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JANUARY 2015

...Liam Nelis and Scott Savin join the team

We are delighted to welcome Liam Nelis and Scott Savin in to our team. Liam joins us from RPP Architects in Northern Ireland and brings with him a wealth of experience in new and exciting markets for us. Liam will initially be working on a mixed use commercial, retail and residential project in Derry NI. Scott, an experienced architect, joins us from PJC Architects and strengthens our Residential sector and Urban Design team. Scott will initially be working on our design for the new Fighting All Cancers Together FACT sanctuary in Gateshead.



JANUARY 2015

...British Ambassador in Mongolia opens new studio

GRADONARCHITECTURE are delighted to announce the opening of our new studio in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia. Opened by The British Ambassador in Mongolia, Chris Stuart, on 23 January 2015 and managed by our Tanja Smith, the new venture not only strengthens our service within Mongolia, enabling us to offer fully licensed architectural and masterplanning services, it strengthens our whole team within the UK giving us yet further capacity to deliver our architecture through life experiences with care and efficiency.

Thank you to all of our friends and colleagues.



JANUARY 2015

...Team Strengthening

Following the opening of our new studio in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia, we are delighted to announce that Architects Nasanjargal Ragchaakhuu, Boldkuyag Narmandakh and Bat Amgalan Gatumur join our team. Collectively they bring a wealth of experience of the Mongolian market and strengthen our BIM capabilities. Initially they will be working on a three story shopping mall project on Peace Avenue in Ulaanbaatar, as well as a number of our UK projects which include residential masterplanning, and a 30,000sqft commercial office development.



JANUARY 2015

...Northumbria Vehicles submitted for planning

Plans are submitted for the bespoke development of a car showroom located on the former Brenkley Colliery Canteen site at Seaton Burn, Northumberland. Demolishing the existing building, the proposed development comprises a mix of front of house sales floor, offices and hospitality and rear car serving and diagnostic testing areas. The design utilises a simple steel frame from which the external fabric is hung in a grey composite metal cladding and grey framed curtain walling. Planning approval is anticipated in April 2015 and a start on site immediately thereafter.

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FEBRUARY 2015

...Tsagaan Sar 2015

As we approach the lunar new year and the first day of the Year of the Blue Sheep, GRADONARCHITECTURE wish all of our friends and colleagues in Mongolia warm wishes, health, happiness and success for the forthcoming year. Come and join us at our Studio in Ulaanbaatar.

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MARCH 2015

...More than work...Calvert Trust

Committed to giving something back our Design Director Graham McDarby is currently in training for the London Marathon on Sunday 26 April 2015. Running in support of Calvert Trust Kielder. Located in the beautiful Kielder Water & Forest Park, the Trust is celebrating 30 years of providing adventurous outdoor activities for disabled children and adults together with their family, friends and carers. To find out more and donate visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Graham-McDarby1/>



MARCH 2015

...Tracerco Pavilion 10 Completed

Work is completed on the £1.5M extension to Pavilion 10 Belasis Business Park in Teesside England. The new Pavilion building provides management suites and new Research and Development facilities.



MARCH 2015

...All systems BIM on Gateshead District Energy Centre

Developing Gateshead Council's vision to develop a district energy network to serve the town centre and Gateshead Quays area, GRADONARCHITECTURE in conjunction with Balfour Beatty are currently developing technical design for the project as a fully integrated BIM model. The new £8M, low carbon energy centre will export both heat and power to a number of sites in the region including The Sage. The project is anticipated to commence on site in June 2015. GRADONARCHITECTURE Design Director Graham McDarby says, "We are delighted to be involved in this important project for the region – it also gives us the opportunity to further develop our knowledge of alternative energies and the collaborative use of BIM"

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MARCH 2015

...Employment Hub gains planning approval

GRADONARCHITECTURE proposals for the development of a mixed use employment hub totalling circa 10,000sqm on Riverside Park Middlesbrough gains planning consent. The development provides a mix of Grade A commercial office space, ground floor retail units and a range of varying sized light industrial workshop spaces. The project is anticipated to start on site in Summer 2015.



APRIL 2015

...Would you like to join our Team?

Due to an increasing range of new and exciting projects secured in all sectors throughout the UK and overseas, GRADONARCHITECTURE are now recruiting Architects and Architectural Technologists at all levels. Enthusiastic candidates must be team players who have excellent design skills and the ability to work upon their own initiative within a team of talented individuals. BIM experience preferred but not essential. AutoCAD, Sketchup, Photoshop, Microsoft Office and the ability to innovate is essential. If you would like to join us and be part of something different and would like to find out more, please send a brief CV and examples of your experience (no greater than 5MB) to our Design Director, Graham McDarby at gmcdarby@gradonarchitecture.com.



