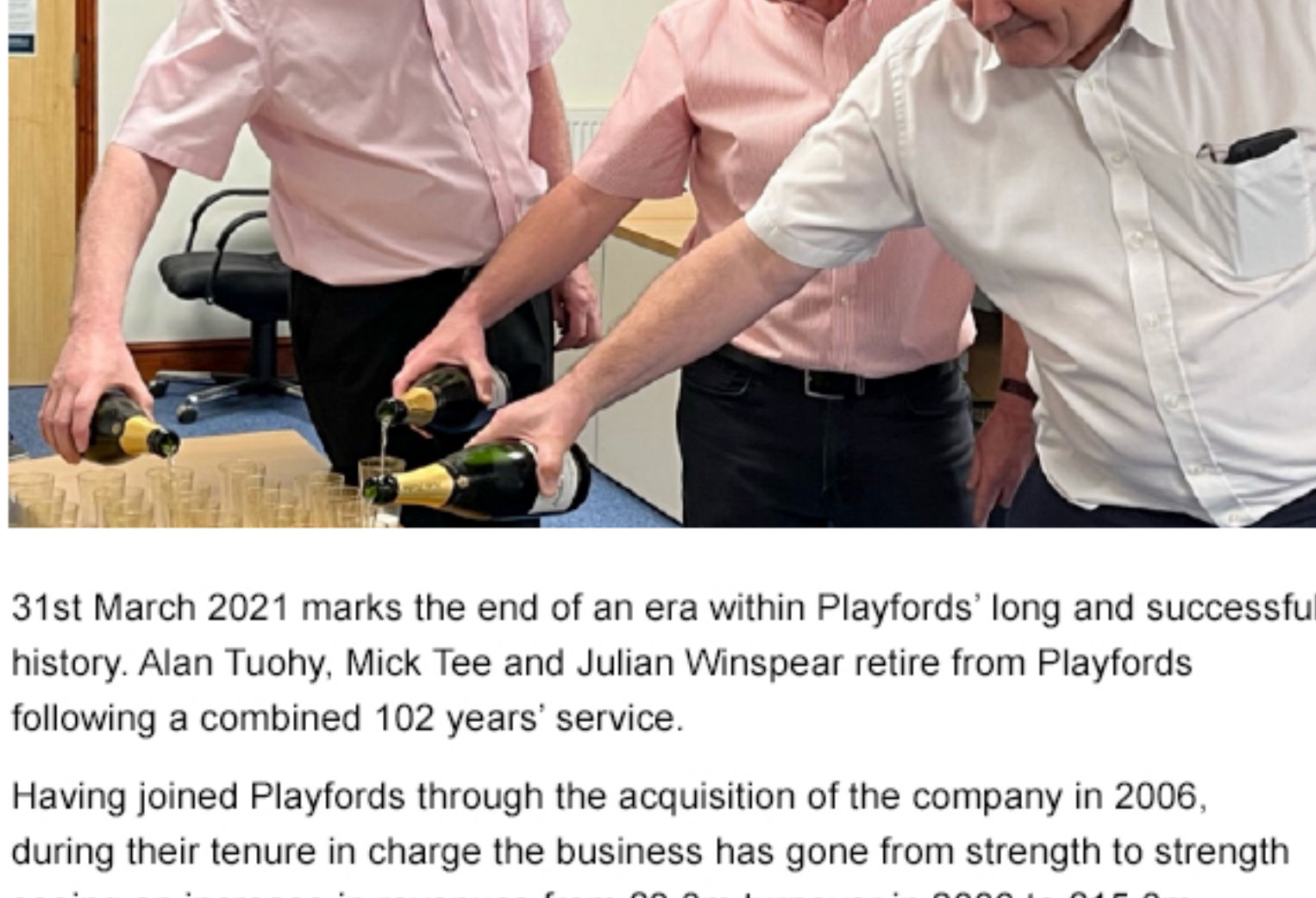


NEWSLETTER
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END OF & START OF AN ERA AT PLAYFORDS LTD



31st March 2021 marks the end of an era within Playfords' long and successful history. Alan Tuohy, Mick Tee and Julian Winspear retire from Playfords following a combined 102 years' service.

