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## Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter

It's an exciting time at CM Parker Browne. We have just celebrated our 50th year with a big party at The RAC Club at Epsom – featured here in this newsletter – and it is right to reflect on the firms achievements over the years.



### Here's to the next 50 years !

Life goes on and we have some wonderful projects on the go right now; we hope you enjoy reading about some of them in this newsletter.

A year on from having opened a new office in Liverpool, we have just moved to bigger offices in that re-generated city as our team there continues its steady expansion. Two months ago, we opened an office in Manchester and we are delighted to announce a merger which took place on 5th December, 2005 with John Cadman Associates, the specialist sports surfaces consultant. It's all go here!

*We wish all our hard working staff – and clients – a very happy Christmas and an action-packed and fun-filled new year!*

### Paul Grinham is Appointed to The Diocese of Chichester's Approved List of Architects and Surveyors

Following a rigorous interview by the Diocesan Advisory Committee Architects panel we are pleased to announce that Paul Grinham has been successful in being appointed onto the DAC approved list for Architects and Surveyors for the Diocese of Chichester. Paul now joins one of the largest Dioceses in the South of England and is part of a list of architects and surveyors responsible for the care and maintenance of the county's many ecclesiastical buildings. Paul has an excellent record in working on the repair and conservation of historic buildings and is currently acting as project manager for the Church of St Edmund the King and Martyr within the City of London – a church attributed to Sir Christopher Wren. Paul continues CMPB's long association within this specialised field of construction.

### CMPB Merge With John Cadman Associates

We are delighted to announce the merger of CM Parker Browne with the Sports Surfacing Consultancy, John Cadman Associates, which took place on 5th December, 2005.

John Cadman started his consultancy business in 1992 following a long and successful sporting career both as a player and coach. John holds 27 Great Britain and England Hockey caps, including the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Following his playing career John became Director of Coaching to the Hockey Association (1970-85). As a coach he had responsibility for coaching development and coaching the England U21 hockey squad for six years and the England team for one season. John also coached Cambridge University from 1984-97. On the cricket field John has played for Essex County 2nd XI, English Universities (UAU) and Suffolk. John has also held the position of Chairman of school governors for 17 years and was a member of the Minister of Sport's Working Party on Centres of Excellence during his period as Director of Coaching.

John Cadman Associates provides sports surfacing consultancy services to clients, including new pitch and facility design and specifications, inspections and reports, contract administration and employers agent work. Based from an office in Colchester, the consultancy serves clients nationally and boasts an impressive list of school, college, university, club and local authority clients.

John Cadman Associates will complement and enhance the service that CMPB can offer our sports clients and the marriage of our two firms is already working harmoniously on some exciting multi-million pound sports centres of excellence. The merger improves our national geographical cover still further, providing us with our sixth office - in Colchester. We look forward to being able to better serve clients in the eastern part of the country.

## Liverpool Office Expands

Nothing stands still in Liverpool for very long at the moment – the City, designated European Capital of Culture for 2008, is a hive of construction activity. So it is with our office in the heart of Liverpool which opened a year ago.

On 7th November, 2005 our team led by Stan Inskip, moved into larger offices in The India Building, in order to accommodate our growing body of staff. A week later work started on site at 'L1' where we are providing QS, Project Management and Planning Supervisor services to Windsor Developments (Liverpool) Ltd for their £53 million mixed residential development.

Our Liverpool office client list is growing steadily and includes Bolton School, The Bluecoat School, Oldham and Merseyside Police.



Our leading men in Liverpool : (l to r) Graham Howell (Senior QS), Stan Inskip (Associate & Head of Liverpool Office) and Mike Baker (Project Manager) on site in Liverpool for the start of The 'L1' major development for Windsor Developments (Liverpool) Ltd.



Hats off to the team for the start on site of Liverpool's most prestigious residential development, 'L1'. Our CMPB staff are shown here with the client, Windsor Developments (Liverpool) Ltd and representatives from the main contractor, Laing O'Rourke and from architects, Downs Variava.



C M Parker Browne's new Manchester office at the Manchester Technopark, Birley Fields, Manchester

## CMPB Score Well At White Hart Lane Community Sports Centre

White Hart Lane Community Sports Centre Football Pitches and Tennis Courts opened with much pomp and pageantry on the 22nd of November 2005. The grand ceremony had the Barclays Group Chairman Mr. Matthew Barrett give an uplifting speech before blowing the whistle to kick off the use of the football pitches by 30 local children from Broadwater Farm Primary School. Dignitaries included Tottenham Hotspur's Manager Martin Jol, along with star players Michael Carrick and Michael Brown. Barclays were the lead funder for the project.

The two stage £500,000 project included the replacement of existing Astroturf football pitches, tennis court surfaces and improved lighting for both facilities. The project commenced on the 4th of July and was completed on the 11th of November 2005. Other funders included The London Borough of Haringey, The Football Foundation and Tottenham Hotspur FC.

