

FOREWORD

I'm very pleased to announce that we've picked up approximately £17 millions worth of new contracts over the last two months with both new and existing clients. It is important now, that we carry out these contracts efficiently and professionally, providing a high quality service to our clients so they come back to us for future contracts.



We are working hard to provide our site teams with increased support to enable them to do their jobs better, by providing fully fitted-out site offices, modernised plant, additional trainees, better I.T. and improved training. We're already seeing improved customer survey results from our improvement drive and hopefully these will continue as the changes take effect.

I'd like to thank you all for your increased efforts and hope you'll continue to be focused on improving our professional image, cutting out defects and providing a top quality service to our clients as it protects the long-term future for everyone.

Bill Mansfield

NEW CONTRACTS

We've made an exciting start to the new financial year with a significant increase in new contracts awarded. These include:

Stanhope Regeneration in Ashford (Client: Denne Construction)	£6.5 million
Stotfold (Consortium of Wimpey & Persimmon Homes)	£2.8 million
East/West Route at Cuckoo Farm, Colchester (Client: The Easter Group)	£2.45 million
Cambourne Development, Contract 13 (Client: Cambourne Consortium)	£2 million
Leach Homes, Broxbourne	£1.2 million
Enabling Works & Section 278 Works Shroggs Lane, Halifax (Client: Simons Construction)	£1.02 million

Site Cabins

Tony James and his team have been busy respraying all our site cabins in the Breheny livery, so our site compounds should look much better in the future.

They will also be making sure all offices are fully fitted out before being delivered to site so that our site managers do not have to spend time chasing around for equipment at the start of a contract.

We hope that everyone will take better care of the offices on site so they remain in that condition.

S N I P P E T S

Our work on the South Lowestoft Relief Road has been recognised by the Considerate Constructors Scheme. Shaun Peachment was presented with a Silver Award by Archie Robertson,



Chief Executive of the Highways Agency at a ceremony in London

We recently took delivery of four new JCB 3CX Turbo machines. Two of the old excavators have been sold and two will be kept as self-drive.

The 2006 Environmental

Report has now been published. If you haven't received your copy, please contact Claire Stiff.

We are about to launch a new centralised system of Drawing Management. This will result in all drawings passing through a centralised point. The

drawings will then be stored electronically and issued as required. The aim is to improve drawing document management, make drawings more accessible and speed up the issue process. It is hoped that training of the operators of the system will take place w/c 28th May.

SAFETY

The site teams have surpassed expectations by achieving the company target for safety audits, scoring within the first two months of starting the scheme.

We are now seeing a gradual increase in the average score as more and more site managers are scoring 3's or more on the audit checkpoints. This is a really good start to the year and it has contributed to our better image on site.

IOSH

Brian Lee and Ian Cullingford have recently qualified as Chartered Safety Practitioners through the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health.

Ian is one of the youngest in the country to qualify.

Site Safety



Huntingdon Office

The office extension at Huntingdon has now been completed.

With 50% more office space, upgraded air-conditioning and a new telephone system, staff are already reaping the benefits and have given positive feedback on the changes.

To help minimise environmental impact, eco-friendly lighting has been installed, and the toilets flush with recycled rain water which has been collected and harvested from the roof.

A library of Routine Method Statements is being prepared to assist Contracts Managers, Site Agents and Supervisors on site. All method statements that have been prepared on recent contracts should be emailed or copied to Duncan Kirk by Friday 8 June, so that he can review and amend the best practices of all of the current methods and provide a library for all to share.

MARKETING

In the past, our proactive marketing and PR has been fairly low-key but we want to make more of the opportunities on offer and could really do with your help. Please let us know:

- of any key milestones so that we can be there on site to cover the story and take photos.
- if you're using new or innovative techniques, or new kit (please provide as much technical detail as possible)
- if you're helping the community during the project (eg working with the local school)
- of anything you're doing or planning to do to help the local environment, such as relocating wildlife or creating habitats
- if you've a personal story relevant to your job. We might be able to include it in The Works or, with your agreement, we could get a press release out to local media.

GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT AND WIN AT LEAST £100

This is an ideal time to dust down your camera and send in your entries for the 2008 Breheny calendar. Each photo selected will win £100.

Send your photo/s to Claire Stiff, either printed on A4 (with your name on the back) or by email. Your photos should reflect our work and appeal to a wide audience.

Closing date: Friday 14 September

These are the leading entries so far. Can you do any better?



Who's Who - Promotions/Job Changes/New Staff

Congratulations to the following on their recent promotion:

Duncan Kirk	Temporary Works/Planning Manager
Shaun Peachment	Assistant Contracts Manager
Richard Pelling	Project Manager
Dave Pettitt	Contracts Manager
Alastair Pike	Assistant Contracts Manager
Mark Rolph	Project Manager
Mark Skull	Workshop Foreman

New members of staff

Angela Lilley has joined Business Development as PR Co-ordinator. Her role includes managing a new Breheny website, media relations, editing The Works, staff bulletins and marketing materials and assisting with PQQs



TRAINING NEWS

The following members of staff have recently achieved NVQ Level 2 in Construction Operations:

- Derrick Garbutt
- Simon Hutchings
- Gary Jeffs
- Shaun Jeffs
- Dean Peacock
- Bob Royal
- Ashley Scarfe
- Sean Tynan
- Robert Winkworth
- Peter Woolner



John Breheny congratulates candidates on their NVQ success, accompanied by NVQ Assessor Ian Lawes and Training Officer Derek Felgate

Training for Engineers

Kumar Patel and Gordon Edgar will be producing a site document detailing the collation of 'as-built' information, and hope to instruct and advise engineers in the requirements of the document. In addition, they propose to run an AutoCAD course specific to the needs of a site engineer and will be requesting what other specific training requirements they feel they need so that they can tailor further training to suit.

New Yard Layout

Work on the yard at Needham Market has now been completed, and the following improvements made:

- New signage on the approach and around the yard
- Tarmac roads, making a cleaner working environment
- Hard-standing between roads for fork lifts and storage
- One-way system to ease access and improve safety

The yard now looks a lot cleaner and more professional looking, and feedback from staff and other users has been very positive.



NOTICE BOARD

BOB WRIGHT'S RETIREMENT

On 30 March, we bid a fond farewell as Breheny's longest-serving member of staff retired after 34 years.

Bob Wright joined Breheny in November 1972 as a mobile fitter. He originally worked from a van and moved to the new workshop at Lion Barn.

On his retirement, Bob was presented with a reclining chair, though he admits he's not sure how much use it will get: "I'll have all those extra hours at home now and I know my wife is looking forward to helping me use them" he said. "She's already working on a long list of DIY projects for me!"



Local Hero: Bob helped rescue some people whose speedboat had broken down.

Did you know?

- Bob is King of the Karaoke and has been known to belt out a few numbers - in tune!
- He also writes poetry and won a fishing rod in a radio poetry competition



Derek Felgate has known Bob for 40 years. He recalls "He used to find the fiddly jobs impossible because of his big hands. We used to use Stihl slab cutters and he'd bring them over to me as he couldn't fit the tiny springs and clutches. By the time he'd put the kettle on and made tea, I'd have already finished the starters".

C e l e b r a t i o n s

Congratulations on the birth of your baby

Melanie Jones and daughter Amelie
Duncan Kirk and son Adam
Peter Slaughter and son Milo
Tim Canham and son Samuel
Mark Riley and son Jack



20 years at Breheny

Well Done to Alistair Patterson, who has been awarded his 20 year Service Award.

Happy Birthday

to Simon Beaumont, who celebrated his 60th on 24 April.



Congratulations

to Dean Frost on his wedding to Zoë. Dean was presented with John Lewis vouchers from his friends and colleagues

The staff bulletin will be published every 4 - 8 weeks. If you have any news or photos, please send or email to Angela Lilley