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Newsletter

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The Boss's thoughts.....

August has arrived and with it the holiday season. I hope everyone will get away at sometime during the summer for a well deserved break and rest. I think a holiday will be essential before the start of the autumn as it is looking as though we will be busy, judging by Nigel and his estimating team's current workload.

I am currently preparing for the strategic changes that will be taking place within Building and Specialist Projects and 1st Call, once Will Shields has joined in September. Will is taking overall responsibility of the operational side of the business to give me more time to concentrate on marketing and sales. The initial changes will be only effect the office management and administration teams and will help to improve operations day to day effectiveness. I will keep you updated; in the meantime enjoy the summer.

Andy

New Faces

Will Shields joins in early September as Operations Director Designate. He has been with Dean & Dyball for the last 10 years working in operational and strategic roles. Will lives locally at Huntingford and is looking forward to the short commute as one of his previous projects was based in Kent.

Malcolm Woodhouse joins as a Quantity Surveyor and will be working alongside Aubrey. Malcolm joins with vast experience and has spent the last 24 years of his career working for Morrish Builders, mainly at Poundbury, Dorchester. His quantity surveying talents also include estimating, although his main love is subcontract negotiation.

Cathy Appleton our long awaited Best Practise Manager joins on 18 August. Cathy has previously been carrying out the human resource role at the Red Lion Hotel, Salisbury. Cathy will be taking over the responsibility of personnel development and training along with many other duties that will involve her in helping everyone to achieve their full potential.

Old Faces - Jason Waters left the 1st Call team during July

Apprentice News

One of Cathy Appleton's first jobs will be to organise an apprentice lunch in September. This will be an opportunity to welcome the new apprentices and congratulate those old apprentices who have completed their papers and will be moving up the ladder.

Show News

If you are going to the Gillingham and Shaftesbury show on Wednesday 20th August, we are sponsoring several events and therefore receive free tickets, please contact Jules if you would like free entry for you and your family.

Techie Corner:

KNOW YOUR CONCRETE – a composite with many variables, represented by numerous gradings which indicate components, quality and manufacturing control.

Grade mixes: C7.5, C10, C15, C20, C25, C30, C35, C40, C45, C50, C55, C60; F3, F4, F5; IT2, IT2.5, IT3

C = Compressive Characteristic

F= Flexural

IT = Indirect Tensile

If the grade is followed by a P this indicates a prescribed mix.

C7.5 and C10 – Unreinforced plain concrete

C15 and C20 – Plain concrete or if reinforced containing lightweight aggregate

C25 - Reinforced concrete containing dense aggregate

C30 – C35 - Post-tensioned reinforced concrete

C40 – C60 - Pre-tensioned reinforced concrete

Sustainable Timber

Contributing to environmental destruction can be avoided by insisting upon timber which is certified as having been produced from a sustainable source. This means the impact of logging has been minimised and replanting is replacing the harvested timber. The following certification schemes are currently recognised as acceptable proof of sustainability:

FSC	Forestry Stewardship Council
PEFC	Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
MTCC	Malaysian Timber Certification Council
CSA	Canadian Standards Association
SFI	Sustainable Forestry Initiative



If you are travelling abroad this summer we would love to see any pictures you capture of those health & safety moments. Hard hats are difficult to wear when carrying bricks on your head and safety boots don't match the comfort of flip flops.

In recent weeks we have received two complaints from other road users regarding the speed of our vehicles. Please drive safely at all times and keep your speed down!

Project Latest:

Port Regis: The year long project finishes next week in good time for the school to return in September. Andy Nunn and Jim Savill between them have completed a quality building with the latest eco technology.

Southwood Farm, Cotleigh: Craig Johnson & Steve Ashfield have been working hard to move this conservation project forward. Although it still has several months to run it is starting to look something rather special and well worth a visit.

34 High Street, Andover: Although the original demolition works are complete the client has asked us to return and carry out further works that include a new ground floor slab. Mark Pratt is currently supervising the works.

Leonard Cheshire Care Homes, Dorchester: Nick Cox is leading the team to build three new extensions on three separate care homes within close vicinity in Dorchester. This is a challenging role with difficult logistics, site locations and residents who require additional care.

St Nicholas Close, Stour Row: In between fishing in the pond Mike Rose is managing to oversee the construction of an extension to a traditional thatched cottage. Luckily for Mike his team consist of Martin and new boy Jonathon who both seem to be carrying out the majority of the roof works. Mike was heard to say whilst at the Sydenhams coffee machine "it's not what they do when you're there, it's what they do when you're not there, that's important."

Back Street, Portesham: Nigel Peacock has started work on a listed thatched cottage in Portesham a village to the south west of Dorchester. The project presents its own set of challenges, one being the removal of an original roman mosaic bath. It is believed that Oliver in estimating was hoping that this could be refitted within his new flat.

Staff Suggestion Slip

Please add your name and suggestion, detach the slip and either post it in or drop it in the suggestion box on your next visit. Remember, each suggestion used earns you £25! (See Staff Handbook)

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Name:

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My suggestion is:

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