Having joined Playfords through the acquisition of the company in 2006, during their tenure in charge the business has gone from strength to strength seeing an increase in revenues from £3.0m turnover in 2006 to £15.0m turnover today. Successfully merging with its sister company Hedley Solutions in 2014 Playfords has continued its growth and development, in recent years increasing its presence with the addition of a new regional office in Dartford and securing high profile projects such as critical works within Guys and St Thomas Hospitals and high-profile works at the Royal Opera House and Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

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PROJECT NEWS

CENTRE:MK SHOPPING CENTRE



Playfords are delighted to announce that they have secured the works to replace the High Mall Lighting, PAVA System and Fire Detection systems within the Centre:MK Shopping Centre.

Works to change the high mall lighting and emergency lighting to new energy efficient LED lighting as well as provide a more robust and reliable emergency light system within the high malls are due to start imminently. In addition, a new PAVA system is to be installed within the mall areas and high-level beam detector fire alarm system. Having worked with the team at Centre:MK previously Playfords are looking forward to working with the team again. Works are due to complete by September 2021.

PLAYFORDS NEWS

Playfords continue to see success across its three regional operations. In Durham two recent projects secured include Bailey Green Primary School where a new emergency lighting installation is required, and the Segedunum Roman Fort Museum where electrical installation works in association with some boiler replacement works by others will see completion.

In Dartford we continue to service several NHS Trusts with works at both Royal Free Hospital and Mount Vernon Hospital secured recently to further enhance their public health service capability.

THE TEAM

Following the retirements of Alan Tuohy, Mick Tee and Julian Winspear we are delighted to announce a number of internal promotions and additions to the team following a restructuring of our management team.

Playfords are delighted to introduce Russell Briggshaw who has joined Playfords as Pre-Construction & Estimating Manager. Russell joins us with a wealth of experience in the electrical contracting industry and will be working with the team to further expand Playfords' operations through contract success.



We are delighted to introduce Dan Betty to the role of Project Engineer. Dan takes on the role following many years working his way through the ranks at Playfords and more recently holding the role of Site Supervisor at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane Project. Dan brings extensive knowledge and experience in the field of Voice & Data Network systems and project delivery.



Tony Evans takes on the role of Operations Manager – Southern, taking on responsibility for Playfords' operations from our Dartford office. Having joined us as Contracts Manager in 2019 we are delighted to see Tony progress and join Playfords' Senior Management team.



Sophie Burgess has further expanded her role taking on the management of Playfords' Quality Systems in addition to her existing role managing Playfords' Health & Safety and Environmental systems. Sophie's new role being Health, Safety, Environmental & Quality Manager she plays a key part in all aspects of Playfords' operations and joins our senior management.



Richard Day has been promoted to the role of Contracts Manager from his previous position as Senior Project Manager. Richard takes up responsibility for the Voice and Data and Small Project works within Playfords Operations.



SAFE TO START

Our focus on Health, Safety, Environment and Quality (HSEQ) continues to strive in a very strong and positive manner.



COVID-19

Our offices are now set-up to complete Rapid Lateral Flow tests to all those that attend the offices. This procedure has been welcomed and provides reassurance to those attending the offices, with weekly tests being completed.

Training

Training is being reviewed with the company training more Site Supervisors, Project Engineers and Project Managers in SSSTS (Site Supervisors Safety Training Scheme) and SMSTS (Site Management Safety Training Scheme) rather than IOSH Managing Safely. SSSTS/SMSTS will provide the engineers with greater insight into the hazards on site and raise awareness to ensure their safety and the safety of their colleagues. Under this training Playfords welcomes the refresher training allowing the engineers to remain up to date and focused.

Integrated Management System

We are moving to an Integrated Management System for our certification requirements of ISO 9001 Quality Management System, ISO 14001 Environmental Management System, and OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System. This will benefit Playfords in the following ways –

- Harmonises and optimises practices
- Eliminates conflicting responsibilities and relationships
- Balances conflicting objectives
- Formalises informal systems
- Reduces duplication of effort and therefore costs
- Reduces risks and increases profitability
- Turns the focus into overall business goals
- Creates consistency
- Improves internal and external communication
- Facilitates training and awareness

Good & Bad Practices

We have introduced a system to report Good & Bad Practices and to share these in Management Meetings and Team Meetings. The idea behind this is to –

- Encourage information to be shared across the company
- For all site staff to remain vigilant
- Identify any training gaps

This initiative has been welcomed by our clients and we have received positive feedback praising our site staff actions.

PLAYFORDS IN THE COMMUNITY



Playfords have entered a number of staff to take part in the Peterborough mid-summer 10km run. Playfords will be raising money on behalf of our chosen charities and any kind donations can be made at

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/Playfords10KRunners>

The competitive streak in the team is starting to kick in and everyone wants to win the Playfords race. We will be reporting the results and the winner after the event.