

This month sees the culmination of another very busy summer period, during which we have further enhanced our reputation with clients in the regions higher education sector. Despite the disappointment of missing out on a number of large residential schemes in Bristol, we have more than made up for this with the completion of some excellent contracts. In particular we delivered three schemes for University of Bristol Capital Projects Office which were very well received and displayed our abilities to achieve high quality finishes within a restricted timescale. In particular the Careers Centre and Arts & Social Sciences Library were excellent and we have delighted our clients with the diligence and skill we have used during the scheme.

A further boost to the company has come in the quantity and quality of work we have completed at the University of Bath, we have delivered on one of our key strategies this year, which is to enhance our scope of services and show University of Bath the full range of our capabilities. The schemes at Polden Court, Parade Bar, Sports Training Village, Undercroft Cladding and Stores have all been very well received by our clients and building users.

Obviously continuing to complete works of the highest standard with a focus on delivering on client objectives is the best way for our company to continue to grow and prosper, however in the fast moving world of today it is important that we raise our profile and remain visible in the wider market. Many of you will visit our website or see press articles about the company, in an effort to remain as high profile as possible we have recently opened our twitter account. We are still coming to terms with the nuances of tweeting, trending and re-tweeting but we would encourage you to maintain interest in our on line activities and we would welcome your input on company/industry related tweetworthy news. Follow us @bray_slaughter. *Grant*



Well Done to the Goldbrick Foundation who took part in the CARE Construction Challenge in July. They each completed a marathon distance of 26.2 miles by foot, bike and canoe. The Foundation has managed to raise £5,000 so far through events and corporate donations for CARE International, a leading aid and development agency. Members of the Goldbrick Foundation include B&S MD Grant as well as members from other local organisations including the University of Bristol, Capita, Faithful & Gould, Rock Pipit, Provelio, Core Group and Silcock Dawson & Partners.

New Starter

A Warm Welcome to our new Carpentry and Joinery Apprentice, George Garland. George has just completed his GCSE's at the John Cabot Academy and joined B&S in August. He is based in our joinery mill and he will be attending college one day per week.



Training & Development

A big well done to our apprentices in Construction Building (Wood Occupations – Site Carpentry): Chris Williams has just successfully completed year one of his course and Charlie Cole has just successfully completed year two. Congratulations also to Matt McSweeney and Lee Hardwell who have completed the first year of their BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Construction and to Kelly Godwin who is continuing to work through her CAD (Computer Aided Design) course, completing level 2 in July. Sue Webber successfully passed her AAT Level 3 certificate and Gemma Jones passed her CIM Diploma in Marketing making it a very successful summer of results all in all! Good luck to everyone continuing with training and to the new BTEC starters Martin Hancock and Leigh Johnson and our new C&J Apprentice George Garland.

Congratulations

to Dave and Suzanne Mittens who gave birth to a gorgeous baby girl on 28th July 2011. Jennifer was born at 10.06pm at St Michaels Hospital, weighing 7lbs 7oz.



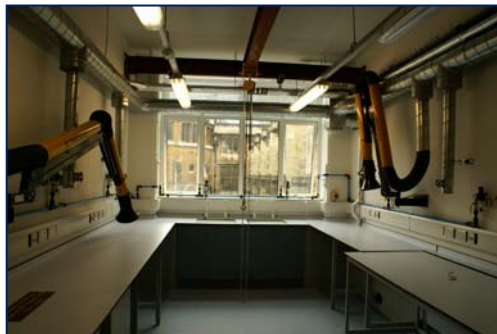
Spotlight on....Universities

Bray and Slaughter have had a very successful summer working with our local Universities, listed below are photos and information about some of the completed work.



University of Bath – Polden Court: Renovation of 126 student bedrooms including prefabricated bathroom pods and 9 communal kitchens. The work was carried out to an extremely tight and challenging programme and was handed over virtually snag free to the delight of the client. Well done to everyone who worked there, especially Mike de Courcy and Lee Hardwell for all of the hard work and effort put in.

University of Bath – Parade Bar: Another extremely challenging job carried out for the University of Bath this summer was the Parade Bar. Malcolm and Matt did an excellent job of managing the many changes and additional works added during the 8 week programme. The new bar and backfittings plus substantial m&e installations look fantastic and are a credit to our skills to deliver quality work in restricted timescales.



University of Bristol – Earth Sciences: This new research laboratory involves new m&e systems, hygienic ceilings, partitions and trespa benches. This complex design and build contract was completed to a very high standard thanks to the hard work that Paul Brown and his team put in and the 12 week project has created first class research facilities at UOB and has greatly improved the functionality of this building.

UoBristol - Careers Centre Development: Photos are of the Welcome Desk and Entrance Area. We also worked at the **Arts and Social Sciences Library**, staff were so impressed with the hard work of Bart & his team that they awarded certificates to Ernest Tinling for “Keeping the Library Clean & Tidy” and to Andre Charbonnier for “Moving 200,000 Books!”



University of the West of England – Phaz Café We completed the controlled demolition and strip out of this former IT lab and created open plan teaching and flexible learning spaces at Frenchay Campus. This was managed by Martin Hancock who ably dealt with complications including the 11 different entrances which were required to be constantly accessible throughout the works.