

New Premises for Kent Office

After months of searching, premises have now been found for the new Kent office.

The office complex is located just outside Maidstone, near to the M20 and northwest of Ashford which makes it more central to the region and convenient for London and South Essex.

Everything is on track to complete around the end of October and, once contracts have been signed, a schedule for the move will be drawn up by Mark Tooley and Richard Cottee.

Work in Kent has increased rapidly over the past year and continues to expand across the region, primarily in residential infrastructure, regeneration and coastal defence projects. Jobs have already been secured into 2010 and recruitment for more site staff is ongoing to help with the burgeoning workload.



New Contracts

	<u>Approx value</u>
North East Horley Infrastructure <i>Barratt Wates (Horley) Ltd & Martin Grant Homes</i>	£3.2m
Leisure Complex, Haverhill, Suffolk <i>BCB Design Build Ltd</i>	£1.1m
Groundworks, PSV, Bury St Edmunds <i>Wates Construction</i>	£550,000
Rad Waste Building, Sizewell B <i>British Energy</i>	£463,000
Car Park, East of England Showground <i>East of England Agricultural Society</i>	£438,000
Capping Works, Offham Landfill Site <i>Waste Recycling Group</i>	£410,000
Roads, Sewers & Groundworks, Barrowby <i>F E Peacock Construction Ltd</i>	£400,000
Service Facilitation Works <i>John Dickinson Stationery Ltd</i>	£365,000
Roads & Sewers, Cambourne <i>Taylor Wimpey</i>	£305,000

We are pleased to announce that, following this year's staff appraisals and job chats, we have selected a group of seven operatives who will be given targeted training to accelerate their career progression into site supervision.

Glyn Whitcomb, Sean Crane, Dean Peacock, George Barnes, Darren Harris, Mark Jarman and Simon Price will be given fast track training through SMSTS and NVQ level 3 coupled with mentored onsite training to provide us with in-house trained site managers for the future.

We firmly believe in promotion from within, where ever possible, so there will be further opportunities for other progressive site operatives in the future.

Breheny has been named as preferred contractor for the £3.91 million Witney Development in Oxford, and discussions are currently taking place with The Simons Group about contracts which will take us into 2010.

Safety & Training



Site operatives uniforms

The new staff uniforms have now been selected and order forms have gone out to all site operatives to confirm the quantities and sizes required.

The uniforms, which will be available in summer and winter versions as demonstrated by our house model, Ian Lawes, will be available towards the end of the year.

All jackets and vests which are currently on issue will be gradually phased out.



Pertmaster Training

The planning department is running a basic, intermediate and advanced programme course held at the Needham Market training facility. Initially all Engineers, Site Supervisors, Foremen, Agents, Project Managers & Contracts Managers will be given basic training and will work through to advanced levels as their training needs require.

The site programme is an essential tool to the successful management of a project and the training given to date has already shown benefits to clients, staff and the company.

The training sessions are approximately 4 hours long and are designed to introduce basic terminology and principles of site planning techniques. Any person wishing to have Pertmaster training should contact Duncan Kirk at Needham Market

Basic Training for New Site Staff

A new training system is being planned to start in the New Year for all staff new to site and site procedures. The training will take place at Needham Market over one week and be linked to NVQs and CPCs.

Areas covered will include

- Confined Spaces
- Abrasive Wheels
- Safety Awareness
- Dumper and Roller Operations

Asbestos Training

A series of courses is now in place to make employees more aware of the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2006.

Any staff working on sites containing asbestos **must** be trained. Please contact Gemma Lawrence to arrange a training session for your site team.

Toolbox Talks

Issue No 2 of Toolbox Tools has now been released and distributed to site supervisors. Titles are:

- Welfare & Site Facilities
- Fire Precautions
- Manual Handling
- Utilities
- PPE
- Environment, No 1

REMINDER

The August 2007 Edition of the company Health & Safety procedures has now been distributed.

Would members of staff please read and digest, and return acknowledgement to the Safety Office at Needham Market, or to Jude at Huntingdon, as appropriate.

"I have visited site this morning and would like to thank you for the professional manner in which the works are being carried out. All men had full PPE on, a banks man was seeing the vehicles on and off of site and your re-fuelling area was signed and had a double bunded tank with a large drip tray. The area was also locked up.

I look forward to working with you and your men on the project and would ask for you to pass my thanks on to your men.

*Best wishes
Larry"*

Laurence G Dobkin, Project Manager, Wates Group Ltd

Congratulations to Trevor Stiff and Duncan Kirk, who recently passed the ICE Chartered Professional Review Progressive and achieved Chartered status.

The calendar competition has now closed and winners' names will be published in the next bulletin. However, please continue to send your photos in to the Marketing Department who always need up-to-date images for the website, marketing literature and submissions.

