



## Staff Focus- Derek Halliday, Works Supervisor

Derek Halliday, Works Supervisor, has been with Jupiter Play for almost 4 years and is the first to go under the spotlight in our new 'Staff Focus' section of the newsletter.



Shortly after joining Jupiter Play, Derek qualified as an RPII (Register of Play Inspectors International) registered play area inspector, allowing Jupiter Play to offer a maintenance and inspection service. This is a well utilised service that offers peace of mind and can extend the life expectancy of a play area.

Derek is also responsible for overseeing the installation of all Jupiter projects and you are most likely to catch him on site in East Ayrshire in the teeming rain!

## EAST AYRSHIRE PROGRAMME COMPLETION....

Jupiter Play have recently completed a programme, constructing 5 new, and extending one existing play area within East Ayrshire. These projects were as a result of our ongoing contract with East Ayrshire, and now means that Jupiter have completed over 30 play areas within the region. This comes in addition to over 20 MUGA's, the majority of which have been completed over the last two years. The MUGA's have led to East Ayrshire being shortlisted for a number of awards. Most recently, a delegation from East Ayrshire travelled down to the APSE awards in Nottingham, where they were disappointed to return without the prize, but were shortlisted for Best Community and Neighbourhood Initiative. This has stemmed from the use of the MUGA's to host "Street Cage" events, including weekly coaching sessions, and competitions, to maximise the usage of the facilities.



## And Finally.....Celebrations!!



Siobhan Wright joined the company at the start of July as Administration Assistant. Siobhan will be helping to co-ordinate sales, marketing and contracts administration and lightening the load on Jeanette and Jenny. In addition to this Siobhan is studying for a vocational qualification in Administration. We are delighted to have a new member of our hard-working team and hope that Siobhan enjoys getting stuck in to her varied role.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jo for completing the Moonwalk in Edinburgh on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2008.

With an impressive time of 6 hours 45 minutes and raising nearly £2000 all of that hard training was well worth it!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Jo and helped to raise money for Walk the Walk Worldwide. Fancy doing it again next year Jo?!.....



# The Planet

### Special points of interest:

- LEADER Funding Programme
- Scottish Play Commission
- Jupiter Play Seminar 2008
- Fisherrow Play Area, East Lothian

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## Inclusive Play Launch 'Cyclops' at IOG Saltex...

This year for the first time, Inclusive Play UK Ltd, Jupiter Play's sister company, exhibited in the IOG Saltex show at Windsor Racecourse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of September. We chose this outdoor event that attracts thousands of visitors every year, to showcase our latest product 'Cyclops', along with our existing innovative and truly inclusive play equipment.



Serious concentration!

We had tremendous feedback and a hugely positive response to our company, its philosophy and products from all who attended, other exhibitors included – Someone loved our products so much they helped themselves to the 60kg bearing that was on the stand!

So now we're back we're cracking on with getting Cyclops field-tested and ready for market in early 2009, developing new games for the Exosphere and brainstorming our way to the next product to join the Inclusive Play Family.



Teenagers love Inclusive Play too!!

Thank you to everyone who visited our stand and enjoyed a glass of Pimms while giving us their time and thoughts.... All of them will be put into the melting pot for future product development and we look forward to seeing you at IOG Saltex next year to show you what we've been up to!



What a team!



'Cyclops' went down a storm with children and adults alike!

## Innovations In Play Seminar .... It's a question of endurance

**DATE CONFIRMED! THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

Jupiter Play is delighted to announce the programme for this year's educational seminar to be held at the Dakota Hotel, Eurocentral, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October.

Attend this free seminar (including lunch!) for a host of information, from an update on play in the political agenda by **Play Scotland** to information on the **Big Lottery Fund** including insight from a successful applicant and everything in between! As if this is not enough, we will even treat you to a site visit to **Caldercruix Youth & Community Project**. This site has been installed for over 4 years and demonstrates the durability of a project which engages the whole community.



The complete seminar programme can be viewed or downloaded as a PDF file from [www.jupiterplay.co.uk](http://www.jupiterplay.co.uk) or you can request a copy by contacting Jenny on 0131 445 7989. To book your place and receive full seminar details please email [info@jupiterplay.co.uk](mailto:info@jupiterplay.co.uk) entering "Innovations in Play Seminar" in the subject line.

Places are limited so please reserve your space to avoid disappointment!



## England Prioritise Play...

Once again, Play in Scotland has been SO, the question is— what about the overshadowed by our wealthy country with the most overweight kids in counterparts South of the Border. At the Europe— Scotland? Well, over the past start of April this year, The Department for year Play Scotland and The Scottish Play Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) Commission have been examining the launched **Fair Play: A Consultation on the Play Strategy**. The strategy sets out recommendations to the Scottish government proposals on play and is Government to support the development backed by funding of £235 million!! This of a National Play Strategy for Scotland. investment, over 3 years, is to create We are currently awaiting an announcement which should indicate the 3,500 play areas and 30 staffed impact these recommendations have had adventure playgrounds across the country. within the government.

Following the submission of their play We would like to call on everyone involved strategies, 120 Local Authorities were in play in Scotland to get behind the identified as Play Builders and another 20 Scottish Play Commission in their efforts as Play Pathfinders. These Local to secure a National Play Strategy in Authorities will pioneer the programme Scotland. and must develop at least 20 play areas in the next 3 years— not bad!

[www.playscotland.org.uk](http://www.playscotland.org.uk)

## JUPITER PLAY- LEADING THE WAY IN EAST LOTHIAN....

Following an initial 'design and feedback from the concept' presentation at the Brunton Hall featuring ideas from several play provision companies, a brief was produced by East Lothian Council for the Design, Supply and Build of the new play area at Fisherrow Links, Musselburgh. The initial presentation generated great interest

and feedback from the local community who, through completing questionnaires, were able to comment and input on the direction the play area design took.

Many elements of the initial design concept presented by Jupiter Play were highlighted in the design brief, with the residents particularly keen on the Shipwreck theme and the use of play equipment echoing local historic landmarks, such as the Roman Bridge and Fisherrow Harbour. It was these elements specific to the site and locality, along with the provision of a wide range of equipment to attract users of all ages



and abilities that ensured Jupiter Play won another East Lothian tender. In the recent 2008 Nancy Ovens Trust Awards for Play two Jupiter Play sites in East Lothian, Longniddry Park and the Lodge Grounds Play Area in North Berwick, were commended in the 'Best Community Award for Play in Rural Scotland' category. Here's hoping that the play area at Fisherrow will go on to be an award winner too!



## New Funding Opportunities for Rural Communities

Earlier this year, the Scottish Government announced details of a £57.7 million funding programme designed to empower communities at a grassroots level. The LEADER funding scheme is the first money to be released under the £1.6 billion Scottish Rural Development Programme 2007–2013 (SRDP). The aim of LEADER is to empower rural communities to develop their own area using innovative approaches and cooperation.

Local Action Groups (LAGs) will administer the funds to implement local development strategies.

For more information on how the funds are allocated and details of the LAG in your area visit [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/rural/SRPD/LEADER](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/rural/SRPD/LEADER)

Our commitment to providing you with up to date advice and information on fundraising has moved up a gear as Jenny and Simon are currently studying a course in fundraising skills.

To download a copy of our funding guide please visit [www.jupiterplay.co.uk](http://www.jupiterplay.co.uk) and go to the funding section of 'how we work'.