

Flooring Focus

The Newsletter of the John Lord Group

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The past 12 months have seen a number of exciting new developments here at John Lord. Since the last edition of Flooring Focus in July 2008, we have maintained a level-headed, even optimistic approach to the changing economic climate, and used it to drive forward a programme of further development within the John Lord Group.



We have forged ahead with our long-term planned improvements including an additional Office Facility and Office Area Re-development at our Bury site. The new Offices are close to completion and will soon become the home of our busy Contracts Department.

We have also been taking steps to boost the promotion of our products and services within an increasingly competitive marketplace. Earlier this year we launched our new-look website which is packed with useful information and exciting features. Throughout the year we will be attending a number of exhibitions with our interactive flooring stand, and we hope to meet with many of our existing and future customers (for details see page 4).

Another recent highlight was to be awarded 'Contractor of the Year 2008' by our industry association, FeRFA. We took great pride from receiving this award, which not only affirms our

reputation amongst customers as the UK's No.1 Specialist Flooring Company, but also shows a level of respect and acknowledgment from our industry peers.

This year has also seen an exciting development for the John Lord Group – I am very pleased to welcome a new and diverse business to the Group in the form of SLS Design Consultants, a professional engineering and design practice. The business has a number of synergies with the existing companies in the Group, and the drive and enthusiasm of the directors and senior managers has had a positive effect on us all.

As we continue, slightly leaner and fitter and as determined as ever to move forward, in a positive frame of mind, I hope that my next years Newsletter bulletin includes the cheerful confirmation of steady growth in our markets and those of our present and future customers.

Stephen Lord
John Lord Group Chairman

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SPECIALIST FLOORING

John Lord awarded Contractor of the Year 2008

The official FeRFA (Resin Flooring Association) Awards were presented in November at the 2008 AGM and Dinner before a capacity audience at the Marriott Forest of Arden.

We were extremely pleased to be announced the winners of the prestigious FeRFA Contractor of the Year Award for 2008/09. The judging panel stated their admiration for our dedication to offering clients the best flooring solutions, and for delivering client satisfaction, in addition to our commitment to training, with many of our floor layers achieving the new NVQ Qualification.

A record number of entries were received for the awards this year, demonstrating the growing interest in the industry and the dedication to innovation, technology and expertise announce.



From left: Helen McGachie - FeRFA, Rachel Lord & Tracey Lawford - John Lord Flooring, Howard Collins - Cobra Insurance Brokers.

Performance Floors for the Motorsport Industry

Client:

Denis Welch Motorsport

Site:

Yoxall, Staffordshire

Project Details:

Denis Welch Motorsport recently undertook a complete refurbishment of their premises in Yoxall, Staffordshire. As a long standing client of Denis Welch himself, Stephen Lord - Managing Director of John L Lord & Son Ltd, was especially pleased to be invited to carry out the work.

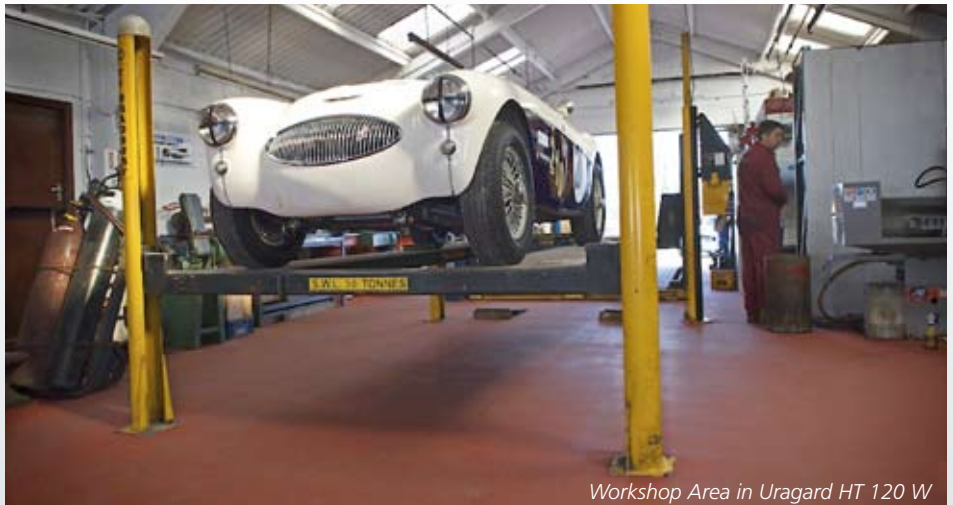
Floor Specification:

Our heavy-duty polyurethane screed system, Uragard HT, was chosen as the new floor finish for its hard-wearing, slip resistant and chemical resistant properties. Uragard HT also offers the advantage of being quick to install in a single-step application, meaning that downtime could be kept to a minimum at the busy Austin Healey Specialist. The flooring refurbishment work totalling approximately 300m² was undertaken in the workshop and bodyshop areas during weekends, in two phases.

Due to the nature of the environment, the old concrete floor had suffered from wear and tear, impact damage and worn joints, so a comprehensive preparation programme was required to 'make good' the floor before the application of the new Uragard floor finishes.



Jeremy Welch of Denis Welch Motorsport and Stephen Lord of John Lord Flooring



Workshop Area in Uragard HT 120 W

A Third Addition to the John Lord Group.

