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CMPB and the Sport of Kings *trust us to be different.*

Polo is a game of skill and superb athleticism. Then we turned up!

On 5th May 2007 CMPB invited our Tesco clients along to a Discover Polo Day and Chukka Challenge at Ascot Park Polo Club, the world's largest polo training centre.

The sun shone (for a while) and the stage was set. The vast majority of people starting polo have never or seldom been on a horse, luckily we were being taught by some of the best instructors in the UK. The Discover Day consisted of a two hour lesson, taking everyone through the basic components and aspects of the game. The polo rules and theory were certainly an eye opener. It was then time to pick up a mallet and try to hit some balls using different polo swings from the safety of a crate - much safer than a horse!

After a very short break we were told to saddle up, it was then that the nerves started to come into play. A forty minute instruction on polo pony control was embarked upon. It was lucky that the beasts appear to know more about the game than we did. It all sounded so much easier earlier on in the day... the idea is to hit a ball whilst moving which proved not so easy!



Heading for the Himalayas

As mentioned back in our Spring newsletter, Declan Gleeson, a building surveyor in our Guildford office is partaking in the 100 mile Himalayan stage race in November.

The race involves running for 5 consecutive days at altitudes of between 11800ft and 5500ft. The middle day is a full marathon and will be Declan's 13th marathon to date. In preparation Declan is in gruelling training; please sponsor him in this massive challenge at the website below. All sponsorship will go to Cancer Research. www.justgiving.com/declangleeson



Team Synergy Rise to the Challenge

On the 17th June 2007, 'Team Synergy' met at Clapham Common at 6am. Some more nervous than others... we all donned our Synergy t-shirts and set off on the 54 mile bike ride from London to Brighton.

A few punctures later and times ranging from an amazing 4 hours through to a more leisurely 9 hours (!) the whole team crossed the line and a well deserved drink was enjoyed!

We would like to thank everybody who sponsored us and had faith that we would all make it. Your donations were greatly appreciated and have gone to help a very worthwhile cause. In total we managed to raise over £500 for the British Heart Foundation.



Team Synergy



The CMPB and Tesco Teams

With all this fine instruction one may have thought that the chukka's that were due to be played would have been of the highest calibre... though extremely competitive this unfortunately this was not the case! The first set of Chukka's were Tesco versus a CMPB select team; we played 3 Chukka's of 7 minutes each - Tesco won the encounter but not without the help of CMPB who scored an own goal or two!

Having worked up an appropriate appetite we made our way to the marquee for a traditional Argentine Asado barbeque before settling down to watch the professionals show us all how to really play.

The day was enjoyed by all and the return match is awaited!



Congratulations

Warm congratulations to Michelle Burt & Sheldon Morris, who tied the knot on Thursday 2nd August 2007.

Their ceremony took place in 'The Orangery' at Great Fosters Hotel in Egham, Surrey, a former Client in the days of Parker & Browne. The day began with a civil ceremony and was followed by a blessing. The grounds of Great Fosters are in a beautiful setting, the weather, which had been wet for the first time that week, gave way to sunshine and a very energetic photographer was in his element, capturing Michelle & Sheldon's happiness together with all those who shared their day with them. A hearty wedding breakfast followed by evening entertainment rounded off a perfect day. Our best wishes to them both.



Michelle and Sheldon



Synergy Shoot at Bisley

On the 6th September we took some of our Clients on a day out clay pigeon shooting at Bisley Shooting Ground, Surrey.

Led by our professional shooter and Partner Rob Buckley, each team was assigned an instructor and sent off into the very scenic, unspoiled grounds of Bisley.

After a brief practice run it was competition time; the goal was to shoot as many clays as possible; flying in every direction, in every which way, from different vantage points... it is fair to say some grasped it better than others (!) but by the end of the shoot, which ended with an exhilarating royal flush everyone had worked up an appetite.

Back at the club house an excellent hearty meal was served and prizes given - congratulations to John King who won best professional shooter, Tim Bradwell who won best novice, and Rob Buckley, Peter Shortland, Paul Nicholson and Steve Cuttill who won the best team. Some very impressive shooting meant that no team scored below 40 out of 50 on the flush. The worst all rounder shall remain anonymous but an appropriate booby prize was indeed awarded!



