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NOTE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I hope that everyone had a good Easter and you have all managed to enjoy the recent spell of good weather we have been experiencing. Long may it continue.....

As a company in 2014, Agetur experienced a very successful year and we are anticipating this will continue throughout 2015 after what has been an extremely busy start to the year.

“According to the latest forecasts from the Construction Products Association (CPA), construction output is forecast to increase by 5.5% in 2015. However, growth is expected to slow in 2016 and 2017 due to uncertainty surrounding the forthcoming general election. Private house building is predicted to rise by 10.0% in 2015, 5.0% in 2016 and 3.0% in 2017. The CPA’s economics director Dr Noble Francis said: 'Construction output is forecast to increase 5.5% in 2015, which is more than double the rate of growth for the UK economy, due to growth in the three key sectors of construction; private housing, commercial and infrastructure. 'There has been a slowdown in the general housing market but house building continues to drive construction industry growth. After rising 13.3% in 2014, private house building is forecast to increase a further 10.0% to 142,000 new homes in 2015.”

This is great news for us. We have recently taken on a new job at Brackley for Linden Homes and in April started work on the site for Lindens at Bicester. We have won the tender to continue with Phase 2 and 3 for The Dorchester Group at Upper Heyford and are working on numerous other tenders for sites for Taylor Wimpey. Didcot also continues to be at the forefront of activity.

As a company we continue to look at initiatives to keep us at the top of the game so are taking on new staff, restructuring, training and looking at best practices plus technology to assist us and make sure we are ready for the extra workload. We are keen to maintain our reputation and high levels of health and safety and quality standards that we as a company set and expect.

Hopefully you will all have seen details of the “Family Fun Day” we are holding on the 16th May, it would be lovely to see as many as you as possible to have an Agetur staff and family get together.

As always I need to thank you for your continued hard work, stay safe.

Rob Rexton

Chairman



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HEALTH & SAFETY

In an exceptionally busy time it has been good to get lots of you away for testing/training. We should celebrate your success but there are far too many to praise all individually for your efforts in training/testing/refreshing on SSSTS, SSP, NRSW, NPORS/CPCS, Slinger Signaller, First Aid and Confined Spaces. You know who you are and a well done from all of us.



Congratulations also to Brett Abbott, Anthony Gaughan, Thomas Gaughan, Paul Greene, Robert Johnston, Mick Legge, Patrick O'Loughlin, Charles Thomas as all successfully completed the SMSTS course, and to John Gaughan Jnr, Robert Johnston and Lee Brain + one other who successfully completed the Temporary Works Coordinators Certificate course.

We have enjoyed some great weather this last few weeks and it is said it will get better. It is in your own interest to wear sleeved shirts (most of our clients require this anyway), long trousers and sun block on all exposed skin especially nose and ears.

Stay Safe.

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PLANT DEPARTMENT

As we have got busier in the last few months there has been a need to increase the fleet in all aspects of our department; new Welfare facilities have been ordered, more vehicles and new and used plant machinery/equipment.

We have taken on an additional mobile mechanic, Adam Russell, who joins us from a plant background and he will hopefully settle in and give some much needed support to the maintenance team. We have now set up a new service schedule, Steve and Adam have allocated sites to look after, and with Jon down in Didcot I hope this will help in keeping major repairs to a minimum and with everybody's help keep ALL of our equipment in tip top condition.



On the hiring front we have changed the way we/the sites hire none operated plant to try and reduce the amount of calls to the office and hopefully speed up delivery time. I hope that we are all benefitting from this and it helps us in reducing unnecessary calls/chasing deliveries etc.

We had a very good incident free time during the winter months but unfortunately during March we have experienced a couple of break-ins with smaller items of plant being the target. Can we please be more vigilant when securing and locking up, removing ALL keys from site at the end of the day and weekends. Thanks for your continued support.

Gary & Karla



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NEW ADDITIONS TO HEAD OFFICE

Joining the team we have Paul Cunningham who is 51 years old and married to Alison. They have 4 children between them, two of which now work at Agetur UK on the adoptions work. Paul has two granddaughters one is 3 years old & the second is 4 weeks old.

Paul trained as a Marine Engineer in The Royal Navy and serving 10 years and travelled extensively, visiting the Falkland Isles twice.

He started in the building industry 20 years ago as a block paver and did a few years before taking a break and getting a proper job! In 2006 Paul returned to ground works as a subcontractor for J Breheny Ltd and was asked to join them as a foreman in his first major job at Statonbury Park in MK as his Site Manager was promoted to Contracts Manager and he had to take over the site. He trained in several disciplines and gained street works ticket, SMSTS, first aid and then, more recently, completed his NVQ Level 6.

His experience has been gained through mostly infrastructure works, roads & sewers, S278 road works and various finishing works.

He would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome he received when he joined (3 months ago) and says although the role he has been employed to carry out is challenging, he is enjoying it immensely and looks forward to working with you all.



Our other addition to the office is Callum Craven who has just started as an accountant's trainee, working with Linda and Glenda. Callum was born in Grantham but at the age of 5 moved to Aberystwyth where he discovered his fondness for rugby which he still keeps up today competing in a rugby 7's tournament in May.