CM Parker Browne who acted as Project Managers, Quantity Surveyors and Planning Supervisors were faced with the challenge of managing an outdoor recreational project during inclement weather conditions. Oluchi Uduku was Project Manager, Mike Connolly was Quantity Surveyor and Roy Blamey was Planning Supervisor. We are proud to have contributed to the development of yet another community facility for a London Borough.



Barclays Chairman, Matthew Barratt (left) and Tottenham Hotspur's Manager, Martin Jol shake hands on the new all weather training facilities at White Hart Lane Community Sports Centre



Pupils from The Broadwater Farm Primary School came to test out the new facilities on the opening day in November, 2005

## New Manchester Office

Following on from the successful opening of the Liverpool office in September, 2004, CMPB opened an office in Manchester two months ago to expand our 'hands on' service to clients in the North West.

The continued expansion of the United Learning Trust Academy Construction Programme has been the initial driver behind the opening of this new office and now that it is up and running CMPB are looking to build on other opportunities that exist in and around Manchester.

The office officially opened in October 2005 and is being led by Partners Graham Harvey-Browne and Stephen Jopson, ably supported by a strong team managing the workload and developing new business. We are delighted that Dr Kamarul Salleh, Senior Quantity Surveyor has recently joined our Manchester office. He previously worked for EC Harris, Mott MacDonald and Balfour Beatty, has fifteen years experience in the industry and boasts a number of qualifications including a PhD in Facilities Management.

Commenting on the latest addition to the team, Graham Harvey-Browne, Managing Partner of CMPB, said: "As a progressive multi-skilled consultancy, Kamarul's appointment to the C M Parker Browne team will be a catalyst for the expansion of the business making him a valuable asset to the company. We are delighted to welcome him to our team. Not only are his qualifications impressive but he is also highly experienced in the areas of regeneration, education and PFI schemes."

Bill Truman, Senior Quantity Surveyor, previously worked for Pennine Project Management, WS Atkins, SERCO Estate Management, GEC Alstom, Laings and EC Harris, has over twenty five years experience within the industry and is also a highly qualified practitioner.

## Workshop College Gets Go-Ahead



Work is expected to start on the new girls' boarding house at Workshop College in the New Year with completion programmed for early 2007. The boarding house will allow Workshop College, part of the Woodard Corporation, to provide new accommodation for 44 girls, a House Tutor's flat and House Mistress' House and will be constructed to complement the historic buildings of the nearby main school, designed by the Victorian Architect R.H.Carpenter for the College Founder, The Rev'd. Nathaniel Woodard. This new building is designed by Nottingham based architects Franklin Ellis and will be procured under a Design and Building contract.

Rob Buckey is undertaking the quantity surveying, Robert Ebdon, the project management and Roy Blamey, the Planning Supervision.



The new Girls' boarding house for Workshop College, Nottinghamshire. Designed by Franklin Ellis Architects

## Counting The Cost at Church House

CM Parker Browne's appointment as Quantity Surveyors to The Corporation of The Church House is continuing apace with work due to commence on the refurbishment of the North Side offices and Conference Centre in February 2007. The work will encompass the refurbishment of the Assembly Hall, the twice-yearly meeting place of the General Synod of the Church of England. At the end of the refurbishment, the entire staff of the Church Commissioners will move into Church House and will vacate their existing century-old building on Millbank. The Corporation of The Church House was founded in 1888 as the Church of England's permanent tribute to Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee and designed by the distinguished architect Sir Herbert Baker in the 1930's. The foundation stone was laid in 1937 by Queen Mary and on 10th June 1940 King George VI, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth, formally opened the new House and attended the first Session of the Church Assembly in the great circular hall.

For much of the War and the years immediately following it, Church House was used by the Government and was a regular meeting-place of both Houses of Parliament. The Church Assembly was able to return for its autumn session in 1950.

Today, the building is the headquarters of the Archbishops' Council and all its Boards and Councils as well as of the Church of England Pensions Board and the National Society.



Church House, Westminster where CMPB are Quantity Surveyors for this, the parliamentary home of the Anglican Communion.

## CMPB Go A' La Carte

CM Parker Browne's Project Managers and Quantity Surveyors have just completed a prestigious new restaurant fit out in the heart of Guildford.

The Dolce Vita restaurant boasts two floors of fine dining and entertainment space, and is considerably different from many of the existing restaurants in the town. Built within the shell of the new Trinity Gate development, the project was completed within 16 weeks, and to a high level of specification. The site was far from conventional, with many unusual details that needed careful thought by the design team to ensure the right outcome, as well as difficult site access.

The result is an elegant and chic new restaurant for Guildford, which will be a welcome addition to the towns burgeoning entertainment facilities.

