



CLARKE GROUP

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Encouraging Communication throughout The Clarke Group

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Contracts Division Awarded Multi Million Euro Contract

We are delighted to announce that the Contracts Division signed a major contract with Monaghan Town Council during December 2005. The contract which is for the development of and regeneration of a key site within Monaghan town centre is part of the Council's retail regeneration programme.

The contract which has a value of €20 million is a Mixed Use Development project involving the construction of Residential and Retail Units, Town Council Civic Office Headquarters and a major Town Centre Car Park, which is expected to commence in Autumn 2006.

Tommy Clarke, Director of the Contracts Division said "The agreement with Monaghan Town Council represents another exciting phase in the development of the Group. Clarke's are looking forward to providing a flagship regeneration project for Monaghan town that will undoubtedly stimulate further commercial, civic and residential development within the town centre"



Pictured at the signing of the contract were front L-R Paddy Clarke, the Clarke Group, Tommy Clarke, the Clarke Group, David Maxwell, Mayor of Monaghan Town Council, Declan Nelson, Town Manager and Marie Deighan, Monaghan Town Clerk.

Behind are L-R Gareth McMahon, Town Engineer, Seamus McKenna, Managing Director the Clarke Group, Paul Keogh, Architect, Brendan Mulligan, the Clarke Group and Kevin McNally, Monaghan Town Centre.

THE CLARKE GROUP NOW ON DVD

Some of you may have noticed the Marketing Department out and about filming at various sites and locations. The reason for this was we were in the process of filming a Clarke Group DVD which we are now pleased to announce has been officially launched and ready for distribution.

Promoting the company as a professional and innovative organisation the DVD runs for approximately 15 minutes taking you through the six divisions within the group highlighting the products and services each division offers.

The DVD will be used as a marketing tool to promote the company to new and current customers and will be shown at presentations and exhibitions which the company will attend. We aim to use the DVD wherever possible to illustrate the breadth and depth of experience and expertise the Clarke Group holds.

We are pleased to attach a copy of the DVD so that you can see what is happening in and around the company which you may not be aware of.

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Charity at Christmas with The Clarke Group



Pictured above presenting the cheque to MacMillan Cancer Relief are (l-r) David Clarke, MacMillan Nurse representative, Paddy Clarke and Brendan Smith.



Pictured above presenting the donation to Trocaire at our quarry in Drung, Co. Cavan are (l-r) David Clarke, Brendan Smith and Paul Kane, Trocaire Representative.

During Christmas 2005 The Clarke Group donated a considerable amount of money to charity to replace the company's previous policy of presenting gifts to customers.

The Group donated £5,000 to MacMillan Cancer Relief – the charity organisation which works to make a real difference to the lives of people living with cancer.

The Clarke Group also donated €7,000 to the charity organisation Trocaire, which works to support long-term development projects overseas and to provide relief during emergencies. The money donated to Trocaire was going directly to their appeal for the Pakistan earthquake.



The Clarke Group Stands Out!

The Clarke Group are certainly standing out from the crowd through the design of a new corporate exhibition stand. During the year we exhibit at up to eight exhibitions, recruitment fairs and PR events throughout Ireland; therefore a professional and impressive stand is vital to attract visitors' attention, as many of our current and prospective customers attend such events.

The new stand illustrates impressive corporate graphics and also within the stand an LCD screen plays our Group DVD, giving the Clarke Group a very professional image which entices customers onto our stand.



A Trip Down Memory Lane

The Clarke Group has been trading since the 1930's and since then a considerable amount of history has passed through the company which many of us will not be aware of. So when we received an old photo dating back to the late 1950's we thought we would include this as a new feature within the newsletter called 'A trip down memory lane'!

This photograph shows James Quaille an ex employee of the company taking delivery of a Clarke's AEC Mercury truck from T.B.F Thompson's in Garvagh – AEC Agents around the year of 1958 or 1959.

We hope to include A Trip Down Memory Lane within each edition of this Newsletter. If anyone has old photographs relevant to the history of Clarke's which you would like to be included send them into Alison Bell who will copy and return them safely to you.

CLARKE GROUP HOLDS CPD DAY.

The Homes Division hosted a high profile event in April at our headquarters in Slushill when twenty-five architects from the Greater Belfast area and surrounding counties attended a CPD (Continual Professional Development) Seminar.

The day focused on educating the architects on the benefit of using Clarke Group products namely Timber Frame Kits, Roof Trusses and Pre Hung Internal Door Sets. An extensive guided tour of the manufacturing facility provided an in depth view of a typical timber frame build from design concept through to delivery stage. Later in the afternoon, the guests were brought to The Killyhevlin Hotel in Enniskillen for a series of technical presentations.

The event was very successful allowing architects to meet with management, structural engineers, sales representatives and designers from the Clarke Group who demonstrated the company's state of the art software packages used in the manufacture of our high specification timber frame build.