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Welcome to the Autumn Issue of the Synergy Newsletter

This is the second issue of our Synergy newsletter, following our merger back in April and as you will see we have been very busy!

Following the exciting launch of the merger at Lord's cricket ground in June, it has been business as usual and everyone is settling in well.

Having had fantastic feedback from many of our Clients, we are committed to ensuring that Synergy LLP encapsulates the hallmarks of honest, excellent and partner led service which continue in our trading names of CMPB, Cook & Butler, ATC and John Cadman Associates.

Looking back over the summer, it has been an eventful and rewarding few months for us. Completing on a number of projects including Ladywell Convent and Walthamstow Hall School Swimming Pool; we celebrate a number of new challenges, including our exciting appointment at Sussex CCC.

We hope you have been enjoying the summer (what little we have had!) and look forward to working with you in the future... happy reading!

The merger of CM Parker Browne, Cook & Butler and Andrew Turner & Co in April is proving to be a success, with several commissions won by the new LLP. To meet the needs of this new work, an additional eleven staff have been recruited since the merger.

As part of the ongoing consolidation, the London Offices of Cook & Butler and CM Parker Browne will be located



Ladywell Convent, Godalming



Walthamstow Hall School Swimming Pool

at 61 Southwark St from the 1st November 2007, following the acquisition of an additional floor at the current CM Parker Browne Offices.

Graham Harvey-Browne

Managing Partner
Synergy Construction & Property Consultants LLP

A New Head Office & Distribution Centre for Carpetright

CM Parker Browne are privileged to be providing QS services on the development of four Harris Federation schools in South London.

These schools form part of a group of seven sponsored by Lord Harris of Peckham and this has now led to our involvement in Lord Harris's renowned Carpetright flooring company.

Carpetright has outgrown its existing premises in Rainham, Essex and is relocating to its new 'Supersite' building in nearby Purfleet, providing it with both modernised head office space and increased warehouse space to house its new stock, cutting and European distribution facilities.



The new Carpetright distribution centre, Purfleet

In tandem with a raft of direct works being supervised by Carpetright including racking and cutting machines, CM Parker Browne are involved in a contract to provide an additional 30,000 ft² of office space over three floors, the fitting out of 55,000 ft² of new and existing shell office space and the provision of M&E services to 450,000 ft² of shell warehouse space, all to be completed in less than six months.

Carpetright is due to be operational in its new premises by the end of this year – no 'ifs' or 'buts'.

We'll keep you posted!!



Services

Quantity Surveying

- Bills of Quantities
- Claims Consultancy
- Construction Cost Consultancy
- Cost Estimating
- Cost Management/Control
- Expert Witness Work
- Fire Insurance Assessment & Valuations
- Insurance Loss Adjustment & Claims
- Life Cycle Costing
- Project Feasibility Reports
- Quality Assurance
- Risk Management
- Taxation Advice
- on construction properties
- Urban Regeneration
- Value Engineering
- Value Management

Building Surveying

- Advice to Landlords
- Building Maintenance & Repair Specification
- Building Refurbishment
- Building Technical Audit
- Completion & Handover Management
- Condition Surveys
- Contract Administration
- Cost Estimating
- Cost Management/Control
- Design for New Buildings, Alterations & Extensions
- Detail Design
- Disability Discrimination Act
- Surveys on Buildings
- Employer's Agent
- Fire Protection & Detection
- Party Wall Surveying
- Planned Maintenance Management
- Project Feasibility Reports
- Quality Assurance
- Schedules of Dilapidation

Project Management

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Brief & feasibility documents
- Claims Consultancy
- Completion & Handover Management
- Construction Procurement/Management
- Construction Programmes
- Contract Administration
- Design Management
- Employer's Agent
- Monitoring of Construction Progress
- Office Relocation Management
- Planned Maintenance Management
- Project Execution Plans
- Project Feasibility Reports
- Quality Assurance
- Risk Management
- Urban Regeneration

CDM Co-ordination

- Assessment of Contractor H&S Competency
- Assessment of Designer H&S Competency
- Health & safety advice on buildings
- Health & safety advice on construction projects
- Health & Safety Audits of sites
- CDM Co-ordinator services

Setting the Standard in Sports Surfacing

The sports surfacing sector of the company has been buoyant this year. Following the merger of John Cadman Associates with CM Parker Browne, the sports surfacing work has expanded during the last eighteen months.