APRIL 2015

...Success...RICS Award Winners 2015

GRADONARCHITECTURE's design for The Tracerco Measurement Technology Centre in Billingham scoops two awards at The 2015 RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) North East Renaissance Awards at Newcastle Civic Centre. The project was Highly Commended in the Commercial category and was outright Winner in the Design through Innovation category and now goes on to represent the region in the National Awards in London in October 2015.



APRIL 2015

...Sedgefield Public Consultation

Still buzzing and a little jaded from team celebrations at the RICS award, Design Director Graham McDarby completes the London Marathon in support of The Calvert Trust Kielder. Located in the beautiful Kielder Water & Forest Park, the Trust is celebrating 30 years of providing adventurous outdoor activities for disabled children and adults together with their family, friends and carers.

Thank you to all for the kind wishes and support given. If you want to find out more or you can still donate please visit:

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MAY 2015

...Four Seasons Design submitted in UB

GRADONARCHITECTURE submit design proposal for a mixed use scheme in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia. The development comprising over 37 hectares will form the south east corner of the overall Four Seasons Garden project to the south of the city centre and will include a signature tower, hotel, apartments, shopping mall, leisure centre and waterpark, arena and conference centre and a medical hub.



JUNE 2015

...Team Strengthening

John Carr, Robert Eaton and Daniel Salkeld join GRADONARCHITECTURE. John joins us as an Architect and has a number of years of experience in the industry. Committed to our investment in youth, Robert joins us as a Part 2 Architectural Assistant and Daniel Salkeld as an Assistant Architectural Technologist and are both from Northumbria University.



JUNE 2015

...Put on your boots in Prague

Following a busy lead in to summer, the GRADONARCHITECTURE England team visit Prague, Czech Republic. Committed to the belief that we deliver our architecture through our own life experiences, the team enjoy a much needed and rewarding study trip taking in the rich culture, cuisine and a myriad of architectural styles...



JULY 2015

...Naadam 2015

GRADONARCHITECTURE wishes all of our friends and colleagues in Mongolia a Happy Naadam 2015. All health and happiness to you and your families.

Image courtesy of Boldkhuyag of Gradon Architecture.

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JULY 2015

...Building a Future

GRADONARCHITECTURE are committed to the development of the team and believe the future lies in the investment of excellent people and their talent.

In addition to recent new team members, John, Robert, Daniel and Simon, we are delighted to confirm a number of promotions within our team. Tanja Smith, who heads up Studio UB204 in Mongolia is promoted to the role of Technical Director. Meanwhile, Chris Allan moves up to the role of Architectural Director within Ne40 Studios. Katie Smith becomes Associate Architect & Urban Designer and Graeme Kirkley takes on the role of Associate Architectural Technologist. Collectively they form a Management group responsible for development of our Be...Plan.



AUGUST 2015

...Achievement Campus starts to take shape

Work is progressing well on site at the new £3.5M GRADONARCHITECTURE designed Achievement Campus for The Percy Hedley Foundation. Phase 1 comprising a 26 bedroom residential school and hydrotherapy pool is due for completion in October 2015. Plans are currently being prepared for a further £3M Phase 2 building with it due to commence on site in January 2016.

To find out more about The Percy Hedley Foundation visit www.percyhedley.org.uk.



AUGUST 2015

...Giving something back

The story is simple...Challenging Disability through Outdoor Adventure.

Can you help?

To find out more please take a look at our fundraising page.



SEPTEMBER 2015

...Craig Dickinson joins the team

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Architectural Technologist Craig Dickinson who joins us with over ten years of experience within the industry, which includes an extensive knowledge of the use of BIM as part of the integrated design process. Craig brings further strength to our technical team and our delivery of projects in BIM. Craig will amongst other things be working initially on the technical delivery of the £4M affordable housing project at Newcastle Great Park, as well as Alnwick and Hexham Fire Stations which amount to £7M.

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SEPTEMBER 2015

...Success...Salon Design of the Year Winners 2015

GRADONARCHITECTURE's design for the bespoke interior fit out for the 4000sqft eco-friendly Roco Hair salon in Derry, Northern Ireland wins the award for Best Salon Design of the Year at The 2015 Northern Ireland Hair & Beauty Awards held at The Europa Hotel, Belfast. Our design was heavily influenced by the client's ethos to encourage sustainability and care for the environment which confirmed the use of upcycled materials and combining them with contemporary design to deliver an innovative and cost effective architectural solution for the waterside premises.

