



## Autumn 2006

### WELCOME

Hello, and welcome to the second publication of the Gelder Newsletter.

Once again it has been a busy few months, including handovers for three of our major contracts; Surestart Centres at both Kettering and Mablethorpe and a new environmentally friendly school at Witham St Hughs. The benefits of our first regional office at Barlborough are also being realized with a massive 150% rise in monthly instructions from insurers to over 300, up from an average of 120 per month in 2005.

The feed back from our introductory newsletter was very positive. We hope you find this one just as enjoyable and informative.



Steve Gelder  
Managing Director

## Surestart Kettering

We recently handed over the our 9th Surestart Centre at Kettering to our client National Children's Homes (NCH). The £900k building (pictured) incorporated all of the normal Surestart facilities and was designed aesthetically to blend in with the surrounding architecture. Our clients were delighted with their new facility and thanked Site Manager Ian Elsey for his effort and assistance during the project.



## Gelder Oldies Star On National Television

Barbara Heaton, Brian Thorpe, Peter Hooker and John Winter all recently appeared on BBC 2's "Working Lunch". The midday programme presented by Adrian Chiles featured a piece on the new age discrimination laws. The Gelder Group were chosen as an excellent example of employees choosing to work past the retirement age, and how this can be mutually beneficial for both employers and employees. Pictured are Site Managers Pete and Brian during the documentary filming.



## The River Wild...

Fourteen members of Gelder Group's Business Development Team along with the Group's bank manager and accountant recently attended a two day outdoor management



training event on the river Ure near Ripon. Part of the training involved the team kayaking down a stretch of grade 3 white water rapids and completing a staged rescue exercise on the most dangerous stretch of the river.

## A star in the making..!



Congratulations to Contracts Manager Paul Staines' daughter Harriet, who recently came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the British National Irish Dancing Championships. Harriet, aged 10, competed against 70 other dancers of the same age in July at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. Harriet has been dancing for two and a half years for the Caroline Devaney School of Irish Dancing and is hoping to qualify for the World Championships at the end of this year.

# NEW ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Gelder Group's Major Contracts Division is proud to announce the completion of its first environmentally friendly school at Witham St Hughs, near Swinderby. The £1.9 million, 51 week contract was handed over to the Education Authority on time and ready for the start of the new school year. The school includes energy saving systems such as water harvesting to recycle water for flushing toilets, solar panels to the roof, blown waste paper insulation and natural ventilation along with a host of other energy saving features.



## *Gelder Group Passes Audit*

UK Assistance Area Manager Ken Turton recently carried out audits of several files and jobs completed by the company for UK Assistance, which manages the Contractor Network for brands including Prudential, Pearl Assurance, Churchill Insurance and Direct Line. Pictured with Gelder Group's North Midlands Manager Michael Millership (left) prior to visiting several jobs. Ken was pleased to report a high level of compliance with the contracts visited and gave the Group's Insurance, Repair & Renovation Division top marks for their audit.



## *Les Arcs wins Top Race*

Accounts Assistant Claire Charlton, pictured, treated no-hope race horse Les Arc who then went on to win a £197,000 purse at Royal Ascot.

Claire, a purchase invoice clerk in the Group's accounts department, and qualified Equine Spinal Therapist cried with joy when Les Arcs crossed the winning line.

When she is not working at the Gelder Group Claire runs her own business treating horses with back complaints.

During the past year she has been helping manipulate Les Arcs' spine to remove stiffness after training.

Claire comments "I don't think that staff realised what I did when I am not working for the Gelder Group. Now that they know everyone is pestering me for tips!"



## *Appointments*

The rapid expansion of our new Plumbing, Heating & Ventilation division has created a new post for Jim Doyle, who has joined us from British Gas in the position of Plumbing & Heating Supervisor. Jim's primary role will be to provide technical support to plumbers, liaise with the Group's Small Works Division and generally assist in the smooth running of that department.



## *Congratulations to...*



Architectural technologist Jon Cook recently married his long term partner Louise Johnson. Jon who works in the Group's Design Department is pictured with Louise shortly after the couples wedding service, which was held at Stow Minster.

Since the last newsletter there has been an addition to Senior Estimator Iain Cameron's family, Garvie Richard Cameron (pictured with his proud dad). Both Garvie and mum Lorna are fit and healthy and everyone at the company wishes them all the best.



## *Contact us*

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