity has a high priority.

This dedicated production unit will now ensure production of 3,000 finished poloshirts per day. The factory which is surrounded by beautiful gardens occupies a total area of 130,000 sq ft.

Having our own factory guarantees that quality standards are of the highest level.

This supports Papini's philosophy of Quality and Service.

I was totally taken aback by the cleanliness of the factory with its sparkling, highly polished marble floors. It would put any 5 star hotel in the U.K. to shame.

Also the living quarters for all the workers were of a very high standard indeed.

My lasting impressions of China are how hard everyone works, and the speed they do things. The factory manager seemed to be in several places at once and nothing escaped her notice. Also the hospitality offered to us during our stay was second to none. The Chinese cuisine was surprisingly good and I will make sure I practice using chop sticks before I go back next year.'



Say hello to our new Designer!



Jemisha Mistry

Jemisha is a new addition to Papini's design team. She joined us in June and will be on work placement with us for a year. She replaces Faye who has gone back to Leeds University to complete her degree in Fashion Design.

Jemisha has settled in quickly and will be providing you with design assistance throughout the year.



Lucas makes an emotional departure from the pitch after his testimonial at Elland Road

Radebe Testimonial

Lucas Radebe, former captain of Leeds United and South Africa had his testimonial match at Elland Road on 2nd May 2005.

It was a very special moment for Papini when "The Chiefs" team came onto the pitch wearing Papini Sportwear in front of 38,000 supporters.

Lucas had tremendous support and applause for his football skills and his support for African children's charities. He is also patron of Open Arms Infant Home.

This was a bonding day out for everyone at Papini and it was greatly enjoyed by all.



Debs socialising with Chris Kamara

We must secretly disclose that Deb is 40 in September. If we write this in small print hopefully she won't notice.



Vinnie Jones chats to Anna and Nikki Fisher after the game

Customer Comments

"Congratulations to Papini in the opening of your new factory.

We have worked in a Supplier Partnership with Papini for a number of years and have recently hit the £1million turnover with them.

So when it comes to quality, service and delivery, we can with confidence recommend their product.

The quality is very good; we have never had one quality concern with their polo shirts. The standard that they work to is very high and we have independently tested their product and were very pleased with the anti pilling, rubbing and shrinkage results, in fact to not blind anyone with science the grading was equivalent to a GCSE B*.

As a buyer I have polo shirts land on my desk on a daily basis but nothing can compare."

MS, Sheffield

"When we buy our garments from Papini we know that they will be of consistent and enduring quality.

Since we are only as good as our suppliers, Papini regularly go the extra mile to ensure complete customer satisfaction in terms of both product and service.

The range of products on offer allows us to match our customers' corporate requirements in terms of garment and budget."

Peter, London

"We have been working with Papini for a number of years and enjoy a healthy business relationship and profits!

The superior quality of Papini clothing is indisputable, and their innovative designs, range of colours and sizes mean that with Papini garments, we are able to offer our customers choice, performance and style."

Neill, Belfast

Papini continues to support Open Arms Malawi - Africa

Malawi is one of the world's 10 poorest countries and also suffers from one of the highest recorded incidences of AIDS and HIV. Malawi has one of Africa's highest percentages of orphans (officially estimated at 850,000).



The extended families can no longer cope with an ever increasing number of babies born to mothers who die soon after, or during delivery. That is why the service that Open Arms provides is so vital.

Open Arms Infant Home in Blantyre, Malawi is an independent Christian Charity and accommodates 50 babies and toddlers from birth to 5 years. Most of the babies are orphans.

The home provides the babies with shelter, good nutritious food, medical care, security and most importantly an abundance of loving care.

Open Arms receives no regular funding and so is entirely dependent on the generosity of donors for its upkeep and development.

21 Ashville College students have recently returned from a 3 week expedition. During their stay they helped out in the Infant Home feeding the babies and teaching in the nursery school. They painted a school, helped build a feeding station and dug a latrine! We are very proud that our youngest daughter had the opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile cause.



Ashville College Students

Registered charity No. 1090655. It costs just £10.00 per month to feed and clothe a child, and £5.00 per month for medicine.

If you would like to make a donation please send it to: Heather Fisher at Papini Leisurewear, Steedcourt Business Park, Waggon Lane, Upton, Pontefract WF9 1JS.

Please make all cheques payable to Open Arms, Malawi.

All donations go directly to Open Arms.



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