

Salus News



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Welcome to the first issue of Salus News, the quarterly newsletter brought to you by Salus Approved Inspectors.



The £30.5M development of **Witney College** in Abingdon is one of many construction projects to which Salus have been appointed Approved Inspectors.

Currently at the design stage, the college boasts innovative design techniques and the fire safety challenges encountered by incorporating teaching areas opening into the main atria.

Working as a fundamental part of the design team in providing both critical fire engineering advice and building regulation compliance, Salus are proud to be working again alongside **Turner and Townsend** - one of the country's leading Construction Project Management specialists for educational establishments.

The project is programmed to begin in Spring 2009 with completion of the project expected in Autumn 2010. Support will be provided from our regional office at Redditch by Paul Meadows (Project Director), Clive Hemming, Stuart Braithwaite and Den Meade, and the team benefits from having the additional in-house expertise of our acoustics specialist Andrew Clark-Monks, based in our North Yorkshire office.

Lead project manager is **Clive Hemming** who, with 15 years professional experience of commercial and public buildings, is relishing the challenge and says "This is just one project where Salus are working

From Concept to Completion."



In The News



New Website

We will soon be launching our new dynamic website with easy link access to news on our projects, direct to our staff and many more exciting features.

Please visit it at

www.salusai.co.uk



London and South East Teams Strengthened

We have recently strengthened our London and South Eastern regional offices with the appointment of new project manager Stuart Martin.

After serving for five years with the Royal Engineers, Stuart gained his BSc (Hons) in Building Surveying at Greenwich University and has seven years in the profession. He has dealt with a diverse range of projects including residential, educational, care homes, warehouses, office blocks, and storage buildings.

With our ever increasing client base in London and the South East, Stuart has already formed good working relationships in the construction industry and is relishing working on major projects like the £40m development of Havering Sixth Form College, Essex (see front page).

New Major Contracts

These are a sample of the projects we have won this year. The details below are the project, client and build value

Food Factory, Manchester
Cleggs Food Projects £10M

Primary School, Huntingdon
SMC Corstorphine & Wright £5.6M

Residential development with retail for London and Quadrant Housing Trust, London
Wates Group £multi-million

Abingdon & Witney College Redevelopment
Turner & Townsend £30.5M



Office Building, Bristol (above)
Constellation Europe £21M

Redevelopment of student accommodation, Seven Sisters Road, London
Pantelli Associates £8M

Office Building, St Swithins Lane, London
Trident Building Consultancy £6M

New dwelling, The Water House, London
Corporate City Developments £6M



Exeter College, Oxford University (above)
McLennan Architects £20M

Northampton College
Pick Everard £70M

Niftylift, Production facility/offices, Milton Keynes
Goring Berry Partnership £multi-million

St Giles Hospice, Lichfield
St Giles Hospice Developments £7M

Havering Sixth Form College, Essex
Fusion Project Management £40M

Sector Focus Education

Salus is building an enviable reputation as Approved Inspector for education and education related projects, where we combine our approved inspector and fire engineering experience to help clients avoid costly issues at the design stage.



Typical was our selection as Approved Inspector for the new state of the art **Leicester Gateway College** campus (left), which was influenced by our expertise in education campus developments. In

Leicestershire alone we are the Approved Inspectors for **Loughborough University** and have carried out the same role at **Leicester De Montfort University** and **Stephenson College**.

The state-of-the art design is for a glazed street with three-storey teaching pods at the rear and entrance and ancillary services at the front.

Materials are being chosen which can be manufactured and disposed of in an environmentally sustainable manner while energy creation and conservation are a top priority with biomass boiler heating, solar electricity, maximised daylight and solar powered water heating providing for the zero carbon footprint. A wind turbine, under a separate planning application, is planned.

This project has led in turn to our appointment, since Christmas 2007, as Approved Inspectors for **Northampton College**, **Abingdon and Witney College** and **Havering Sixth Form College** (see **Major New Contracts** - opposite page)

However, it is not just in campus construction where Salus is building its reputation. Our involvement with Design Buro on their 12 storey **Bath Row**

student accommodation block in Birmingham (right) began a full two years before construction started.

The building uses a unique construction technique of pre-cast concrete cassette floors supported on light-gauge steel loadbearing panels. Due to this construction and complex design, we provided significant early stage advice and assistance on compliance with Building Regulations, including most crucially the fire aspects. The height of the building and the requirement for the structural elements to provide 90 minutes fire resistance led Salus to offer advice on how to satisfy the Building Regulations. We requested that floors and walls were independently fire tested to substantiate the necessary fire resistance, while our in-house fire engineers provided input on means of escape in case of fire to satisfy Approved Document B and the Fire Service.

But of course Salus covers the complete spectrum of education, both new and old.

At **Loughborough** we have recently worked on the new £5 million three-storey **Health Exercise and Bio Science Sports Building** (left), where Olympic athletes will be put through their paces to improve their performance.



Work has recently been completed at the **London School of Hygiene**, and currently we are working with McLennan Architects at **Exeter College**, **Oxford University** (see opposite page), where the masterplan involves the removal of low grade extensions, the restoration of quality historic buildings and the construction of three new contemporary buildings.

These are certainly exciting times in education, particularly for Salus.



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About SALUS

We provide our corporate clients with a 'one-stop shop' covering all areas of building control, fire engineering and fire safety consultancy.



Distributed throughout the Company, in eight strategically situated regional offices and connected by state-of-the-art electronic communications, we have experts in building control and fire engineering covering

all sectors including retail, commercial, industrial, health and education, sporting facilities, fit-out and airports.

Each regional office has its own dedicated director who is 'hands-on' and involved in the day-to-day running of major projects and the application of the Building Regulations.

Also, each office has its own administration, in addition to central administration at the headquarters in Sapcote, Leicestershire.

Our services are always tailored to the individual client who is given a single point of contact, ensuring consistent interpretation of the regulations.



We offer free pre-submission advice and assistance with value-engineering concepts. In fact, everything is totally customer focussed.

We offer a robust and secure online submission service enabling us to provide a speedy turnaround of applications and resolution of issues that may be delaying building work.

Submissions and drawings are stored centrally on our server allowing our project managers to respond pro-actively to your needs, using expertise distributed throughout Salus where necessary.

And where 'face-to-face' contact is necessary we will visit you, or you can visit our local office.

This combination of customer focussed services is why we say that Salus works with clients from

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Technical Updates

Each quarter, our newsletter will bring you information and updates in relation to building control and fire related legislation, with the aim of improving from the outset your current and future construction projects.

In the Press

UK Construction published two double page features on Salus in the December and January issues.

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