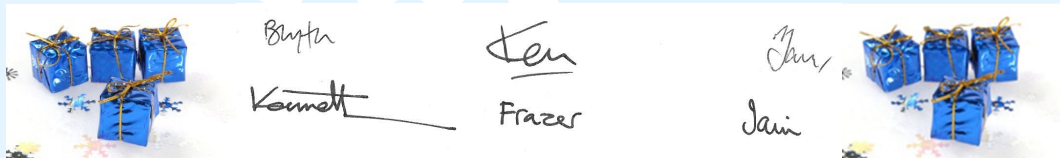




**Welcome to this our latest newsletter.** Despite the present state of the economy, McGregor McMahon and Associates (MMA) future workload looks healthy with major new commissions secured in the energy, commercial and housing sectors.

Rather than send traditional Christmas cards, McGregor McMahon & Associates decided to issue a Newsletter and pass on our savings to CHAS. Therefore, and on behalf of all our staff, the directors wish you a very merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



### **New Commissions on Haiti**

As highlighted in the Press recently, MMA are working with UK Charity Lemon Aid in the design and construction of a new Hospital on the island of La Gonave in Haiti.



The existing hospital was very badly damaged in the 2010 earthquake and a new 80 bed unit is now being designed to take its place.

An advance contract to provide a 44 bed guest house is now nearing completion. "The design of this Guest House enabled us to familiarise ourselves with the earthquake codes of practice and the wind loadings to which this area is subjected." said Project Engineer, Michael Summers.

It is a requirement of the funding that all new development must meet the requirements of the international Earthquake Codes and these are quite onerous.

*"We see the training and development of local skills as an important legacy of these projects"*

**Tom McGregor**



One of the fundamental issues directly affecting Michael was the need to make it as appropriate as possible to local building skills and to locally available materials.

The earthquake left a large number of orphaned children and the present lack of suitable accommodation needs to be urgently resolved.

A separate nearby project on La Gonave will go some way to address this issue where MMA are providing consultancy services, to an American charity called Shine, to design and an orphanage village with school and welfare facilities.





### New Arrivals

MMA are pleased to welcome Heather Bain and Cameron Savage to the Company. Both Heather and Cameron have recently left school and have taken up full time positions within our administration and technician teams respectively.

### Sports and Social

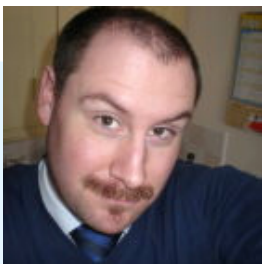
MMA provided sponsorship to a charity 5-a-side football competition earlier this year. Held at Duloch Park on 29 May, all profits raised went to Carnegie Primary School Parents Council to provide much needed books and learning materials for the school children.

In addition, MMA also sponsored the "Dad's" team that played against Morgan Sindall, the design and build team for the new Carnegie Primary School.

One of the dads was director Iain Henderson who could not prevent the dads from going down 1-0 in a closely fought encounter.



October saw MMA staff enjoy a day out curling at Kirkcaldy ice rink with a meal to follow at the "The Dining Room" restaurant.



After brushing up on their curling skills, the staff played out a mini-tournament that saw Ken McCulloch, Robin Wilson, Clare Moore and Scott Christie triumph as undefeated winners.



Finally, a quick well done to Mike Summers, Willie McNea and Steven Cooper who gave up shaving for the month and raised over £160 for charity during "Movember".



MMA exhibited on the Fife stand at the All Energy Exhibition held in Aberdeen on 18th-19th May. The event was very successful and resulted in MMA teaming up with one of Scotland's leading solar energy providers, Solar Power Scotland.

As a result of this the two companies have entered into a Partnership Agreement whereby MMA now provide structural support services to all Solar Power Scotland projects.



### Ellen Grigor

Ellen Grigor sadly passed away on the 26<sup>th</sup> July after a battle with illness.

Ellen was an integral part of our administration team since she joined in August 2001.

She is much missed and our thoughts are with her husband Jack.

