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Art partner is one of the world's leading photographic agencies, based in New York, Paris and London. It carries out major projects for both editorial clients like Vogue, Vanity fair and many others, plus photo shoots for leading advertising agencies throughout the world.

Guardian ecl and office Blueprint were asked together, to design and provide a new temporary office space for an 18 month period within a modern existing building near White City London. It was located on the third floor of the new Monsoon head offices and would accommodate around 45 people with a spacious feel and some large storage areas for archives.

The job consisted of fitting air conditioning/ fresh air ducting plus mechanical, electrical and data installation. New cabling and power was fitted within the floor plus lighting alterations.

Partitioning was erected and painted, carpets laid plus some furniture for storage.

The project was on a tight programme of six weeks with a value of approx £110k. Project manager Jason McClaine said it was a very nice contract to win, and the client was very pleased with the overall design, speed and standard of workmanship in which the job was completed.



so you thought you had trouble at christmas



welcome aboard Norm



Guardian's long term goal aim has been to provide perfect energy saving solutions for today and the future. To help us achieve this we are very pleased to welcome Norm Pattison to our team to help develop the mechanical and micro regeneration arm of Guardian.

Norm served for 17 years in the RAF as a multi skilled aircraft engineer and has a vast knowledge of electrical and mechanical engineering. Since leaving the service, Norm started and ran Park Air, carrying out mechanical installations nation wide. He now joins Guardian to provide to our existing and new customers, a full electrical and mechanical design package with a clear customer focus.

Guardian has already provided this service to many blue chip companies with contracts ranging from £10,000 to in excess of £2 million. With Norm on board we can extend our services to cover heat recovery air conditioning, latest inverter technologies, heat recovery fresh air ventilation to meet L2 regulations, and Ecodan space and water heating to level 3. This service undoubtedly helps clients keep costs and co-ordination under control, producing a more streamlined and efficient project.

Feel free to contact Norm at norm.pattison@guardianecl.co.uk.



Welcome

Welcome to the 2009 winter issue of Switched on, Guardian ecl's regular newsletter keeping you informed about the services we offer and projects we are involved with.

As I mentioned briefly in our Spring edition an economic slow down was predicated and it would appear that it has now become the start of a world wide recession (according to the press) and to add to the latest financial sector melt down, it is a precarious time for many businesses. However we must keep positive and strive that bit harder in securing business and with 2012 almost around the corner it seems the Olympics can only help the building sector in all areas with many spin off's around the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome on board Norman Pattison who will be managing our new mechanical division working close with the already established building services team.

Please do check our newly launched website at www.guardianecl.co.uk to view Normans profile and all other members of Guardian ecl's management team.

Guardian ecl ethos of bringing in apprentice's and training has again paid dividends with another two passing out as electricians in October, and I would like to wish them both the very best with their future with Guardian ecl as qualified electricians. We have also recruited a further apprentice in January to join the ever expanding team, which is detailed within this newsletter.

It was also pleasing that in November 2008 Dyson announced that we had been appointed as their preferred installer of the revolutionary hand dryer the **Air Blade**, I am very honoured that another Blue chip company has become part of an ever expanding exclusive client base for Guardian ecl.

I would again like to thank all Guardian ecl's staff for the commitment and dedication in

2008 and a big thank you to our clients for the opportunity's and projects that have arisen.

Don't forget this newsletter is designed to help you understand the full range of Guardian ecl's products and services, our future plans and to keep you updated with new ideas and concepts within the industry.

If there are any particular subjects you would like to be covered in future editions, please contact us and we will do our best to include them. Email me at tony.crawley@guardianecl.co.uk

Tony Crawley
Chairman



guardian wins contract for virgin active fitness club



The Rugby Football Union (RFU) chose Virgin Active to manage its new health and fitness club as part of Twickenham Stadium's south spectator stand redevelopment. The 43,000sq ft health and fitness club will be an integral part of the £90m redevelopment of the south stand and will cover three floors.

This will be Guardians first Virgin Active project in conjunction with ISG retail, and is yet another contract won within the leisure industry. Details of a project for Welcome Trust are featured inside this edition of Switched On. The comprehensive

development for Virgin Active consists of a fully equipped Gym, Sauna, Swimming Pool, Studio, Crèche and In-House Beauty Store all housed on three floors. Guardian will be carrying out all the electrical, power, lighting and fire alarm works throughout the

whole health and fitness complex. Project Manager is James Woodfield, and work commences in March 2009 running through to September 2009. Updates will be included in future editions of our newsletter as the project progresses.



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project manager

When did you join Guardian ECL

I started as a site foreman in 2002 and now work as a project manager



How did you start in the electrical industry

I served my apprenticeship at a small family company called Paralight where I worked for ten years, mainly on police and local authority contracts. I moved to IFS electrical working on shop and commercial installations and then to ABB Railways where I worked as site foreman on the Liverpool underground.

