



Blackburns In-Site

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Latest News ...



*Tim Leggett
Director &
General Manager*

- Welcome to the third edition of Blackburns In-Site, since our last newsletter in April 2007 our workload has increased quite considerably. Work finally got underway early June at the St Johns House Hospital site at Palgrave following delays of approximately six months due to one or two planning conditions.

We also commenced works on site in June for Norfolk Police Authority, via Chaplin Farrant Architects, to construct an Operational Deployment Base at Aylsham. It is significant repeat business following the successful completion of the Harleston and Long Stratton Beat Bases during 2006. Well done to Kelvin Adcock and his team !

- We have recently been awarded the contract to construct a New Admissions Building at Framlingham Castle on behalf of English Heritage. Works will also include improvements to their shop within the Poor House Building inside the castle walls, landscaping works and toilet improvements. We are very pleased and proud to be associated with such a prestigious and historic project. Works commenced 22nd October 2007.
- Some of you may have noticed that we have recently invested heavily in driver assessment training. This is an ongoing programme of assessment of all employees who may need to/regularly drive company vehicles. It has recently become legislation that any road traffic accidents for company drivers at work have to be reported as if they were an accident on site.

“2007 has to date been reasonably busy, especially since June with the commencement of the Palgrave, Aylsham and Botesdale projects”

- And more breaking news ... we have been awarded the £1.2M project to construct the new Adnams Wine Cellar and Kitchen Shop at their former distribution centre premises in Southwold. Works to commence very early in the New Year. The new building is a very unusual and quite complex design and incorporates several environmentally friendly elements. We are extremely pleased to be involved with Adnams and look forward to commencing works on site and a successful on target completion.



Recently completed projects include :

Two New Custody Suites

Works to provide new custody suites at Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds Police Stations were run simultaneously. Construction included building shells around prefabricated cell pods, plus link corridors, flooring and associated mechanical, electrical and security installations.

Contract Value: £401,000

Site Manager: Kelvyn Adcock, assisted by Gary Bailey and David Andrew QS: Daniel Remblance
Contract Manager: Paul Feavearyear
Architect & PQS: Dearle & Henderson
Structural & Services Engineers: Crofton Design



The Team at the official opening of the Ipswich Suite

Outreach Centre, Halesworth Middle School



Paul Booker managed to get himself in the local press again, attending the opening the new Outreach Centre at Halesworth Middle School. He is pictured handing over the new extension to headteacher Richard Nicolls and Patricia O'Brien, SCC portfolio holder for children, schools and young people's services.

Contract Value: £150,000

Site Manager: Nigel Woodgate
Contract Manager: Paul Booker
Quantity Surveyor: Adrian Warne
Architect: Suffolk County Council

Replacement Sun Room, Abbey Farm Rumburgh

Works included removal of an existing pvc-u conservatory and construction of a traditional oak framed sunroom and adjacent garage. The building was constructed on a raft foundation over remains of ruins believed to relate to an adjacent Abbey. All joinery was purpose made by Blackburns in-house joinery shop.

Contract Value: £75,000



Site Manager: Joe Tavares Contracts Manager: Paul Feavearyear
Quantity Surveyor: Daniel Remblance Architect: Hollins Structural Engineer: Fordham Johns

Walk Farm Barn, Tunstall

Work is finally complete at Tunstall, with the Barn adjacent having the cladding replaced to accord with the quality of the new refurbished barn. The courtyard areas have also been upgraded to allow the tenants to move in. A topping-out ceremony was enjoyed by all on 12th September. This is the second successful project for this Client, and once again he is very happy with the finished product.

You can read about it online at www.gedgrave.co.uk/page/geaters-barn-459

Contract Value: £415,000

Contracts Manager: Paul Booker

Architect: Nicholas Jacob Architects

Site Manager: Paul Warman

Quantity Surveyor: Daniel Remblance

PQS: Hyams



The Barn just before completion and handover

Current Contracts include :



Taking shape ~ 13th September 2007

St. Johns House, Palgrave

Work is well underway at the above contract; the three buildings are really taking shape with the roof trusses being installed on the administration building and electrical and mechanical works starting imminently.

Contract Value: £4.3M

Contracts Manager: Paul Booker

Site Managers: Steve Baker, Clive Thacker and Simon Stock

Quantity Surveyor: Adrian Warne Architect: Gilling Dodd

Project Managers: Holden & Lee, Blackpool

Rosedene Cottages, Botesdale

Works commenced on site in July to refurbish four Grade II Listed Cottages at the former Simonds of Botesdale site. The works involve a large volume of carpentry repairs and lime render works. Once again repeat business with our friends at both Anglia Secure Homes (South East) Limited and Chaplin Farrant Architects.

Contract Value: £320,000

Site Manager: Rod Riches

Contracts Manager: Kevin Church

Quantity Surveyor: Daniel Remblance

Architect: Chaplin Farrant



Oak lathes in place prior to replacement render

Our annual Christmas Party is being held at The Apollo Club, Harleston, on Friday 7th December 2007. We hope as many site staff, office staff and all their partners are able to join us on the evening for what promises to be an exciting night! Please make sure you return your booking form to Carol Villa by the 23rd November 2007 - there will be no late bookings accepted this year as the deadline is so close to the event!

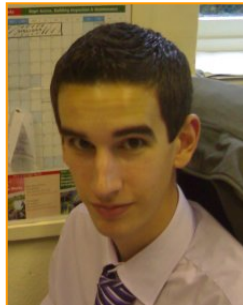
Personnel News:

We welcome the following new arrivals to our Site and Office staff, we are sure that they will become valuable members of our team.

Kirsty Swanston
General Works
Co-ordinator



Jamie Howard
Estimating
Assistant



Rodney Riches & Richard Gudgeon
Site Managers



Our new intake of apprentices on 3rd September includes Kyle Bedwell (son of Graham), Daniel Elliott (son of Simon), Tony Knightley and Robert Nobbs

Good Luck to you all !



*Blackburns Baby Factory is still
in full flow ! ...*

Marc Cripps-Wells & Kelly welcomed their son, Marley, on 30th June 2007

Steve Baker & Helen welcomed their son, Joshua John, on 1st October 2007

Lee & Donna McInnes welcomed their daughter, Ella, on 10th October 2007

and more are apparently on the way throughout the workforce !

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