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# Step Inside

Issue 02

## Powershield reaches new heights...



Team leader Geoff Chambers (pictured right) reached the North Col during his 4-week climb on Mount Everest. Powershield colleagues held a table quiz before he left, raising a total of £350.

## Powershield Appointments

- Jon Irons: Area Sales Manager Midlands
- Suzanne Waddell: Business Improvement Manager
- Suzanne Bryans: Sales Administrator
- Claire Hobson: Estimator
- David Robinson: Drawing Office
- Andrew Mulholland: Drawing Office
- Marc Robinson: Paint line
- Ashley Matier: CNC
- Stephen Coulter: Glue line

## Congratulations!

### Births:

Mark Hampton: Megan  
 Mohamed Hidayathulla: Hamdan  
 Gareth Henry: Morgan  
 Johnny Sweeney: Niamh  
 Claire Emerson: adoption of Clara  
 Graham Turbitt: Rachel

### Marriages:

Brian Higginson & Lisa  
 Brian Sofley & Francesca  
 Peter Hourican & Catherine  
 David Robinson & Janice

## Duke of Kent visits Powershield

Earlier in the year the Duke of Kent paid a visit to the Powershield factory, having expressed an interest in the company and their products, following the Queen's Award.



Managing Director Dr. Graham Crymble and door fabricator Barry Johnston explain fabrication details to the Duke of Kent.



The Duke of Kent shares engineering knowledge with Dr. Graham Crymble.

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## Powershield Secure Millenium Dome Contract



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It equals 13 Albert Halls and could accommodate the Eiffel Tower lying on its side!

Powershield is supplying doors to Main Contractor Sir Robert McAlpine.



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## What's in this issue?

It's again a pleasure to write an introduction to another edition of our 'Step Inside' newsletter.

We see ourselves as one part of a three-way relationship - Powershield Customers, Powershield Suppliers, Powershield Doors – and I trust this newsletter is of value to each of these parties.

We continue to develop our relationship with our customers and the success of this is evident by the increased volume of production going through the factory. This I feel is due in part to our enhanced design and production software assisting in the fast turnaround of customer orders and also due to our ability to install our doors on site using Powershield installation staff.

At Powershield we are constantly updating our product and developing new designs, this newsheet highlights an example of a radical new door development.

A major redesign of double door leaves has taken place to create a flush astragal. This provides a more aesthetic appearance, enhances the security and meets the requirements of the fire certification. Like lots of new product development this has arisen due to feedback and suggestions received from our customers.

In order to be a flexible and responsive supplier we need highly trained and skilled staff who understand Powershield's customers are their customers. A company wide staff-training programme is ongoing; this has involved everyone in the company and we feel has been extremely beneficial on both a personal and corporate level. This edition of 'Step Inside' shows some very enthusiastic participants on the 'Sink or Swim' team building programme.

Dr Graham Crymble, Managing Director



Powershield team prepare for raft race following orienteering challenge.



## Liverpool One: Paradise Project



Project architects BDP have specified Powershield doors for the £920million city centre re-development in Liverpool. The Paradise Street Development Area to be known as Liverpool One is currently the largest retail scheme in Europe with over 1.6million square feet of new shopping space. Project developer Grosvenor – owned by the Duke of Westminster and their construction partner Laing O'Rourke have already placed orders with Powershield for a number of buildings and installation is now underway.

## Centocor



Powershield doors are used again and again by Johnson & Johnson. The construction of a €500million manufacturing plant for subsidiary Centocor Inc has commenced in Ringaskiddy, Co Cork and Powershield doors are to be installed throughout the building.

The order for doors was secured directly from the biotechnology giant through project managers John Sisk & Son and reinforces Powershield's position as the leading door supplier to both Biotech and Pharma industries.

## Sink or Swim!

Contracts staff and production personnel recently participated in the one-day 'Sink or Swim' training programme in Castlewellan. The team-building and business awareness course was facilitated by Lyle English of CCS and Highpoint training.



## Arsenal Completion and Visit

In July 2006 Powershield successfully completed the installation of an 18-month long project to supply and install 850 doorsets at The Emirates Stadium, the new home of Arsenal F.C.



Arsenal fans put Powershield's segregation panels to the test.

This consisted of steel doors from the Powershield Personnel, Fire-rated and power-operated range and a bespoke segregation system which was designed and manufactured by Powershield. Stephen McDonald (Production Manager) and Marc Montgomery (Project Manager) were among the first to attend the Dennis Bergkamp Testimonial at the New Emirates Stadium in July this year.

## Improved Integral Astragal



Powershield has dramatically improved the design of the overlapping astragal detail on double-leaf steel doors to provide a more aesthetically-pleasing finish, coupled with all the advantages of integrating the astragal within the leaf construction.

The new detail changes the projecting overlapping detail to a completely flush finish on the front of the door leaves. The detail continues to conform to double-leaf fire door requirements, while providing an improved cleanroom finish to the door leaf and maintaining the security features of an anti-jemmy edge.

## Powershield Trivia:

*Did you know...*

- Powershield supplies over 1 metric tonne of hinge screws with their doors per year.
- The door leaves made by Powershield each year, if stacked, would become the world's tallest tower.