When the contract finished I joined Guardian

What has been your biggest challenge

The biggest challenge of my career was the Halo project which we have just completed.

I was project manager for the mechanical and electrical work. The project lasted 15 weeks and was a very tight schedule with an intensive programme of work. It was extremely challenging but very satisfying to see completed successfully on time.

What do you do in your spare time Mark

I am a family man and enjoy spending time with my wife and 2 children. One of our favourite relaxations is to walk the dog along our local canal bank.

cribs halo project

We recently completed work on the £1.1million refurbishment of The John Lewis Store in Cribbs Causeway in Bristol. Working with principle contractor Pattons', this project had a very challenging time scale of just 15 weeks. Guardian was responsible for the mechanical as well as all the electrical work and this involved a large workforce working 24 hours 7 days a week.

The scale of work involved is too long to list here, but some of the main areas were demolition of second floor offices to convert into retail areas for haberdashery and fabrics, plus demolition of medical suite and toilets to make way for new offices and a call centre. Many departments were relocated or enlarged, such as TV and Audio, Shoes, Jewellery Fashion and eating areas.

Extra facilities were added including disabled toilets, children's changing rooms, a new Espresso bar complete with kitchen, seating area and refurbishment of all the entrance areas.



waitrose welwyn

Guardian has just completed the refurbishment of the Waitrose Welwyn Garden city store to the new Waitrose Mark 5 design. This consists of a new colour scheme together with completely new lighting. There are currently 4 stores fitted with the new design and more to open soon. Work on the store included a new refrigeration system, fire alarm, CCTV modifications and an electrical upgrade to accommodate new fridges.

A new extension has been built at the back of the store, and Guardian helped move the service department into this area, which involved modifying the heating and venting systems. Guardian also supplied a 500Kva temporary generator to keep the electricity flowing while the work was carried out. Project manager James Woodfield said he felt the project had run very smoothly and was completed in December.



welcome to the gym

We have just completed work on two projects for the Welcome Trust, the worlds largest research charity. The first project was to build a new office area for a joint project with UCL. The larger project was to refit the bookshop which was located in the basement to a gym. It was to have an industrial look, so all ducting and lighting had to be left on show. Guardian recommended an improved air conditioning solution which was more versatile and offered localised controls. The Welcome Trust accepted this proposal and Guardian took just a week to design the new system (a first for Guardian). It is a URV system manufactured by Mitsubishi that works off the main system. The construction

element consisted of building new walls , glass partitions and laying a specialist gym flooring called pavigym which gives great protection from noise and vibration creating a pleasant environment in which to exercise.



news from

blewater

Enabling work has commenced at John Lewis in the Blewater shopping complex.

Phase 1 was the creation in December of a warehouse to allow stock movement for the proposed refurbishment of the basement. Phase 2 is the construction of a stock room to facilitate the proposed refurbishment. Full details of the project will be given in the next newsletter.

new apprentice

Guardian ecl is pleased to welcome our new apprentice George Hurley. George started with us on the 12th Of January 2009 and his first assignment is to work on a Waitrose project in Islington.

health and safety initiative

Chris Ottaway has now been given additional duties to act as the "Company Training Manager". Training is certainly a hot topic within the company at the moment and many courses have started and some completed. To date we have undertaken successful IPAF training for 8 members of staff.

6 members of staff are undertaking the 17th Edition Regulations transition course with a rolling programme continuing into 2009 for more members of staff. 6 members of staff have started the health and safety SMSTS 5 day managers' course. A fresh course will commence in January 2009 for more lucky members of staff.

Asbestos training continues to go from strength to strength with various night shifts having their training at their places of work. The Northern Office had their course in December. The training will continue to be rolled out across the entire company in due course.



lighting up time

As part of the change and complete refurbishment from Farnborough Gate Retail Park to The Blackwater Shopping Park, Farnborough, Guardian has been working for the last 15 weeks on extensive changes to the lighting in the car park areas. Working in a live car park presented quite a few timing and safety issues but all were overcome with good co-operation from all involved in the contract.

The project was to remove all existing lighting, and install new 8 metre

lighting columns complete with Holophone "Vista Grand" fittings throughout the car park. New canopies were installed to each shop with Simms "slot UP/Down fittings installed to each. The fittings were stripped and powder coated by Guardian to provide a perfect match to the Steel colour of the canopy. New cabling was installed for new tenants together with the 2 large illuminated signs at the car park entrances. All work was completed in November on time.



2009 Guardian ecl golf day

On Friday the 19th of June 2009 Guardian ecl will be holding its annual Golf Day at, Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel & Country Club Maxstoke Lane, Meriden CV7 7HR United Kingdom