Have you visited the new website yet?
www.breheny.co.uk



Well Done to Ray Knight who completed the London to Cambridge Cycle Ride, raising £200 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.



The new stores has now opened for business at Needham Market. Brian Bond will control all Company Stores (including workshop stores and uniforms). Orders will be accepted over the phone.

WHO'S WHO? NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

Since the beginning of August, we have welcomed the following new members of staff:

Neil Garnham	Site Engineer
Chloe Kemp	Trainee Accounts Clerk
Daniel Smith (returner)	Engineer
Christopher Andrews	Trainee Technician
David Beer	Lorry Driver
Stuart Macnamara	Trainee Technician
Martin Curtis	Trainee Technician
Samuel Gordon	Trainee Engineer
Daniel Bycraft	Apprentice at CITB
Frances Bowler	Graduate Engineer
Michael Clarke	Apprentice at CITB

Celebrations

Weddings



Congratulations to Richard Dixon who recently received his 20 year service award



Russell Lomax married Lorraine Evans at Ravenwood Hall on 13 July



Kelly Ling married Ricky Brownlee at Haughley Park Barn on 14 July



Mark Ericsson married Sharon Pickard at Shire Hall, Cambridge, on 3rd August

Congratulations on the birth of your baby:

Richard Pelling and son, Jude Harvey
Simon Fairchild and daughter, Georgia Scarlett

SPORTS REPORT

Breheny v Jacksons Cricket Match, 28 June 2007

by our Sports Reporter: Neil Smith

Responding to the annual challenge from our local civil engineering adversaries, Jackson Civil Engineering, Breheny sent its eleven strong team of finely toned athletes to Ransomes Sports Ground, Ipswich on a fine summers evening in June.

After losing the toss, Breheny were unexpectedly put into bat by the opposition. Batting first Breheny set Jackson's a challenging target of 116 in their allotted 20 overs on a fine wicket surface but very slow outfield. There were excellent displays and support throughout the batting order, with both Steve Lambert and Neil Smith retiring unbeaten having passed 25 runs. They were closely followed by John Breheny who was given out on 24 runs following a very dubious umpiring decision!

Watched by the England selectors and small dedicated band of the office staff, friends and family, the team did not disappoint. Notable performances were from Arran Lyne who despite his unorthodox bowling action totally confused the opposition and was credited with three wickets, Andy Dobruki put in a fine bowling display also and capped this with two superbly taken catches. Jackson's unfortunately failed to meet the stern test and faltered well short of the Breheny's total with the last batsman being dismissed in only the 18th over of the innings. Overall, it was an excellent team effort and performance, played in a good spirit with the evening made all the sweeter by the right result. Our third win in successive years, according to the Chairman.

Thank you to all the players who made themselves available to represent the company, particularly those who filled in at very short notice. Our thanks also go to our hosts Jackson Civil Engineering for a very enjoyable evening.

SINGING STARS

Admin Clerk **Jess Doherty** is lead singer for Under The Street Lamp, a 4-member band which is getting an increasing number of bookings for mini festivals, jazz clubs, pubs and private events.

Jess starred in many musicals as a child, and went on to attend workshops and weekend classes at the Sylvia Young Theatre School where she won Vocalist of the Year.



After a successful run as a main cast member and soloist in Tutankhamun at Her Majesty's Theatre, London, Jess got involved with the band and moved back to Huntingdon to be nearer to them.

Jess describes their music as 'powerpopjazzrock'; a mix of soul, pop and jazz.

As well as singing, Jess writes all original material and arranges cover versions for the band. Any spare time that she has is spent giving singing lessons.

For more information about Under The Street Lamp, visit www.myspace.com/underthestreetlamp

Nearly 30 years ago, Engineering Manager **Ray Duffy** and his brother Leo took to the road as musicians, playing Bluegrass to audiences in UK and the USA.

In many circles, The Duffy Brothers were deemed to be the most successful British country act to be exported to the USA having played, amongst others, the Grand Ole Opry no less than 3 times (including the 60th anniversary show), and at Ronald Reagan's Inaugural Ball.

Accolades included 'Best Act of the Festival' at Nazareth, Pennsylvania; a record six wins for the Duo Award at the British Country Music Awards and a national TV special on TNN. Touring for four years with Charley Pride and staying regularly at Tammy Wynette's house in Nashville were all par for the course.



Although they have hung up their professional shoes, the Duffy Brothers still commit to around 6 shows a year. Ray's time in music is now taken up with song writing. His nephew carries on the music tradition having been in Robbie Williams' band for some years.

To hear some of Ray's music, visit www.myspace.com/rayduffymusic