

Chris Sutton

director James Latham

■ **Did you get into trouble at school?** Unfortunately yes, and more than once!

■ **What was your first part-time job?** Delivering bread to stores on a Saturday morning..

■ **What did you spend your first pay cheque on?** A chequered suite - garish!

■ **What was your first full-time job?** Trainee sales at Horsley Smith Timber Merchants.

■ **What was the best piece of advice you have been given?** Treat people with respect and you will earn respect.

■ **What was your worst business mistake?** I'm not saying, the chairman might read this article!

■ **What was your greatest business achievement?** Becoming Director of James Latham Plc.

■ **What car do you drive today and what does it say about you?** BMW 530D - old boy racer!

■ **If you could have invented any product what would it have been?** The mobile phone.

■ **What do you most like about the flooring industry?** The development of innovative new products and designs.



Chris Sutton hoping that his chair man won't see this page!

■ **What do you least like about the industry?** Poor quality products that are not fit for purpose and are sold purely by the price.

■ **Name one change you would make to the industry.** One body representing the whole industry.

■ **Which company in the flooring industry, other than your own, do you admire?** Havwoods.

■ **Where should we have a flooring show?** NEC - Almost the centre of England.

■ **Which single possession would you rescue if your house caught fire?** My mobile phone.

■ **Do you have any pets?** Two children! Both in need of house training!

■ **Do you have any hobbies?** Cricket, rugby and the gym.

■ **How do you relax?** I don't often have the time, but if I do, dinner with a friend or watching sport.

■ **What is your favourite tippie?** A nice glass of Rioja.

■ **How many times a year do you take a holiday?** Two or three short breaks of three or four days.

■ **What is your idea of heaven?** A secluded white sand beach, blue sea, blue sky, a glass of

dry white wine, Claudia Shiffer and watching Leicester Tigers beat Bath on Sky television!

■ **What is your idea of hell?** Getting up after celebrating my next birthday - it's my 50th.

■ **Which one record and book would you take to a desert island?** Rod Stewart *Greatest Hits* and *Botham The Autobiography*.

■ **Who would you like to be stuck in a lift with?** Leona Lewis or Kate Moss.

■ **If you could be anyone (living or dead, fictional or real) who would it be?** Ian Botham.

■ **Choose five words that describe yourself.** Slightly eccentric, loyal, assured, genuine.

■ **Do you have any regrets?** Not being able to get the balance right between family and work.

■ **Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions?** Until I retire I will remain ambitious. I want to see my company continue to develop and go from strength to strength.

■ **What was your most embarrassing moment?** People I know may read this - so I don't want to comment - plus far too many moments to choose from!

■ **If you had to choose another career what would it be?** Chief executive of a leading cricket or rugby club. **CFJ**

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