



Winter 2006/07

WELCOME

Hi, Happy New Year to all our readers, employees, customers and suppliers.

2007 has got off to a flying start at the Gelder Group. We have welcomed eleven new employees to the company during the first week back after Christmas. New orders during the first couple of days increased our order book to over £16 million for the first time ever, and this all comes on the back of another year's record trading during 2006.

In addition to the new employees and orders, the start of the New Year came with news that I had received an MBE in the Queen's New Years Honours List. It is very humbling to receive such an award. I will be very proud to receive the Honour, but I will do so with the appreciation that this would not be possible without the hardworking Directors and employees who have helped make the Gelder Group such a success.

A big thank you to everyone.



*Steve Gelder MBE
Managing Director*



Bonfire & Fireworks Display

Over 300 employees, partners and children enjoyed the Gelder Group's 2006 Bonfire & Fireworks Display, which took place on land purchased by the Group for an environmental project due to commence later this year. Department heads pulled together and provided hot food including, burgers, hot dogs, soup and jacket potatoes. A marquee was also erected, which included a bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks. The evening



was a fantastic success and will no doubt be repeated this year. Thanks go to all employees and friends that took part in the organising and participation on the night.

Children in Need

We were very pleased to be able to take part in this year's fund raising in aid of Children In Need. With the help of Architectural Technologist Pete Benson (pictured), who bravely volunteered to shave his head, the group was able to raise £226.69. A local hair-dresser gladly attended the office to remove Pete's infamous barnet. Pete comments "I remember joking that if £200 was raised I would shave my head, little did I know just how much my colleagues were prepared to pay in order to see my hair gone, and within a matter of hours the money had been raised. It was a shock getting used to no hair, but it was certainly worth every penny."



New Major Contract Orders

New orders have been received for contracts at Grimsby & Scunthorpe Hospitals alongside Nuffield Hospital in Lincoln. Contracts have also been awarded for a new housing development in Scunthorpe, new housing for the Acis Group at various sites in Lincolnshire, commercial projects in Lincoln, a nursing home in Willingham and a secure unit in Glentworth. These orders have increased our major contracts order book to over £12 million for the first time. Major Contracts Director Kevin Manterfield (pictured) commented "It is a fantastic way to start the year."



Plumbing & Heating Division Heats up....

Our Plumbing Heating & Ventilation Division has made excellent progress over the last few months. The division has been appointed by North Kesteven District Council as the preferred contractor for rapid response modernisations. The division has also recently announced the introduction of Saniflo appointed engineers, with Craig Bridge (pictured) becoming the first trained engineer. The Group are now able to offer, new installations, service and repairs including warranty breakdowns.



For more information please contact Brian or Jim at our Head Office or email plumbing@gelder.co.uk.

Television donated to local school

The Gelder Group's North Midlands Regional Office, which opened in early 2006, is proud to be actively involved in the local community. Michael Millership, Manager for the North Midlands office was pleased to donate a 27 inch high definition flat screen television to The Heritage School, Clowne, near Barlborough. The television was used as the main prize for the school's Christmas prize draw and helped to raise funds for the school. Pictured is Michael Millership (right) presenting the television to Head Teacher Don Spencer.



Appointments



Our Major Contract Division welcomes Quantity Surveyor John Traves (left). John joins us from Stepnell Ltd where he worked for 6 ½ years as Chief Quantity Surveyor



We welcome two new employees to our Insurance, Repair & Renovation Division. Sharon Hudson (left) joins us as an Insurance Co-ordinator at our Head Office, where she will work as one of three Key Account Holders. Sharon joins us from HBS property department, where she supervised the Reactive Repair Maintenance Helpdesk.



Mark Nugent, 43, (left) joins our North Midlands Regional Office as a Contracts Manager. Mark joins us from Bowater Home Improvements where he worked for 6 years as a Regional Operations Manager.

Employee figures at the group have risen by 17 since our last newsletter bringing the total to 194.

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Lincoln City v Torquay - Sponsored by Gelder Group	10 February
Gelder Walking Weekend	19th-20th May
Gelder Camping Weekend	9th-10th June
Lincolnshire Show	21st-22nd June

Contact us...

If you would like to receive further information about the Gelder Group and the services we provide please email info@gelder.co.uk or telephone 01427 788837 to request an information pack.

New Premises Purchased

On 3rd January the Gelder Group completed the purchase of a former Air Force warehouse and office building at Dunholme, just five minutes up the road from the company's existing premises. The new accommodation, which will require some modernisation work, is situated on the former Dunholme air field and was constructed in 1957. It comprises of 17,500 square feet of office and warehouse facilities situated on a 2.2 acre site. Gelder Group Managing Director Steve Gelder commented that the site would help facilitate the Group's further expansion. In particular it would provide enough space to operate the Group's proposed re-cycling facility, details of which will be made public later in the year.

Pictured is an external shot of the new premises.



Congratulations to....

Many congratulations go to Trainee Site Manager Andrew Whitelaw, for whom it has been a very proud and successful end to the year. Andy celebrated the birth of his second daughter Chloe Louise Whitelaw on 31st August 2006 followed by his marriage to long term girlfriend Rachel Ware on 14th October



2006 at the All Saints Church Lincoln. The celebrations continued with Andy being awarded Outstanding Contribution to the Construction and Site Manager Course, sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Building. The award was presented by the Mayor of Lincoln on 2nd November 2006.



Congratulations go to Accounts Assistant Harriet Austen formerly Walker, who married her long term boyfriend Kris Austen on the 4th November 2006 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Lincoln. The marriage was celebrated with a reception at the Petwood Hotel at Woodhall Spa.

Everyone at the Gelder Group wishes both couples all the best for the future.



Previously...

Our Autumn edition featured Contracts Manager Paul Staines' daughter Harriet hoping to qualify for the Irish Dancing World Championships. Since that issue Harriet has indeed qualified and everyone wishes her the best of luck!

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