Callum's family moved to Brackley at the age of 10 and he has lived here ever since, apart from when he was at university in Aberystwyth where he studied Mathematics and History. Before joining Agetur he did a stint of bar work working in the Chequered flag in Brackley and may have met some of the team in there.

Other hobbies include archery, in which he coached for a time, and radio, where he was a co-host on an Aberystwyth radio station.





Bally Beaufort in winning form at Chepstow on 7th March in the Betway 'National Hunt' Maiden Hurdle, coming 1st.

He is now "out to grass" till July when Rob is hoping to have him compete in chasing.

Rob and members some of the Agetur team attending Newbury Races on Friday 27th March where we had sponsored a race.



Rob receiving his winning Certificate at Chepstow in March for Bally Beaufort's win.

Agetur management and clients attending The Cheltenham Festival – Gold Cup Day, Friday 13TH March 2015



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Is a local Northampton based Charity which works with children and young people to help them overcome traumatic events and is the Charity we have chosen to support at our Family Fun day.



They may have suffered:

Family breakdown; Bereavement; Domestic violence; Abuse and or neglect; Illness; Peer pressure.

Kidsaid do this by providing Play Therapy, Art Therapy and Drama Therapy, as well as Protective Behaviours work and Child/Adult Relationship Counselling. Their therapists are all professionally qualified and are experienced in their field; they are trained to work with families from all backgrounds and with a whole range of issues.

Early intervention to support these children and young people brings real benefits to their lives and will help to ensure these traumas will not manifest in later life, causing them more serious problems in the future. KidsAid works with schools, local authorities and other voluntary bodies to support vulnerable

children and their families. Anyone can refer a child to KidsAid – a school, GP, family member, or a child can self-refer. The therapists are supported by a Clinical Director and by a dedicated Board of Trustees, who have a rich variety of professional backgrounds and skills.

Retired paediatrician, Nicholas Griffin chairs KidsAid: *“I’ve seen how countless young lives can be irreparably damaged by abuse, bereavement, illness or bullying or any of a host of traumas to which today’s children may be exposed. Such damage can lead on to behavioural problems, academic under-performance, failed social relationships and poor parenting skills. This all passes the injury onto the next generation. By intervening early, we aim to help the children cope with their problems and so mitigate or prevent the later impact.”*

Their Patron is Countess Spencer, who says, *“I am so proud to be a part of the vital work that Kidsaid does in our community. Children living in the aftermath of trauma need and deserve the kind of support that Kidsaid can offer.”*

“I think KidsAid is wonderful. The women are lovely, they listen to you and are a big help. I found I could speak to my therapist openly straight away as I trusted and felt safe with her. Therapy has helped me not to keep things inside and talk about how I feel. I know what to do now when I am feeling depressed”. 14 year old client.



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FAMILY FUN DAY – Saturday 16th May 2PM ONWARDS

Details on how to purchase tickets will follow with wage slips or contact Lee Brain.



Adult ticket: £5.00

Children Free

Ticket includes:

Free drink on arrival, Hog Roast

Live music & entertainment

Venue: Stratton Arms
Main Street
Turweston
Northamptonshire
NN13 5JX

Limited Camping Available



Raffle Prizes

Muddy Duck Meal

Newbury Racing

Sixfields Football

Rugby

Golf

Wine / Beer

& many more TBC



The Whole Hog Roast Company - Milton Keynes



Hog roast

Live music including our own Marley & Dee

Bouncy castle

Kwik cricket

Penalty shootouts

Lawn games

And much more

All money raised from our raffle will be going to the charity:



Raffle Tickets will be available before the event and on the day. Please contact Lee Brain on 07801 470381



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REMINDER Staff wishing to attend must have bought their tickets by Tuesday 5th May to allow us to finalise numbers.

Thank you

AGETUR GOLF SOCIETY



The new Agetur staff Golf Society met for their premier golf day on Sunday 19th April at Cherwell Edge Golf Club, Chacombe and enjoyed a great day.

The results were:

Winner - Paul Skinner

Runner up - Michael Main

Longest Drive - Lee Brain

Nearest the Pin - Frank Jones

The next date has been set and will take place on 26th July 2015 at Waterstock Golf Club. All staff members are welcome.

Fancy playing a round with your work colleagues? If you are interested in swapping the shovel for the Driver, the Spirit Level for the Putter then let Lee know on:

07801 470381 lee.brain@agetur.co.uk



FUN DAY RAFFLE

Our Raffle for the fun day is taking shape with some great prizes on offer. We have already secured an "Invitation to the races" at Newbury Racecourse, 2 Tickets to "Watch the Cobblers for free" at Sixfields Stadium, A Towcester races Hospitality Voucher, a meal for 2 including wine at The Muddy Duck in Hethe, Spa day for 2, Whisky, Wine, Beer and many more.....

If you are unable to attend but would like to buy tickets (£1 a strip), then please contact Lee, Karla or Maggie.

All proceeds from the raffle and adult ticket money will be donated to the charity Kidsaid.

