

## NATTA NEWSLETTER

MACHINES WORKING HARD — PEOPLE THINKING HARD — BUILDING SAFELY FOR THE FUTURE

### TOUGH TIMES

Due to the downturn in work and the recession I have unfortunately had to make redundancies to adjust our workforce to suit the current economic climate. This decision was not taken lightly and is fundamental to ensure the strength of the business as a whole.

Natta's current position is that we have secured work and are tendering for many contracts. The problems we are facing are jobs being delayed due to lack of funding. On a positive note there is much talk of 'green shoots' of recovery, only time will tell but hopefully this is the case.

### WIN A DAYS' PAID HOLIDAY

In the meantime, you can help. How can I improve your working day; make you more efficient? Can you save Natta money? I invite you to Tell John. The best idea will win; just drop me a note.

### ENJOY TOMORROW ...

... Think Safe Today. From 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Natta will adopt The Incident and Injury Free initiative successfully used by Bovis Lend Lease and Laing O'Rourke. We want to ensure every worker goes home safely every day. This new culture is about caring for one another and demonstrating this care on a daily basis. Supervisors will be trained soon.

John E Whelan — Managing Director

### Tutty's Triumph

Tutty went to see a friend in hospital. "Look at all this crumpet I'm surrounded

with" his friend said. 3 days later he died. That 'crumpet' was The MacMillan Nurses and Tutty was touched by the support they gave his friend in his final hours. He came up with a plan that ended up raising nearly £3,000. He lost 42lbs with the help of Weightwatchers. "There were 6 blokes and 300 women" he said, "I stopped the fry-ups but mainly I drank less Guinness". He's since started putting it back on. "I went back to bad habits, but I've now re-registered for myself". Tutty would like to thank everyone at Natta for their generosity.

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### STAFF AND COMPANY NEWS

Congrats to John & Jennie Dunwoody who gave birth to 8lb 9oz boy Max on 21 Feb. "The first 2 weeks were hell," said John, who was pleased to get back to his desk for a rest.

Angela Alden was choked and overwhelmed by the efforts of her colleagues for her recent milestone birthday.



"No bus pass for me; they call me the bird watching jeep user at the HOS (Hampshire Ornithological Society)." Angela was delighted with her webcam which she will focus on her garden. "I would love to see a nightingale or a skylark. Recently a siskin was tagged in my garden and ended up in Germany 2 weeks later." She would not be using it to check if her husband is sunbathing, she nearly said.

Angela was not the only one turning 60; congrats also to Marilyn in Natta Country Homes. They say 60 is the new 40 ladies ... talking of which; John Whelan has turned 40; against all odds... "His first job was in Hook when he was 16. He had a jackhammer and was making slow progress breaking out this concrete bridge. He just wouldn't give up" says Matt Sainty. They eventually got a 50 tonne machine! He's worked his way up; with a bit of college thrown in between, and is now our MD. John saw turning 40 as an inconvenience "That's enough now; it's over" he said at 12.01am the day after. Joanne Murray was also 40 recently, "Actually I was 27.5" she said, and is looking forward to a hot air balloon flight to celebrate. Finally Karl Sheppard turned 30 in February. "I hate my birthday" he said, not realizing that the above 5 people would happily swap.

We were very sorry to hear that John McHale suffered a stroke. He's stable in hospital and we wish him a quick recovery.

## JIM WYNNE'S RETIREMENT



After 33 years of dedicated, loyal and exceptional hard work, Jim Wynne has retired. "A lot has changed in 33 years; the machines for one are a lot bigger" he said. "There are some great characters at Natta, and we really battled through the last recession, I'm sure they'll be OK this time round". Jim appreciated his gifts, and can not wait to use his binoculars during a race day at Newbury. His missus has got some other things planned for him. A builder's house is never finished but now it can be. "I was knackered when I retired, but 2 weeks later I'm fully re-charged" he said.

"We thank Jim for his service and kind words about Natta", said John E Whelan as they presented him with a watch as well. "We wish him all the best".

## NEW PROJECTS AWARDED

- **CHELTENHAM** for Healthcare
- **EDGEWARE** for Healthcare
- **GRAVESEND** for Castle Heights
- **HOLBORN** for Bovis
- **SHOREHAM HARBOUR** for Metricab
- **POLICE HQ – SOTON** for Kier
- **ST GEORGES HOSPITAL** for Metricab

## NEW PLANT ACQUISITIONS

Recently we have purchased :-

- 2 No. Discutters
- 4 No. Wackers of various widths
- 1 No. Forward Reverse Wacker
- 1 No. Bench Saw
- 1 No. A new All Terrain Pallet Truck
- 1 No. Powerscreen 1400, 3 way screener



## BRING YOUR SNAILS

Del Brandon is helping his daughter-in-law to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. It's a family fun and shopping event. "Bring your own snails for the racing; there's a prize for the best name. I hope loads of Natta folk will be there" he said. Other highlights include face painting, an assault course and bouncy castle. Venue: The War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane, Church Crookham on Sunday July 5th, 2-5pm.

In aid of

**Alzheimer's Society**

Leading the fight against dementia

"Hope you like this edition of the newsletter. We'd like to hear from you, so please get your news and articles to me by 31<sup>st</sup> August for the next issue. We are particularly looking for any Natta related photographs, either people or sites."

Jo - Ed  
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## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### CSCS HEALTH & SAFETY TEST

Ted Le Brocq (Manager), Luke Beeston (Manager), Paul Cook (Supervisor), Dennis Wynne, Danny Dwyer

### NVQ LEVEL 2

George Mitchell

### NVQ LEVEL 3

Xhavit Dauti

### CPCS

Luke Beeston (Appointed Person Lifting Operations), Rob Winspear (Slinger/Signaller)

### CPCS - NVQ UPGRADE

Paul Cook (360), Ben Gamroth (360), Henry Carter (360), Martin Benton (360)

### FIRST AID AT WORK

Kevin Bardsley (Refresher)

### SMSTS

John E Whelan, John Dunwoody, Kevin Bardsley, Huw Rees (Refresher)

### IIF SUPERVISOR

John E Whelan, John Dunwoody

### SSSTS

Paul Cook, Martin Boyling, James Cracknell, Xhavit Dauti, Henry Carter, Mick Channon, Sandy Moir, Colin Henwood, Ken Bevis, Luke Dove, Rob Winspear, Brian Shaw, Neil Clowsley, Wayne Myers, Simon Bessant, Paul Bessant, Gary Davidson, Danny Wynne, Kevin Matthews, Ryan Smith, William Stevenson, Andrew Fowler, Steve Alexander, David Hughes



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