CPD (Continual Professional Development) is requirement of the Institute's Code of Conduct for architects to continue their education and training after they qualify so that they can keep updated in any changes within their industry.



Members of Staff who attended and took part are: Front Row (l-r) Ivan Kettle, Noreen McKay, Orla Foster and Gordon Knox

Back Row (l-r) Seamus Donaghy, John Murphy, Vincent Durkin, Damien Teague, Martin Lowry, Alex Knowles, David Clarke, Mervyn Brown and Kevin Collins



ARCHITECTS WHO ATTENDED THE EVENT

The Clarke Group Now NBS Accredited

During December 2005 Clarke Homes were accredited with membership to the NBS Plus (National Building Specification) and is the only Timber Frame Company on this programme for the next six months which will specify Clarke timber frame homes, roof trusses and stone.



NBS Plus is a library of building product manufacturer details linked to the NBS software which is used by over 18,000 specifiers who range from public authorities, architects, quantity surveyors to structural engineers.

NBS Plus works by manufacturers such as Clarke Homes submitting their product details and technical guidance to NBS for restructuring in NBS format. This ensures that specifiers have Clarke's product information at the time they need it - when completing the specification.

Clarke Group is Official

For over seventy years P. Clarke & Sons evolved from a small family concern with quarrying being at the core of their business. Over those years the company has grown and diversified into six distinct divisions. Today we have seen the small traditional company evolve into the Clarke Group – a major company within Ireland supplying to the construction industry.



Over recent months the image of the company has now become more standardised and is being marketed as the Clarke Group moving away from the traditional P. Clarke & Sons identity. The use of the Clarke Group has been registered under The Business Names Act, 1963 and will aim to see the company continue to evolve and diversify into new products and services.



Clarke Group Sponsors Hogan Stand

The Clarke Group have recently agreed to become the Official Sponsor of the Fermanagh Home Page on Hoganstand.com. The Clarke Group Logo is prominently displayed as a banner advert when you visit the Fermanagh County section of the website. So visit www.hoganstand.com/fermanagh/ to see how The Clarke Group sponsor such an impressive and popular website.



New Appointments

Following on from the last edition of The Clarke Group Newsletter we would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following people into the company.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Peter Donoghue
Damien Byrne
Piotr Staniszewski
Brian Connolly
Peter Connolly
Trevor Cook
Declan Foran
Mark Swan
Grezegorz Makosa
Mark Woodbyrne
Jim Yorke
Liam Crean
Danielle Ebbs
Aleusandrs Dmitrizevs
Vladimirs Nikolaeus

SURFACING DIVISION

Rosemary Bland
Mark Hall

HOMES DIVISION

Pawel Miecznik
Michael Killen
Noreen McKay
Glen Cawley
Joseph Dempsey
Steven Allen
Darren Graham
Glenn Farrell

HQ LISNASKEA

Pauline McElroy
Eamonn Mullen
Kevin Collins
Gerard Delaney
Gregory O'Keeffe
Liam Young
Donna Gilroy
Rachel Johnston
Diane Whittaker

CAVAN

John Ingram
Michal Blazejewski
Arnoldas Kazakevicius
Bernard Brides
Anne Marie Clarke

CONTRACTS DIVISION

Dzintars Ezers
Krzysztof Starzak
Scawomir Romanowski
Joseph Kearney
Darius Bagdonas
James Shields
Piotr Radzik
Ryszard Kijowski
Roderick Smith
Paul Doherty



Clarke Golf Society

Some say it's a good walk interrupted but for the members of the Clarke Group Golf Society, it's a good way to socialise with work colleagues and have some fun!

The Clarke Group Golf Society has been running for over five years, which started off with 9 members and has now grown to 20 members. The Captain of the club is Paddy McManus and the Secretary is John McElholm. Throughout the year the society organises seven golf outings which take place at venues such as Castlehume, Monaghan, Cavan, Omagh, Clones and The Slieve Russell.

If anyone is interested in joining the society please contact Paddy McManus on 00353 (0) 87 385 0821 or John McElholm on 00353 (0) 87 815 8632. We are always on the look-out for new members and would welcome anyone who would be interested in joining. An annual subscription fee of £20 is required which covers general running costs and prizes.

Congratulations

We send our congratulations to the following staff members.

Congratulations to **Brenda Nottingham**, on the birth of her Baby Boy Kian Daniel.

Congratulations to **Carmel Mulligan**, on the birth of her Baby Girl Lauren.

Congratulations to **Patricia Caughey**, on the birth of her Baby Boy Conor.

Congratulations to **Regina Magee**, Sales Rep for Homes Division on the birth of her Baby Boy Patrick.

If you know of anyone within the company who you would like to be included within the congratulations section, simply email Alison Bell at a.bell@clarkeltd.com or Telephone Extension 377.