Recent contracts have included:-

Wymondham College, Norfolk

A full sized synthetic grass pitch designed for hockey and tennis with floodlighting.

Orwell High School, Suffolk

A full sized synthetic grass pitch supported by the Football Foundation.

Lodge Park Leisure Centre, Corby

Initially a multi-use pitch on a dynamic base, it is being resurfaced providing a 3rd Generation sand and rubber infill pitch specifically designed for football.

Hobart High School, Norfolk

A full sized synthetic grass pitch for multi games use.

The Ley's School, Cambridge

The school have just acquired planning permission for a new sand-dressed synthetic grass pitch.

Raeburn School, Northamptonshire

A sand-filled MUGA is being installed in a new school being built by Northamptonshire County Council.

Three athletic track refurbishments have also taken place within the past twelve months; Cricklefield Park, home of Ilford AC, Braintree Leisure Centre in Essex, home of Braintree AC and Woodford Green and Essex Ladies AC, all with financial support from UK Athletics.

CMPB Building Surveyors Take Care of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's Chapel at Charterhouse

This summer CMPB completed a number of projects being carried out on The Memorial Chapel at Charterhouse School, Godalming. The Memorial Chapel (pictured) is a Grade II listed building and the largest war memorial in the country. Designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, it was built between 1922-1927 from local Bargate stone.

Over the last few years we have worked closely with the Historic Buildings Officer at Waverley Borough Council, using local stonemason Leo Vincent and GK Fosters roofing contractor, to carefully restore parts of the external walls and roof of the chapel; including stone repairs, re-pointing and re-roofing to three of the large porches as well as replacement Yorkstone kerbing and paving.

During the coming academic year we will be constructing a disabled access ramp and parking bay, as well as new Yorkstone kerbing and paving to one of the entrances.

The Memorial Chapel is one of several projects CMPB have worked on at Charterhouse over the past few years and we are very pleased to be involved in such a prestigious project as this.

Hotels are growth business for Cook and Butler

Over the last few years hotels have become a major part of the business at Cook & Butler.



The Travelodge Hotel at London City Airport



A synthetic pitch at Watford

MUGA (multi use games area) resurfacing has been supervised at Wormley Playing Fields, Broxbourne and Littleheath School, Potters Bar.

Full pitch resurfacing is beginning to be a larger part of the market. We have project managed resurfacing at Watford Boys Grammar School, which has just been completed on time and on budget and are currently looking after the resurfacing of Dauntsey's School pitch in Wiltshire.

With a number of projects lined up for 2008, our sports surfaces consultants are clocking up some miles up and down the country!



The Memorial Chapel at Charterhouse School, Godalming

Working as Employer's Agent and CDM Co-ordinator for developers Chesterford Properties Ltd. and CHG Holdings Ltd., we have now completed hotels on a design and build basis for Travelodge at London City Airport (pictured), Caterham, Eastbourne and Newport (Isle of Wight), together with an ETAP Hotel in Sheffield and a Premier Travel Inn in Bournemouth is nearing completion with further schemes in the pipeline.

Our work as Employer's Agent includes carrying out monthly valuations, financial reports, chairing site meetings, issuing instructions and certificates required under the JCT Design and Build Contract, and drawing up the contract documents. It involves us liaising with several parties in addition to the developer; the contractor and his design team, including the monitoring surveyor acting on behalf of the developer's bank, the developers solicitor and the tenant's agent.

Cook & Butler look forward to acquiring many more hotel contracts and combining their now vast experience with that of the other Synergy members.

