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Newsletter—2007

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2007!

1977-2007



Years of Practice

**Merry Christmas
and a prosperous 2008!**

Overview of another busy year !

2007 has been a busy a year as ever for RJA!
125 enquiries have resulted in 24 new commissions!

Completed jobs



Gracelands Nursing Home, Warninglid



St Bartholemew's Church Extension

7 jobs have started on site.
18 Planning Applications have been submitted.
6 Completions including St Bartholemew's Church extension Otford and Gracelands Nursing Home, Warninglid.

Student Perspective

We are currently mentoring 2 students from UCCA (the former KIAD), Matt and Marek and have a regular work experience student from the same school of Architecture (Hannah Wyatt). Matt Hudson is undertaking his year out experience after his BA Arch (Hons) from UCCA.

The latest and most exciting application to be made is for the new Community Centre for St Martin's Church, Cheriton.



Su Bradley has taken up the post as Roger's PA and assists office manager Lesley Leage keep some form of order to Roger's diary and general day to day running of the office.

What's happening in 2008?

Roger Joyce Associates will be having a party to celebrate 30 years in Practice 1977-2007. We will let you know the arrangements in the new year!

Energy Saving



The Prime Minister's recent speech on Energy Saving will almost certainly lead to increased awareness of the global warming crisis, but may result in government initiatives designed to encourage property owners (existing and prospective) to improve the efficiency of their buildings. This has given a huge boost to our stated mission to incorporate as much energy saving as possible into our projects however small.

Three projects in Chatham High Street

Medway Borough Council's Riverside Regeneration involves a huge stretch of the High Street from South pier to Rochester Station. Working with Council Planners, Conservation Architects and Grant Officers.

We have secured two definite commissions involving grant Assisted regeneration projects (63-65 and 100 High Street), and hope to confirm the detailed conditions of an appointment to work on the repair, conservation and conversion of 37-41 High Street for Gillcrest Homes, in conjunction with a scheme for which Planning Consent has been obtained by CTM Architects.



Town centre development

We have watched with great interest, the new shopping centre rise up out of the site of the Alexandra Gardens and Gloucester Place Car Parks, in front of our very eyes on the opposite side of Bouverie Square. Whatever you may think of the Architecture (and who would have ever given the the best view of Folkestone to 500 cars??) The boost to Folkestone retail offer is evident. For the first time since the heady days of "Bobby's" and "Plummer Roddis", we now have quality shops of the like hither to only experienced in Canterbury . You can get a great cup of coffee in no fewer than three national chains - Costas, Starbucks and BHS.



We are hoping that initiatives that the Practice has been advocating, may now happen such as the improved parking in Sandgate Road (with FTCM), the sails and tensile structures with their nautical references (with HarbourMart and others) and who knows the Business class hotel over the bus station Station, and "The Hub" on the former coach park on Marine Parade.



HIP OPERATION

From 14th December 2007 all properties will now require a "Home Information Pack" and for a long time, the Practice has been assisting developer and private clients to furnish the drawn up information required for the pack. Recent projects have "SAP" calculations and Energy Ratings are now being regarded as "a must" we work with JHAi and Energist in providing this information and are looking into installing the required software that will enable us to provide this service in-house, as part of the Design Development in due course.

Channel Chamber Christmas Lunch Hythe Imperial 7th December 2007.



The Practice joined the Channel Chamber of Commerce for its Christmas Party this year, and were pipped to first place in the "Twelve days of Christmas singing Competition by "Property Matters"

FINGER ON THE PULSE

Roger's service on local organisations such as Folkestone Town Centre Management (FTCM) and on the Business Centre/Shepway District Council "Shepway Economic & regeneration Partnership" (SERPS) means that he is in good position to "know what's going on" in the local scene. Of note will be forthcoming meetings to discuss SDC Policies on Affordable Housing (currently 30% of all developments over 14 units in size) and on Sustainable homes (a target for all new and improved developments to achieve a rating of 3* - in the BRE Code for Sustainable Homes) Also the progress being made on the Strategic Food Risk Assessment. Things are changing, and it is important for us to be "in the van" where the changes are taking place, in order to serve our clients as well as we can.



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Mission Statement

"Our aim is to guide clients through the architectural process by providing a friendly, informed, professional and efficient service and to create best practice architecture that benefits the client and community."

Roger Joyce Associates is now in its 30th year. The Principal obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Building Conservation in 1990 and has worked on scheduled monuments (SM) and Grade I and Grade II Listed buildings.

The Practice assesses many churches under the Inspection of Churches Measure and prepares the relevant Quinquennial Inspection Reports.

Our portfolio includes many barn conversions, each of which required an historic farmstead study to be completed. As well as new build and contemporary design work.

The Practice design work has been recognised by several awards bodies over the years, including The National Self-Build Award, The RIBA Downland Prize for Architects and other local awards such as the Maidstone Design Award, Shepway Building Design Award and Folkestone's Civic Pride Award for Restoration of a building and in Dover, the Downland Prize for use of Brick for The Grand Shaft.

The Practice has a strong commitment to sustainable energy saving design, and we aim to incorporate passive and active solar heating, rainwater harvesting, heat recovery and other energy-saving measures in all projects, however modest.

Caption Competition



Roger and Liz caught on camera in the Ship Inn, suggestions for caption please to info@Rogerjoyceassociates.co.uk.

The office will be closed from lunchtime 21st December 2007 and re-open Wednesday 2nd January 2008.

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