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Welcome to the first RBK Services email newsletter. I hope all of you received our first printed newsletter, RBK News, last year – if not, you can download a copy from the news pages of the RBK Services website – and we aim to keep all our clients and contacts updated a couple of times a year with RBK News.

For those of you who were able to come along to our golf day in 2009, below you can find out how much we managed to raise, and provisional details of this year's event – I hope we'll see all of you again this year. There is also information about our ongoing work with clients, and an update on some of the services we can offer.

Let's hope it will be a successful and prosperous 2010 for us all.

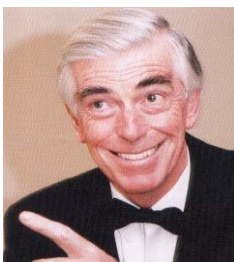
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MD, RBK Services.

Golf day takes total to £150k

Thanks to all of you who came along to our 13th annual charity golf day and clay pigeon shoot in 2009. It was the first time we had based the event at the Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club, although the clay shoot remained at the Woodman Public House at nearby Stapleford Abbots. But there seems little doubt that the switch to a new club and new course was a success, with more than 100 of you taking part on the day, or joining us for the fundraising dinner in the evening. And talking of fundraising, you helped us to raise more than £9,000 on the day, which takes our ongoing total past the £150,000 mark – so thanks again for helping us to reach this terrific milestone.



£3,000 of this year's proceeds will go to Georgia's Teenage Cancer Appeal, while the rest will go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

And of course, plans are already well underway for this year's charity day, which will take place at the same venues on Thursday, 6 May. The golf and shoot during the day will follow our usual format, while Joe Goodman (left) has already been confirmed as our after dinner act, so another cracking day should be in store. Make sure you get the date in your diaries, and contact Kevin for more details on accommodation, booking places etc.

Green energy saves long-term costs

There's a greater emphasis than ever on finding alternative power sources. But as well as the opportunity to become more environmentally friendly, many of the new ways of harnessing alternative energy can also bring significant reductions in costs, particularly as the price for traditional sources such as fossil fuels seems set to continue rising.

We are currently looking to work more closely with colleagues in the solar power and lighting industry, to see if we can bring the knowledge and experience we have gained over many years in electrical engineering into new, alternative fields.

With added incentives such as the Enhanced Capital Allowances (ECAs) scheme, interest free loans available from the Carbon Trust, and the chance to attract some revenue through Feed in Tariffs (FITs), solar power and other alternative energy sources could bring significant benefits for businesses.

And companies working within the renewable energy sector are already suggesting that introducing alternatives such as solar power could save as much as 70 per cent from the average hot water bill, and reduce a household's carbon footprint by around one tonne a year. Swimming pool heating in particular is a perfect application for solar hot water, due to the relatively low temperatures required, and is an area in which RBK may be working closely with colleagues in the near future.

You can find out more about the Government's advice and potential funding for solar power from the Directgov and Energy Saving Trust websites, and from the Carbon Trust. To find out more about our solar power work, visit the RBK Services website or contact Kevin.

Coffee time for commuters



RBK Services is continuing to work with Retail Components Ltd and Starbucks as they develop its chain of coffee kiosks throughout the country. One of the most recent projects, pictured here, was a new build project on Wimbledon Station, which is also another example of our ongoing work with modular wiring systems, an area which has grown significantly over the past decade.

Modular wiring systems are designed to suit almost any building application, using a plug-together cable system that is assembled and then packaged for easy site delivery.

It's a more cost effective approach, is quicker to install, and leads to minimal waste, thanks to the precise ordering of materials. Prefabricated buildings can also be fitted out electrically before site delivery, and all cables within an installation have pre-determined cable markings, which is invaluable for later additional works.



Cash is king: asset finance through RBK

Whether we're coming out of recession or not, it's clear from many of the clients we speak to that times continue to be pretty tough. This is especially true if you're a business trying to raise funds, as many people seem to be finding the banks less than forthcoming with loans or overdraft facilities.

We know how frustrating it can be when a business is looking to make improvements or invest in new systems which will significantly reduce costs in the long term, yet can't secure the financial support needed in the short term to make the investment. So to assist our clients' cashflow requirements we have sourced extremely competitive facilities for all types of equipment and installation expenditure, through finance specialists Anomaly Consultants Ltd.

To find out more about the credit facilities we can offer to both individual consumers and business customers, contact Kevin.

RBK, co-founder of the Association of Facilities Professionals

In the current climate it is essential to ensure that when commissioning a job it is undertaken both professionally and competitively. To that end we have identified a nucleus of reputable professionals spanning the full gamut of industry requirements, and can recommend preferred contractors in the following sectors who are prepared to work in alliance and extend preferential terms to our client base.

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