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Welcome to a slightly late and slightly thin Autumn edition of Benchpress, but things have been a little hectic recently. However, as suggested in the last edition, we are now back to business as usual following the change in ownership and a few tweaks to the senior management structure. I am pleased to confirm that Steve Crompton and Mark Byrne have been promoted to Sales Director and Operations Director respectively, and would also welcome Farhan Ahmad as Financial Controller and Roger Newmarsh as Hoist Division Manager. We are currently still in the market for an Estimating Manager for the London Region and I hope to update you in this regard in the Winter edition. John Walton and Nick Johnson are both leaving the company to pursue their careers elsewhere and I would like to thank them both for their respective contributions over the years and I'm sure we all wish them well for the future.

Our customer base and supply chain have been fantastic in their support of our business during the recent changes. We can now look forward to a safe, and financially secure future as we move ahead and further consolidate our position as one of the leading scaffolding service providers in the high end market in which we operate. Strategically, we intend to continue to target the large scale, difficult and technically challenging projects as this is where our undoubted capabilities allow us to differentiate ourselves from the competition.

Of course, choosing the type of work we go for is only part of the plan; we need those of you at the sharp end, working on our sites, to follow through. We must deliver a product of the highest quality, executed with the correct attitude, where nothing is a problem, where we view every challenge as an opportunity to impress, so that we can ensure repeat business time and again.

As always, thank you for your commitment and loyalty, keep up the good work – on-wards and upwards.

Regards
Rob West
Managing Director



Head office in
Hanwell,
West London

Piccadilly Kind & Co Circus

Benchmark at Hanwell were contracted by Kind & Co to erect a hanging scaffold off the roofs of buildings overlooking Piccadilly Circus, in the centre of London, to give access for the upgrade of the existing Coca Cola and Samsung advertising signs. We were

also contracted by Electronic Display Services to erect a heavy duty gantry spanning the pavement with an access scaffold above for the upgrade of the old Sanyo sign to a new Hyundai sign.

Both projects were logistical nightmares because from 10.00am till 04.00am the following morning, seven days a week, the street below was always busy with pedestrians, and pavement closures were not allowed because access to shops, a bank and a night club was needed throughout.

John Henry and his team managed the problem well with small exclusion zones as and when required.

**Eamonn Golledge—Senior Contracts Manager
London Region**



Our mission is to not only "Set the Standards" but to progressively and continuously raise them across all aspects of our business.

Benchmark recently received 'Contractor of the Month' award from Carillion Plc whilst on the Neo Bankside site in London.

Gary Pike, our Supervisor on site, was also awarded the 'DON'T WALK BY' award receiving £50.00 worth of shopping vouchers.

Well done

Our vision is to be the scaffolding contractor of choice to our customers and employer of choice to our people.



Dear Colleagues,

I would like to thank you all on behalf of my family for your kind words, cards, texts, and offers of support following the death of my daughter.

Natalie, who was just 33 years old, tragically passed away on the evening of the 15th August, of what at the moment is an unknown heart condition.

She leaves behind Andrew her husband, Isabella aged 5, and the twins born in January this year, who appeared in a previous edition of Benchpress.

My thanks also go to Graham Pope who represented the company at the funeral on the 8th September, which was attended by over 200 relatives and friends.

Thanks also to Benchmark for the kind donation to Natalie's favourite charity.

She will be sadly missed by all.

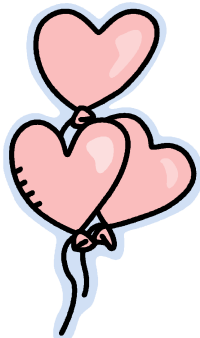
My sincere thanks again,

Eamonn Golledge
Senior Contracts Manager
London Region



If you've recently had a new addition to your family,
or a birthday coming up
send us a photo to the Barnsley office
and we'll make sure we show them in the next edition
or you could email us

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wear it pink day
Friday
28th October 2011



Turn your whole world pink for one day and join thousands of other people to help raise money for the

Breast Cancer Campaign.

Wear anything pink whether it be a pink tie or a full pink outfit and donate £2 to a good cause. To join in the fun contact Georgina/Lottie at the Barnsley Branch or visit wearitpink.co.uk

SAFETY AWARDS

August

Mark Bradbury (Deport Manager) wins the Northern award for responding to a request from Laing O'Rourke, to adapt the Stay Safe Gate to enable larger objects to be safely landed and manoeuvred off a loading tower.

September

Antonio Folegnani wins the Northern award on the Multibuild, Lincoln site for observing a site operative working off some crates. Antonio stopped the man and built him a small scaffold giving him a safe working platform.

Graham Parker wins the London award for noticing an item falling from a Combi Fan whilst a person was interfering with it. Graham managed to catch the item and informed the individual to stop working thus preventing possible injury to others.

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