



First of all, I would like to wish all of our customers, colleagues and staff a belated happy and prosperous New Year. I would also like to extend my thanks to those who have contributed so well to my eventful first year as Managing Director of AGS.

Despite the global trials and tribulations of 2009 we still managed to achieve a few record-breaking feats. We have almost completed a very noteworthy job, The Savoy Hotel for Chorus - in the first instance, our single biggest job in financial terms valued in excess of £3m, in the second, our single biggest job in square area of scaffolding coming in at around 5000m². We have placed over 110km of boards (70 miles) enough to reach the open sea past the Estuary downriver of the Savoy. Going upriver, the 192km (120 miles) of tube used would almost reach Lechlade, Gloucestershire and the source of the Thames. All safely and expertly handled with over 2000 pairs of gloves.

This time last year there was a lot of uncertainty in the market but at last stability has begun to return to the Construction Industry. AGS have seen the number of enquiries coming in gradually increase and while 2010 may not prove to be a bumper year, it will be a year where there is more a sense of normality to business.

This is a highly competitive world in which environmental considerations are increasingly seen as of overriding importance, our industry holds the key to producing a better place for us all to live and work. Of all of the trades within the Construction Industry one of the greenest must be scaffolding. All of our products are used, reused and when spent, recycled, there are no finer green credentials. AGS focus heavily on their environmental record and always strive to achieve high sustainability.

AGS is looking forward to an exciting year working with clients old and new in 2010. Our focus this year is on both customer service and the environment. With that in mind, we are there to support you and your projects, after all - It's all about you.

Steve Brackley
Managing Director

As you may recall from our last newsletter Dave tragically died following an accident playing 5 a-side football, last September. Dave was one of the most popular, happy and helpful scaffolders working for AGS.

In order to remember his sad passing we have created the Dave Winslow Memorial Award. This will consist of a cash award of £250 to the winner. Entries will be by submission and awarded annually, in September. Each submission must be made by someone other than the nominee. We will also be awarding a further cash prize of £50 to the individual who produces the best nomination.

The winner will be chosen from the Scaffolder who best represents AGS and who has excelled at customer service, perhaps resulting from a notable event. This is open for our customers and staff to nominate entries. Please contact the office for full details and entry forms which are available now. Good Luck, the winner will be announced by 31st July 2010.

AGS Win

Le Meridien Hotel Piccadilly

Hot off the press... AGS are awarded the Scaffolding works to Le Meridien Hotel in Piccadilly, London W1. The contract for stone cleaning and restoration is being carried out to the hotel facades on Piccadilly, Regent Street, Vine Street and Air Street by specialist contractor PAYE Stonework and Restoration Ltd.

AGS will be carrying out the job for PAYE Stonework by providing a working scaffold along with specialist gantries on the Piccadilly and Regent Street elevations. At street level, careful consideration is being given to keep the businesses and their shopfronts clear from obstruction by using towers and beams ensuring least impact on their trade during the works.



The wraps are coming off at The Savoy



Richards Close, Harrow.

Harrow Churches Housing Association is completely redeveloping Richards Close as a state-of-the-art-housing complex for older people in a joint venture with Octavia Housing.

Mansell are building the new scheme, due to open in 2010. The facility has been designed to provide additional support for tenants, comprising of 76 residential units; 54 are extra care wheelchair units, the remainder shared ownership. The building has been designed, incorporating concrete & timber frames, to exceed environmental requirements and use greener energy.

AGS have worked together with Mansell on this project where access is through a residential part of Harrow. This is a job where a lot of care and consideration has to be given to the ways and means that our materials are handled. Allowing for the tight site boundaries, we have implemented the same dog-bone system that we adopted at Gillingham. The AGS design allows for flexible and unimpeded use of the working area by using adjustable transoms and dog-bones, thus reducing the need for bracing, giving full access at all levels. AGS chose to use several system staircases, permitting better access to all floors and a specifically designed and erected staggered three tier series of loading bays.



Spring Season The Memorial Theatre

To enhance the staging for last years Summer Repertory Season The Sarah Thorne Theatre Club wanted to extend the depth of the stage outwards into the auditorium by 1.50 metres. AGS Scaffolding was approached and agreed a sponsorship deal with the Theatre Club.

AGS discussed with Director, Michael Wheatley-Ward, what he needed and our Media Structures Team were dispatched to design and build the required rigid structure. Ultimately the extension has been so successful that it is now a semi-permanent addition to the stage.

AGS are delighted to be sponsors of the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club at The Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs and are pleased to have helped enhance the staging facilities. The Theatre is not dependent on Government grants and derives its income from the Box Office, fund raising events, one off grants and Business Sponsorship.

The current Spring Season is in full flow with events over almost every weekend. Highlights include The Thanet Music and Drama Festival, and productions of Murder Most Horrid and The Boyfriend. To see the full list of their music and drama events, for dates and for ticket prices visit their website.

www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk also for the full history and details of The Sarah Thorne Theatre Club (2008) Community Interest Company.



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