



Autumn 2012

Hello and welcome,

Four days after writing the words “its been a wonderful few weeks” in our summer newsletter one of our largest customers, Merlin, went in to administration making for life not being so “wonderful” during the following few weeks or so!

The Merlin debacle, largely caused by rash lending by my own bank, did, I admit cause me to have a few sleepless nights but our team were absolutely brilliant. In the space of 8 weeks we contained the loss, re-structured, moved on and are now firmly back on the front foot. Weirdly we are in far better financial shape now and after Merlin’s collapse than we were before it. It is truly amazing how disasters can have such positive outcomes.

See opposite – This is a brilliant opportunity for all employers, believe me I have chaired meetings at this venue and the work Ian and his team are doing inside Lincoln prison is truly inspirational. You and your team will have a great event and you will be amazed at the work we are doing inside this prison, we are already well in to the New Year with bookings so don’t leave it too long before enquiring.



I hope your last few weeks have not been quite as stressful as mine and that you are, as I am, looking ahead positively to 2013.

Best Regards
Steve Gelder MBE
Managing Director



Gelder Offender Training offers conference facilities inside HMP Lincoln



Gelder Training’s award winning team are now providing inspirational conference facilities within its £5m purpose built HMP Lincoln Training Academy.

Designed around giving employers a greater insight in to the criminal justice system and the UK’s “locked up potential” we are now providing selected employers with free conference facilities, including a tour of a working prison, ICT equipment, meeting facilities (for up to 40 delegates), refreshments and opportunities to meet and hold discussions with the prison governors and serving prisoners.

Despite the high security setting our Gelder prison service team will adapt and design any visit to the requirement a corporations needs.

On this new initiative Gelder Group Criminal Psychologist and Manager of the Lincoln facility, Ian Smith, (pictured) comments “this is a unique opportunity for employers. Your delegates will certainly remember their event inside a live prison environment, but what you will not expect is that you and your colleagues perspective of what goes on inside a prison will not be the reality” adding “you will be absolutely amazed and your team will not stop talking about the event for weeks afterwards”.



For more information on the Gelder Groups HMP Lincoln Training Academy and conference facilities email Ian Smith on ian.smith7@hmpr.gsi.gov.uk or phone **01427 788837** and ask for Katie Watson.

Gelder Apprentice Paints for Prince Andrew

Jai Clifford-Anabal, an apprentice painter at our North Midlands office has been showcasing his decorating skills to Prince Andrew at an event organised to promote employer engagement and apprentices. The annual ‘Construction Week’ event was supported by the Gelder Group held at Lincolnshire Showground and attended by over 530 school pupils from all over Lincolnshire.

On the event Jai commented “I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of meeting Prince Andrew and feel very proud to have been nominated to showcase my work”.

PICTURED: Jai demonstrating his work to Prince Andrew and one of his advisors with Gelder Group Training Co-ordinator Hayley Moss looking on.



£1.56m project, a great way to start 2013



Gelder Group's Major Contracts Division have been awarded a £1.56m project that is set to commence in January 2013. The contract is for the construction of eight new classrooms and a new sports hall at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Gainsborough. The Gelder Group team will now work closely with Mouchel Property Services Consulting team to ensure that the design and specification meet the target cost and design criteria.

On the scheme Major Contracts Director Kevin Manterfield comments "I am delighted that my team have secured this project and I look forward to continuing the good relationships Gelder Group has built up over the years with both Lincolnshire County Council and Mouchel Property services".

Appointments



Richard Milburn joins Gelder Group as a Trainee Surveyor in the Lincoln Insurance Repair and Renovation Department. Richard graduated with a Degree in Property and Building Surveying from Nottingham Trent University. He has a background in the industry having supported his father with his local painting and decorating business. Prior to this appointment Richard moved to Lincoln from his home town of Louth.



Andrea Waldron joins Gelder Group as an Insurance Claims Manager at Head Office. She previously worked for Danwood after a spell living in Abu Dhabi. Andrea has also worked at Simons Construction and Kier.

Lucy Wells

Lisa Wells - Accounts Assistant at head office gave birth to 6lb 15oz Lucy Wells on 5th October 2012. Lisa and Lucy are enjoying some well-earned maternity leave.



Charity ball Raises £6,000...

Gelder Group's charity committee are now past the half way stage of their target of raising £25,000 for St Barnabas and Alzheimer's Society after their hugely successful ball raised over £6,000.

The event was held at Hemswell Court, the beautiful venue catered for the 160 attendees who all generously supported the evening raising £1,600 on raffle tickets, £2,000 on the auction and £2,500 on ticket sales.

Charity Chair, Wendy Gelder comments "Our aim was to raise £4,000 so to exceed this by over 50% is brilliant. Thanks must now go to our sponsors for donating such amazing prizes, also to the companies and individuals who bought tickets and sponsored tables and of course to Hemswell Court for looking after us so well and making it such a fantastic night out".



PICTURED: Some of the Group's North Midland Office Team arriving at the ball.

AXA CEO Amanda Blanc presents 'Team of Champions' Cup to Natalie Moxham



PICTURED: Natalie Moxham left, receives her award from AXA CEO, Amanda Blanc.

Signing herself off sick leave and returning to work a mere eight weeks after a very serious operation earns Insurance Coordinator Natalie Moxham the latest Gelder Group "Team of Champions" cup presented by AXA CEO Amanda Blanc.

Natalie had discovered that an old riding accident had damaged a vertebrae in her neck, it needed operating on or she might not live but the operation came with a 50:50 chance of paralysis.

The operation was a success although Natalie did need to learn to walk again but unbelievably was back at work in eight weeks. Praised by Steve Gelder as "An inspiration to her colleagues and to the Gelder Group customers who she works with" the company facilitated the presentation to be made by another inspirational insurance character, Amanda Blanc.

Natalie comments on the award "I am relieved to be back at work, I love my job and I was thrilled to receive the team of champions cup, the £250 that comes with it and to meet Amanda Blanc, she was brilliant and her shoes, just amazing".

Diary Dates

13th December 2012 - Charity Golf Day

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