



Spring Newsletter 2009

At last, after a long cold, snowy and wet winter, there is finally a sparkle of spring in the air. For us, it's been a very busy winter, as you will have noticed we have undergone a bit of a transformation. We have revamped our company structure and our brand, which is why we are all excited about our new look, the feel and the future of AGS Scaffolding.

The long winter has been hard, not just the weather, but the current economic climate means that we all have to adjust our outlook and to see where we can offer better value to our clients. The whole global credit market has collapsed and needless to say this feeds down to developer, architect and contractor alike. AGS have been affected in the same way as most, but we are fortunate to be able to continue to offer our exceptional service and have taken great steps to ensure that this will long continue.

We have seen our company modernise with a few management changes. I have been appointed Chairman, which is a role that I am relishing. Now that spring has arrived I am looking forward to a few more games of golf and meeting with clients. Taking over my chair in the office is Steve Brackley, who I had great pleasure in promoting to Managing Director just before Christmas. Steve has taken up the reigns in fine style. He has not only my full backing but some wonderful and innovative ideas, some of which are in place already and some yet to be established. He has overseen the rebranding of our company for the past 6 months and is keen to see the company grow, develop and to support our clients in every way possible.

Andy Green
Chairman



Refurbishment of The Savoy Hotel

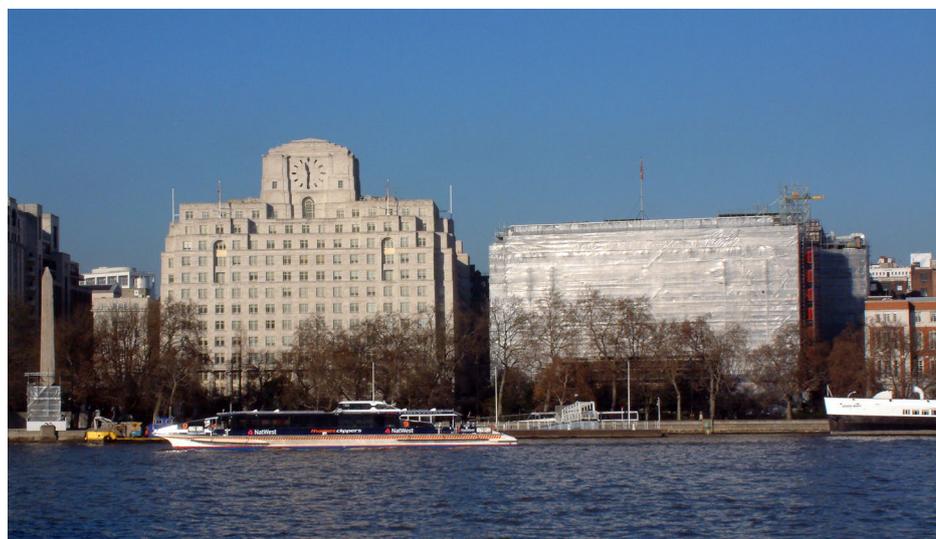
Chorus is currently undertaking the full refurbishment of this world famous hotel. This challenging project includes complete structural works and reconfiguration of the riverside of the hotel. The project consists of five-star refurbishment and alterations to the 267 guest rooms, extensive kitchen works and the installation of a 16 room royal suite.

Chorus planned to have the access logistics in place as quickly as possible. AGS Scaffolding were keen to ensure that this would be the case. As part of the overall project AGS Scaffolding have provided access solutions for the installation of the renewed services provision of the project including 19 new lifts, services infrastructure and new rooftop plant. Externally the works include a new courtyard to the entrance and external façade refurbishment, stonework and new windows all requiring the specialist touches of AGS Scaffolding.

AGS Scaffolding have ensured that the job is properly engineered and structured through out, making sure that all the access, protection and lifting requirements that Chorus demanded were catered for, and often exceeded. This is a large and complex project where a close working relationship with the client is required, where the needs of other specialist contractors have to be taken into account, where adaptability is the key.

