

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2007



Overview of a busy year

In what has proved to be a very busy year for Roger Joyce Associates, we had 104 Enquiries – that's more than two every week of the year! Of those, 36 were converted into new commissions, some small, but some in the £1-2m range. New commissions for 2006 included 12 domestic extensions/refurbs, 5 properties converting into a total of over 50 new units, the care and inspection of 2 Churches (the Parish Church after the fire and St Peter's on the East Cliff).

The Principal has carried out 2 Quinquennial Inspections, and continued the careful repair/ extension of a further 4 Churches. Work continues on earlier commissions, too, with two major domestic extensions and an Estate Agency being handed over, and a major extension to a Nursing Home in West Sussex almost reaching completion, whilst the extension to St Bartholemew's Church, Otford is just coming out of the ground. Our distinctive red signboard can be seen around the District, and beyond, on properties as diverse as houses in Grimstone Gardens, Hawkinge and Postling, the former St Olave's Hotel, The Crescent in Marine Parade and on those Churches...



Fire Safety Law

New fire safety rules affecting all non-domestic premises in England Wales and Scotland came into force on 1st October 2006.

"The New regulations are the most significant change to fire safety law since the 1970's, claims facilities, engineering and property services company MITIE. The regulations no longer recognise fire certificates issued as a legal requirement to confirm that a building is adequately protected. Instead, a designated individual will be responsible for the building and they must carry out regular fire risk assessments to examine the building's safety".

Stuart Holmes, director of MITIE McCartney Fire protection, says that many businesses are still unaware of the implications of the new regulations. The new rules shift responsibility from the fire brigade to an individual who is accountable for the fire safety. "That person might be the employer, building owner, property manager or another person who has control over the premises" (Extracted from Builder and Engineer)

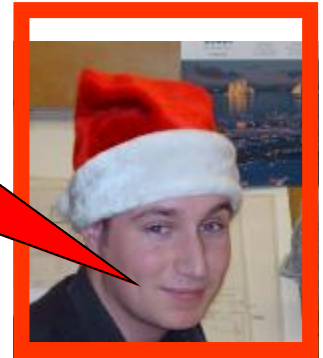
Call for Zero Carbon design

The Chancellor's recent speech adds a little spice to our commitment to design energy-efficient buildings. What has been for us a desirable mission, may now become mandatory. Certainly, developers will be looking to deliver zero carbon buildings, if incentives such as removal of stamp duty is a possibility. Part L really is beginning to make an impression, and we look forward to designing our first zero energy building in 2007.....see www.carbontrust.co.uk

A Very Merry Christmas from all the staff at Roger Joyce Associates.



Daniel Corner: Over the past year I have mainly been involved in small domestic projects. This has included many site visits for surveying. It has also been a big year for me as I have decided to go to university full time, depending on whether I get in and finish the application! So I have a few busy years to come! Hope you all have a great Christmas.

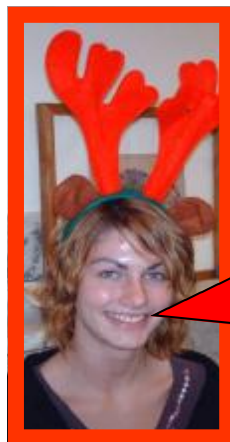
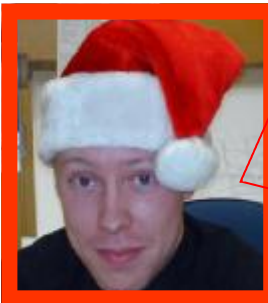


Tina Shevill: I am amazed at how quickly this year has passed. During the year I started a Management course at Canterbury College and have settled back into the student way quite well! I am looking forward to utilising what I have learnt into my working environment and hope 2007 will be just as busy but hopefully less stressful!



Marc Furminger: 2006 being a year away from university, a gap year with the possibility of some "chill out time" after studying constantly since leaving school. How wrong was I! To say the least it's been a frantic year throughout the Practice and my personal life also. Working predominantly on residential conversion work from minuscule mid terraced properties supplying only 4 dwellings up to larger scale hotel conversions producing up to 24 units. My aim for 2007 is to set off back to university to complete the final year of my degree then look into the possibility of furthering my studies to then become chartered.

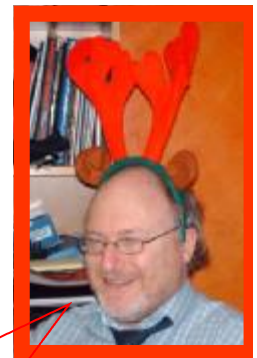
Best Wishes to all our clients, associates, suppliers and friends, from all of us at Roger Joyce Associates.



Janine: My time at Roger Joyce Associates has been for work experience, it has given me a great opportunity to understand what an office environment is like. It is very interesting working with a firm of Architects and as it is only a small business I felt very welcome.



Rob Lyons: I've only been here since July and I've already worked on many projects ranging from small residential work up to huge commercial building renovations. My biggest achievement this year would either be my involvement on the renovation of Folkestone, or going from knowing nothing about autoCAD to being at a proficient level at it in 4 months. My hopes for 2007 are to pass the first year of my construction course and to become proficient at Vectorworks.

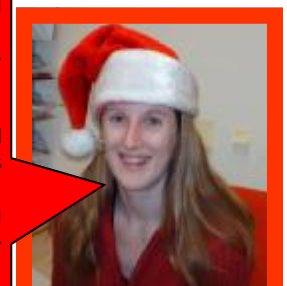


Nick Gadsby BA Dip. Arch RIBA: Diverse projects made good progress during the year. Gracelands is nearly completed, Saint Bart's now out of the ground, with others at earlier stages. Next year is likely to be very interesting, with changes from within and without. If Spring should come, it promises to be a time of renaissance.



Andy Walls BA (Hons) Arch: It's been a very busy year here in the RJA engine room. From community centres to residential projects of varying size, I have collaborated on some interesting schemes where our clients' appetite for contemporary design has grown significantly. My academic research has culminated into my first published work and 2007 should mark my return to Greenwich University to complete my diploma.

Lesley Leage MIAB BA (Hons) Bus: After implementing a computerised accounting and payroll system, I improved the efficiency of the financial management of the business. I started a home study Diploma, in Small Business Financial Management which I will finish this early 2007. With all the new projects we have taken on, it is going to be a very interesting and exciting new year.



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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 29th 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.



We are closed from Friday
 22nd December until Tuesday
 2nd January 2007.



Santa's Fun run



Roger and Liz joined over 300 Santas on Sunday 10th December, raising money for the local Samaritans. Representatives of the Folkestone Rotary Club joined in the Rotary Club of the Channel's splendid event, that hopes to realise a substantial sum for this worthy cause. If anyone feels like adding their goat to the effort, please feel free to drop in a donation to the office – we will ensure it is put to good use via our Rotary clubs.

Office to rent

From the beginning of 2007 there will be 2nd and 3rd floor penthouse offices available at 39 Bouverie Square. For more information please call the Office on 01303246400.

Roger will be elected President of the Folkestone Rotary Club in the summer of 2007, he would love to hear from anybody who would like to know a little about what the organisation does, not only in the local community, but worldwide. The Club is seeking new members (of both genders), and helpers who may feel they can do a little, but who may not want the full commitment of membership. if anyone is interested in finding out about the valuable work that the Rotary Club does please ask for information or visit

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Useful Links

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