The newly formed SLS Design Consultants Ltd, have become the third member of the John Lord Group. Headed by an experienced team of professionals, SLS provide a civil and structural engineering consultancy service to clients throughout the UK and Ireland.

They have developed an impressive client portfolio from a wide range of industry sectors including Commercial, Retail, Health, Residential, Education, Infrastructure Works and Industrial. Their aim is to continue to provide a dedicated service to their customers whilst delivering quality, innovative solutions.

Services offered by SLS include the initiation of soil and specialist surveys, economic appraisals and feasibility studies, preparation of preliminary schemes and specifications, structural design, evaluation of contract tenders, preparation of complete working drawings as well as the monitoring of construction.



John Lord Group Directors from left, Martin Price - Managing Director of Canal Engineering, Stephen Lord - Chairman & Managing Director of John L. Lord & Son Ltd, and Tony Simpson - Director of SLS Design Consultancy Ltd.

Project Profile

New Warburtons Super Bakery Complete!

Client:

Warburtons Ltd

Site:

Severn Beach, Bristol

Project Details:

The new 'super-bakery' located just outside Bristol is the 14th bakery belonging to the Warburtons brand. Construction on the 12-acre site began in early summer 2008, and the bakery was operational by December 2008. Fitted with state-of-the-art machinery, the bakery produces over 1.5 million products each week.

Floor Specification:

In the Mixing, Production, Packaging and Despatch Areas, we installed our Uragard A-S, MT and HT 120 W Resin Screed in 'Green', with associated Uragard W.R Resin Coving, Stainless Steel Drainage and Steel Wall Cladding. In the Canteen we installed our decorative Epigard Screed Quartz Resin Screed in 'Marine'.



Project Profile

John Lord floors new Scheff Foods Facility

Client:

Scheff Foods Ltd

Site:

Smethwick, West Midlands

Project Details:

Birmingham based food manufacturer, Scheff Foods Ltd, recently moved into their new purpose-built factory in Smethwick. The move came about after increased demand for their range of ready-meal and unique pastry buffet products, necessitating an up-scale from their original facility in Tydesley.

John Lord was asked to supply and install the resin flooring, stainless steel drainage and kerbing after having completed a successful installation in their former factory in 1996.

Floor Specification:

Working alongside Project Managers, Foodesco, we installed our heavy-duty Uragard HT polyurethane resin flooring system to meet the requirements of slip-resistance, chemical and temperature resistance, and hygiene. With hygiene and food safety of paramount importance in the design of the new factory, specific high care, medium care and low care areas were created, to minimise any risk of cross-contamination. Three different colours of Uragard flooring and associated resin coving were used to designate these different areas within the factory.



SAFE Contractor Approved!



In March this year we received accreditation from SAFEcontractor, a programme that recognises very high standards of health and safety practice amongst UK Contractors.

Operated by international safety, health and environmental risk management specialists, the National Britannia Group, the system is valued by big users of contract services such as the food manufacture, facilities management, retail and leisure sectors.

Under the SAFEcontractor system, businesses undergo a vetting procedure that examines

health and safety procedures and their track record for safe practice. Darran Hughes, Operations Director for SAFEcontractor said, "Major organisations can no longer run the risk of employing contractors who are not able to prove that they have sound health and safety policies. More companies need to understand the importance of adopting good risk management in the way that John Lord has done. The firms' high standard has set an example, which hopefully will be followed by other companies within the sector"

Check out our New Website!

The new John Lord website launched in April showcases our new 'look', and presents a wealth of new and updated company information and product data.

Some of the new features include a Brochure and Sample service (to make ordering quick and easy), a Product Search facility and a Newsletter sign-up, so you can have our annual newsletter delivered by email. With the regularly updated News, Press Releases and Case Studies pages, you can keep up to date with us throughout the year.

Other new useful additions include our range of Technical Guides:

- Guide to Specification and Application of Synthetic Resin Flooring
- Guide to Selection of Industrial Floor Finishes
- Successful Installation Guide
- Cleaning Guide

Each of these can be downloaded and printed for your convenience.



We hope you enjoy visiting the new site and that it proves to be a useful resource.

www.john-lord.co.uk

Exhibitions



If you missed us at the Pro 2 Pac show at ExCel in London earlier this year, then don't worry. We will also be exhibiting at the following shows in 2009:

PPMA: 30 Sep – 2nd Oct, NEC, Birmingham.

Interbuild: 18-21st Oct, NEC, Birmingham.

We hope to see you there!

Project Profile

Playing our part in local Council Improvement Projects

Client:

David Johnston Builders Ltd

Site:

Whalley, Lancashire

Project Details:

During recent months, we have become involved with a number of local construction projects aimed at improving public facilities and amenities in Lancashire.

The new Bus Station Public Toilets and Bus Shelter Area in the picturesque village of Whalley was one such project. Back in 2006, Whalley Parish Council expressed their interest in the provision of a new public toilet block for the village. Once funding had been secured, the project was taken on by local architect, Peter Hitchen of JYM Partnership, and local building company, David Johnston Builders Ltd. Although modern in style, the building was sympathetically designed to blend into its environment.



The new Whalley Bus Station Facilities Building



Floor Specification:

When it came to the floor finishes, the requirements included durability, ease of cleaning and a natural-looking, attractive finish. Our Uragard HT 110 W resin screed system was chosen in Dark Grey, with the addition of our Uragard MB12 glossy sealer coat to add a decorative touch.