To find out more about the award please click the link.



SEPTEMBER 2015

...GRADONARCHITECTURE exhibit at British Fair in UB

Showcasing British Excellence overseas in a range of varying sectors, GRADONARCHITECTURE sponsor the British Fair in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia and represent British Architecture. Design Director Graham McDarby speaks at the event about our pride in becoming, as we understand it, the first British Architects in Mongolia together with our objectives to deliver sustainable communities in UB and following our UK practice model, the use of BIM technology as part of the design process and the introduction of our apprenticeship and education programmes as well as our support of local charities such as The Christina Noble Foundation Orphanage in UB. Technical Director Tanja Smith delivers the same message while interviewed by Bloomberg TV.



SEPTEMBER 2015

...Tulguldur Shopping Centre gains consent

Our designs for The Tuguldur Shopping Centre in Ulaanbaatar gain planning approval. Located on the north of Peace Avenue between Sukhbaatar Square and the Selbe River, the four phases of development comprise of in excess of 4,800sqm over six floors accommodating basement parking, retail, leisure, food courts and roof top bars and restaurants. The design of the building takes advantage of its prominent location with a glazed corner to the south-west referencing views to the main Sukhbaatar Square. The building is accessed in two key locations in response to footfall and the internal space planning maximises the retail experience. Technical Design is nearing completion and the initial phase will commence on site in Autumn 2015.



OCTOBER 2015

...Have you got the A Factor?

GRADONARCHITECTURE are currently looking for architectural students and graduates to take up an initial one month placement, with the potential of this being extended dependant on workload and performance. We require an immediate start as part of our design team for a second stage design competition in Mongolia. You will need to have competent Photoshop, Indesign, Autocad, Sketch up and 3D visual skills in order to help us produce a winning scheme! If you would like to join us and would like to find out more, please send a brief CV and examples of your experience (no greater than 5MB) to our Design Director, Graham McDarby at gmdarby@gradonarchitecture.com.



OCTOBER 2015

...Affordable Housing submitted for planning at NGP

Working within the overall masterplan vision for Newcastle Great Park, a detailed planning application is submitted to Newcastle Council for the development of 38 Apartments and ground floor retail uses as part of the Town Centre proposal.

The design forms as two urban blocks with extruded balcony elements which are set to vistas within the overall masterplan and define the end of the high street. The built forms are complemented by a quality landscaped public square informed by pedestrian movements and bus infrastructure routes. Technical design is now progressing and subject to gaining a planning approval, the project is due to commence on site in late 2015.



NOVEMBER 2015

...Gateshead District Energy Centre taking shape

Following a number of months of coordinated design development and the production of a fully integrated BIM model, the steel frame is erected on site at the new Gateshead Council's District Energy Centre. The new £8M low carbon energy centre will export both heat and power to a number of the regions landmark sites and is due for completion in Summer 2016.



NOVEMBER 2015

...Percy Hedley Achievement Campus completed

Phase 1 of the new Percy Hedley 26 bedroom residential school and hydrotherapy pool is completed and occupied. Carole Harder, Chief Executive of Percy Hedley Foundation said "We are delighted that phase 1 of our accommodation strategy has been completed. The hydrotherapy pool and purpose built 26 bed residential bed unit are much needed to enable more children and their families to access and be supported by The Percy Hedley Foundation."

"Our Killingworth campus now provides a unique offer in having educational, residential and hydrotherapy facilities all on one site and it will make such a difference to our children and service users."



NOVEMBER 2015

...Employment HUB submitted for planning

Proposals for a new business incubator hub are submitted for detailed planning consent as part of the ESG Masterplan vision for Sedgefield. Once completed the building will provide accommodation and business support and training for fledgling technology and design based companies. The main body of the building fronts the access road into the core of the site and is predominantly glazed and lined with columns creating an attractive and defined gateway into the entire site. The internal courtyard of the building encloses its parking and forms the main entrance which is then connected by a landscaped boulevard to the other community buildings within the overall masterplan. Subject to gaining planning consent the project will commence on site in Spring 2016.

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DECEMBER 2015

...Merry Christmas 2015

Merry Christmas from all of the team at GRADONARCHITECTURE.

This year our greeting is designed from a collection created by the children of one of our supported charities, The Christina Noble Children's Foundation in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia.

To find out more and help them please click [here](#).

Merry Christmas from all of the team at
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