"Our priority was to get the logistics moving quickly and correctly from the off. AGS played a critical part in this operation with the requirement for engineered gantries & scaffolding. From day 1 they have been co-operative and attentive towards their programme of installation and Health & Safety issues."

*Dave Williamson, Project Manager,
Chorus Group Ltd*





Rebranding

AGS Scaffolding

We have always endeavoured to be a bit different from the crowd. Our recent rebranding has certainly captured that feel. From our early days in Islington Green our business has expanded and we have experienced significant success, becoming an established and respected name in scaffolding. We have built our reputation on consistently providing an impressive service and delivering it without compromise. We are pleased to say that more than 75% of our business comes from repeat custom.

We have grown, we are no longer simply an operator with a flatback truck, a few boards, some tube and a ladder. We now project manage the entire process, from pre-contract consultations to design and installation; from demolition on a brown field site through to new build and every thing in between. Our client base has grown such that it includes some of the biggest and most contemporary players in construction today like Skanska, Chorus and Volker Fitzpatrick. However, our own identity had remained untouched for years, put simply, the business and its offering had changed and updated but the brand hadn't.

We have not completely rebranded but evolved and have capitalised on our existing identity. After all, it was already well recognised and well received. We chose a more modern visual identity, in keeping with our company's aims which are distinctive and fresh.



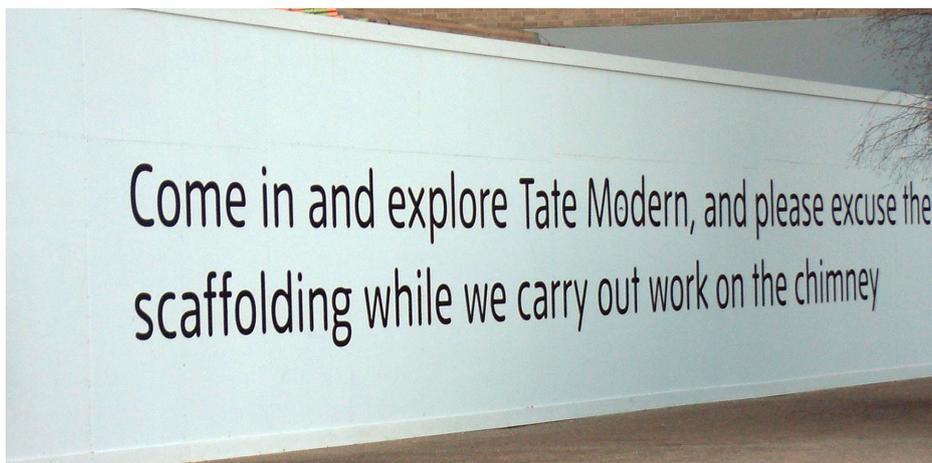
Chimney Works on The Tate Modern

Protecting the public is an essential requirement when working on a chimney 99m above ground. This is even more important when you are the Tate Gallery, who welcome up to five million visitors a year. AGS Scaffolding were pleased to facilitate these safeguards by scaffolding and hoarding around the entrances to the gallery whilst some enabling works were being carried out to the chimneys above.

As an initial part of the Gallery's £215m expansion plans, AGS worked with the Tate to provide a functional and aesthetically pleasing structure to focus the visitor's eye on the entrance whilst affording them all the protection that's required. Finally painted and with graphics applied, the hoarding and the securing scaffold camouflaged it's true purpose.

Eventually the new development will integrate the new with the existing building and contribute to the local environment by opening up a new North/South route from the Millennium Bridge through the building to Southwark. Final planning approval was given in March this year and Nicholas Serota, Director, Tate said: "We are delighted that Herzog & de Meuron's revised plans have been granted approval by Southwark Council. We look forward to creating one of the most exciting cultural buildings in Europe which will bring direct benefits to Southwark and London as a whole."

AGS are please to have been a part of this scheme and look forward to having a role in the major expansion plans of such an iconic institution.



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