



Autumn 2007

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to our autumn newsletter.

2007 is rapidly turning into a year of unprecedented growth. By the end of the third quarter we have already passed our 2006 full year sales figure. Like for like sales are up by 43%. Employee figures now top 250 and are increasing by an average of 1.27 every week.

We have a great team at the Gelder Group. We also have some great customers and this is reflected in the above achievements. Thank you to everyone involved.

Thankyou also to all those people who have paid us compliments on our quarterly newsletter. Chrissy puts a lot of effort into producing it and it is great for her as well as myself to receive so many positive compliments.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter just as much as our previous ones.




Steve Gelder MBE
Managing Director



Heating & Ventilation Contractors Association

The Gelder Group's Plumbing, Heating & Ventilation Division are pleased to announce that they are now members of the Heating & Ventilating Contractors' Association (HVCA). The division was required to demonstrate the competence of their business through an independent inspection and assessment against clearly defined technical and non-technical standards.

This membership will allow the division an opening into commercial work and to be on more tender lists.



Brian Credland, Plumbing & Heating Manager commented "I am extremely pleased to be able to demonstrate that our division can adhere to the standards of such a nationally recognised professional body."

Pictured: Brian Credland, Plumbing & Heating Manager (Left) & Field Service Manager, Jim Doyle (Right) with their certificate of membership.

Major Contracts Division

Works Complete on £1.2 Million School

Works have recently been completed on a new single storey youth building at Caistor Yarborough School. The £1.2 million project was completed on schedule for our client Lincolnshire County Council. The new building will provide a dance studio, drama studio, music recital room, activity room, school kitchen & dining room.

Pictured is Gelder Site Manager Shaun Cass handing the keys over to the Head Teacher Martin Connor.



24 Dwellings Project Complete



On 30th August we handed over 24 houses and flats to Acis Housing at Finningley near Doncaster. The £1.6 million design & build project involved the demolition of an existing RAF residential block including an underground air raid shelter. The contract was completed over a 50 week period

on time and within budget. Acis housing were delighted with the quality of the build and thanked site manager Neil Holt for all his efforts and hard work during the build.



Going Green

Works have now commenced on a £250,000, 8 acre environmental project to the rear of our head office. Local company Fox Group are currently constructing a 1 acre lake (pictured) following which a 50,000 litre grey water system will be installed before 1,000 trees, shrubs and about half an acre of reed beds will be planted. Weather permitting the project will be completed by Christmas and will then extract from the atmosphere 960 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, completely offsetting the Group's carbon footprint. This will make the Group one of the first carbon neutral companies in the United Kingdom.



Employees with Charity Appeal



Karen Eves, Insurance Co-ordinator at the Group's North Midlands office recently took part in the Great Yorkshire Run. The 10K run was covered by Channel 5 and Hallam FM. Karen raised approximately £200 towards the Marie Curie Cancer Care. Karen commented 'It felt exhilarating to run my first marathon, not only a great personal achievement and the start of my training for a full marathon next year, but I also managed to raise £200 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. I would like to thank my family friends and colleagues for their support - a special thanks to Sophie (a 5 year old West Highland Terrier with whom I trained).

Left: Karen after the race.

Claire Law, Office Assistant raised over £500 towards the Christian Lewis Trust, which supports children with cancer. With support from the British Parachute School Claire dropped 13.5 thousand feet out of a plane *pictured right* Claire commented "You don't realise how high you are going to be until you're actually looking out of the plane. It was pretty frightening, but mostly exhilarating and I am pleased to have raised so much money"



Football Sponsorship

The Gelder Group is now the official sponsor of the Plough Inn (Sturton) Football Club. Pictured are the team in their new strip along with Manager Graham Chantry (*Right hand side*). The team are part of the Lincoln Sunday League and you can watch their home games at Sturton by Stow Recreational Field.



Walking Weekend

This year's Gelder Group walking weekend was held in the Peak District and was completed by eighteen employees and partners.

The Team (pictured) led by Helifix Installer Andy Doran, completed a 12 mile walk, which started (and finished) at the Nags Head Pub in Edale, the official start of the Pennine Way. The walk took the group up 'Grinds Brook' a tricky scramble, part of which was a climb up a waterfall before crossing 'Kinder Scout', a vast area of peat bogs. Lunch was taken in a dry river bed before the group rejoined the Pennine Way and made their way back to the Nags Head pub via 'Jacob's Ladder' at about 4.30pm.

Although some difficult terrain was encountered the scenery was fantastic and the entire group thanked Andy Doran for his hard work in organising the event and planning the walk. He has already been asked to organize another walk next year.



Appointments



John Rowley, 42, joins the Gelder Group's Insurance Repair & Renovation Division as Contracts Manager. John previously worked for 20 years as a Surveyor / Installation Manager at Bowater Home Improvements.

Arran Fullwood, 25 joins our Head Office as a Graduate Accountant. Arran recently graduated from Sheffield Hallam University with a degree in Accounting & Information Systems. He joins us after previously working in sales and accounts.



Group celebrates 250th Employee



Managing Director Steve Gelder welcomes Robert Proud as the 250th employee to the Group. Robert joins our North Midlands office as a painter & decorator and will work as part of our Insurance, Repair & Renovation Division. To mark the occasion Robert was presented with a bottle of champagne.

Congratulations to...



Congratulations to Architectural Technologist Jon Cook and wife Louise who celebrated the birth of their daughter Evie Cook, who was born at home on Saturday 11th August 2007 weighing 7lbs 10oz. Everyone at the Group wishes them all the best!



Diary Dates
Gelder Group Bonfire
Including fireworks display
Friday 2nd November 2007 @ 6pm



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