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A very warm welcome to the Seventh issue of the CPW Computing newsletter.



I'm keeping both fingers and toes crossed as I write this, but it does seem finally that things are starting to turn around. I'm sure we're not alone in having seen some tough times over the last year or so, but it really does seem that some optimism is returning – even though touching wood has become almost a way of life!

We've been involved in some really interesting projects over the last few months, amongst them doing some work for a company called Finglow, which is based in Hertford. It started off with CPW quoting to supply IT equipment and networks, and, as happens sometimes, the project just grew and grew!

The company – renowned in the field of petrochemicals, marine engineering, pharmaceuticals and much more – went on to employ us to project manage the whole of their office upgrade!

So not only did we set up their computer network, telephone system and all associated IT work, but we also organised for new carpets and website, as well as overseeing the redecoration - right down to the revamp of their toilets! Never let it be said that life here is routine!



Best wishes

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ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

We're teaming up with leading office supplies people, Malcolm Andrews and Anders & Kern, the Audio Visual Specialists, to host a Trade Show and Open Day on February 10th at the offices of Malcolm Andrews.

It's our chance to show off some of the brightest and best (and of course, greenest!) new equipment and systems around.

Malcolm Andrews, will be showcasing some stunning office equipment and partitioning - much of it, naturally enough, with an emphasis on the recyclable and sustainable sources! Likewise Anders & Kern will exhibit and demonstrate items from their fabulous range of audio visual equipment.

If you've not come face to face with it already, you really should take the opportunity to see the amazing range of Interactive whiteboards, projectors etc - customers who have seen this amazing kit have been almost falling over themselves to get their hands on it! For more details, please give us a call. Its early days in the planning, so more information will follow later.



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STAFF NEWS

Richard has recently become involved with Young Enterprise which aims to help 16 – 19 year old students understand the world of business and prepare for their working lives.

Christine has also recently become a governor at Claydon High, a school that CPW has supported over the course of the last few years with ICT training for special needs students, work experience candidates and Access Database training for Year 12 students.

As a company, we've decided to make a monthly donation from salary to Make-a-Wish foundation, which is a UK charity set up to grant wishes of children and young people aged 3 to 17 living with life-threatening illnesses.



GREEN LIGHT FOR EDUCATION!

We've said it before, lots of times, but there's no reason why IT needs to be quite so damaging to the environment. And if it has to be, then we need to counter its effects as best we can.

So to balance out the impact of our activity, we're working with the Green Light Trust, a wonderful organisation based in Bury St Edmunds, that's all about planting trees. But they're more than just a carbon swapping kind of operation.

They've developed partnerships with schools right across the region and teach about the environment through drama. And they're working with an increasing number of businesses.

We're giving them £10 for every pc that leaves our offices, so over the course of the year, we're hoping to see a small forest planted! If you're interested in finding out about their work for yourself, check out www.greenlighttrust.org. To see them in action visit the newly planted woodland around Needham Lake, just a few hundred yards away from our offices.



PRODUCT NEWS

ACT 2010, the latest version of the renowned customer relationship management software, has arrived!

It has some great features that we just love:

A welcome page that includes instant access to search facility to automatically integrate contact records with data from social networking sites such as LinkedIn & Facebook iCalendar and vCard facilities, so you can send invitations and contact information regardless of whether the recipient is an ACT user.

The new Mac Office 2008 for Mac Business Edition is now available, and just to tempt you there's a free Arc mouse in the box!

Two new Iiyama touch screens have been launched – 15 inch and 17 inch. Exciting features include integrated loud speakers, resistive touch, USB, DVI-D and VESA DDC2B. In our opinion they're just the thing for retail environments and the good news is that prices start at just £250.

HELPING GET LIVES BACK ON TRACK

We mentioned in our last newsletter that we've become involved in the Waterfront Community Centre, in Ipswich's Grimwade Street. It's a charitable project that supports disadvantaged people.

We started back in March by installing a dozen refurbished computers, some donated by Suffolk Constabulary, others by ourselves. Our own Kenny Eells has since networked the computers and installed software. We hope to help further by providing training in Word programmes, Access and Excel, as well as operating systems.

Since then we've been helping the redoubtable Pam Littlejohn to apply for funding to install a stair-lift and toilet for disabled people.

This is a real self-help project, offering a safe, warm and welcoming environment for people who need help to get back on their feet. And we're proud to be associated with everything that they are doing and achieving.

The Waterfront is always looking for more volunteers willing to teach workplace skills. **If you're able to help, then please contact us and we'll pass on your details.**

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Waterfront Community Centre