We wish our clients every success in their new business and congratulations to Russell Blaber (Project Manager) and Chris Porter (Quantity Surveyor) on a job well done!



The Dolce Vita Restaurant, Guildford Surrey: CMPB acted as QS and Project Manager for this fast track fit out project completed in November 2005.

## trust us To Have A Good Party

On 5th November, 2005 we celebrated our 50th birthday by hosting a party for partners, associates, support staff and valued clients at the RAC Club in Epsom, Surrey. Guest Speaker, Sir Ewan Harper, Chief Executive of client, The United Church Schools Trust, paid tribute to the dedication of CMPB Partners and staff in giving their clients a responsive and high standard of service. The founder partners, Ken Parker and Douglas Harvey-Browne were guests of honour at the event and both spoke of their pride, now in retirement, of seeing the firm flourishing and growing from strength to strength.

Having started business as Parker & Browne in 1955, the practice has successfully merged with J B Marks & Partners, a quantity surveying practice, in 1999 and then with Close Morton & Company, Quantity Surveyors and Project Managers, in 2000.

Since establishing the practice with only two members of staff, CM Parker Browne now has 60 employees, and six offices nation-wide. The practice is also harbouring major strategic expansion plans announced by Graham Harvey-Browne, Managing Partner of CM Parker Browne on the night.



Ken Parker, Graham Harvey-Browne and Douglas Harvey-Browne cutting the cake.

Our new practice brochure was launched at the party together with a booklet on the history of the business. Here's to the next 50 years!

## CMPB Shooting Day

This year's CMPB Clay shoot was thankfully blessed by good weather although the heavens did open during lunch! All who attended, some shooting for the first time, had a thoroughly enjoyable mornings practice shoot followed by a mini competition. It would be fair to say the 'beginners' amongst the gathering shot far better than the 'professionals'!

Robert Charlesworth of Caterham School and John Townson of John Townson Associates ran away with the individual prizes. The team prize went to Rob Buckley's team comprising Steve Ives, Steve Cutill and Gerry Long - despite much banter about 'match rigging'. The Clay Conservation prize of a spud gun and clay went to Phil Dryden of Architects, Limbrick Limited – who we gather managed to finally break the clay as he got out of his car at home that evening! Our thanks must of course go to the able team of instructors at Bisley Shooting Ground who again provided great support, tuition (despite our attempts to miss more than we hit) and wonderful food.

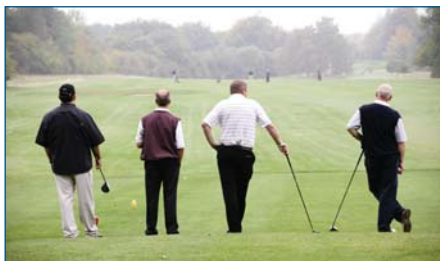


## Trust Us To Have An Effingham Good Golf Day !

Congratulations to Simon Worthy for organising another splendid CMPB Golf Day at Effingham Golf Club, Surrey on 7th October, 2005. About 30 clients and fellow consultants teamed-up with CMPB colleagues to joust round the course, fortified by toddies and Mars Bars from the roving golf buggy!



Managing Partner, Graham Harvey-Browne presenting one of the prizes to Allied Irish Bank's Head of Facilities Management, Frank McLaughlin.



One of the teams on the CMPB Golf Day contemplating the Course ahead !

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## A Life Outside Project Management - Part Time Rock Star!

Russell Blaber, a Project Manager based at our Guildford office, has a less conventional life outside of Construction.

Together with his band, Helium Soul, he has recently signed a recording contract, and the bands first album, "Mass of Four" has just been released into the shops. This represents a considerable achievement, and the album is receiving great reviews and is selling well.

"It's quite an unusual scenario; I can be chairing a site meeting during the day, then in the evening be sitting in a radio studio being interviewed about the band" says Russell, who has been with CMPB for four years. He has always been involved in music since an early age, and had a brief spell as a professional musician when he graduated from university. "The music industry has changed, but it's always been an incredibly hard industry, and you need determination and patience; so there are some parallels with Project Management I suppose!"

When asked about contributing factors for the success of the band, Russell added "The support we receive from our families and colleagues has been fantastic. I would like to thank all my colleagues at CMPB who have attended our live gigs and bought the album – as well as the Partners who understand that I lead a double life!"



Helium Soul's "Mass of Four" is out now on OT Records, and more information can be obtained on

[www.heliumsoul.com](http://www.heliumsoul.com)

Russell Blaber in his part-time rock-star role at a recent concert. By day, Russell is a Project Manager based at our Guildford office.

## Declan Runs Up His 10th Marathon



Congratulations to CMPB's fastest Building Surveyor, Declan Gleeson in successfully completing his tenth Marathon for charity in 4 hours and 1 minute.

This photo shows him in action at The Dublin Marathon on 31st October, 2005