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Synergy Launch at Lord's

On the 15th July CM Parker Browne, Cook & Butler, Andrew Turner and Company and John Cadman Associates celebrated the merger of their companies to form Synergy Construction & Property Consultants LLP with a launch party in the prestigious Long Room at Lord's Cricket Ground.

It was a jovial gathering of Clients, fellow consultants and staff who all came together to celebrate this very special occasion at this unique venue.



Guests were treated to a guided tour of the famous ground and saw precious exhibits including the Wisden Trophy and the Ashes urn.

A very talented trio from Sevenoaks, one of our School Clients, provided the music for the event. A big thank you to them and everyone else who came to celebrate the launch of Synergy with us.

Building Surveyors Lead Team Effort to Achieve Successful Completion of Ladywell Convent Projects – Fast Track and on Programme

In our Christmas 2006 newsletter we reported on a challenging project at Ladywell Convent, in Godalming, Surrey, for the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood, an order of nuns who have been our Clients for nearly 50 years.

The projects were fast track, with a combined out-turn construction cost of about £5.2m and CMPB were appointed to provide a multi-discipline service; led by our Building Surveyors with support from our Quantity Surveyors, our Project Managers and our CDM Co-ordinators.

The project was to design and construct two new buildings on the convent site together with fairly extensive landscaping and external works, located within a very sensitive planning area on the outskirts of Godalming.

1. A new wing to the main Grade II listed Ladywell Convent building, to provide 15 en-suite nursing bedrooms, 2 self contained flats, 4 visitor's bedrooms, a new kitchen to service the entire nursing section of the convent and an extension to the existing dining room.

2. A new detached annexe to provide 14 bedrooms and social facilities for members of the community visiting from their overseas missions.

3. New access roads to both buildings, hard and soft landscaping and drainage.

Our Building Surveyors are quite rightly very proud of the buildings they have designed. Their task, to produce buildings to sit alongside the existing Grade II listed convent and to satisfy the demands of our Client's brief and restrictions imposed by the Local Authorities Planning and Conservation departments, was not a simple one.



They achieved all of this within the time constraints imposed by our Client, who was very clear at the outset that the hand-over date of May 15th 2007 was not negotiable!

The correct selection of specialist consultants and building contractor was a vital ingredient to the success of this fast track contract. The team, which was led by CMPB, also included David Osborne Associates (Structural Engineers), Edward Pearce and Partners (M & E Consultants) and Lampard and Partners (Main Contractor).

All members of the team worked closely with our Client and fulfilled their roles with great commitment and professionalism. As with most building contracts, there were a few changes along the way and obstacles to overcome but with an overriding ethos of working together we were delighted to hand over the keys on the appointed day.

We finished the article in our Christmas issue expressing our hope that we would succeed in our aim: "to produce good quality buildings, on time and for the right price; which blend in sympathetically with the existing Grade II listed Convent." We also wished "that when the construction works are complete and the site is returned to it's normal peace and tranquillity that our Client will agree that we have achieved our aim."

We asked our client whether we had achieved our aim and this is their response. Sister Teresa Mitchell FMDM, General Bursar at the time and our direct client link for this contract was kind enough to reply as follows: "We are delighted with the new buildings produced, they blend in extremely well with the present listed Convent and are very appropriate for our needs, also the construction is excellent. We were insistent on the finishing date and despite wet weather galore and several other unhelpful factors, the work was completed on time and we were able to move in on the date we wanted."

Winning at Walthamstow

Work has just finished on Walthamstow Hall's new 6 lane indoor swimming pool, the first phase of a major new development. Planned to take 5 years, this will also include a new sports hall and the conversion and upgrading of other existing buildings.

The new swimming pool was built by Baxall Construction Ltd. They are now carrying out the refurbishment of the School's assembly hall which they will follow with the conversion of the former swimming pool building into a multi-purpose hall.

CM Parker Browne are providing QS and CDM co-ordination



Walthamstow Hall School Swimming Pool

services. We have also undertaken a project monitoring role for the school's financial partner, Nat West bank.

The architects on this project are Miller Bourne of Hove.



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