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## Message from the Managing Director

By now Easter will be just a dim and distant memory for you all but many of you, particularly those over the boarder, will have read in the local and national press about a Scottish Liberal MP who, for three years running has spent her Easter break weighing packaging from Easter eggs. The MP has singled out Easter eggs - for reasons known only to her and has publicly commented on the amount of packaging used.

During recent weeks her time has probably been spent, a long with many other MP's, in dodging the press and hoping that the hullabaloo over expense claims will die down very soon.

We can't help but feel that this particular MP's time might have been better spent trying to find ways to assist packaging companies in weathering the storm of a severe economic downturn. According to statistics quoted by the director of the Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment, Jane Bickerstaffe, "Easter egg packaging accounts for less than 0.3 per cent of UK waste and the retail industry was already doing its bit". Adding that, "it was in everyone's interests to ensure that packaging was produced as efficiently as possible."

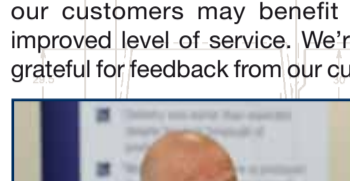
It begs the question, why is this MP spending so much of her time focusing on this one area of packaging when the industry already has plans underway that minimise waste and maximise recyclable materials. We know only too well from the work we undertake here at fc cartons, the huge inroads that are being made across the whole of the packaging industry, with more and more recyclable material

being used and changes being made in the design of packaging to ensure that waste is kept to a reasonable level.

We are reputed to be streets ahead of our European counterparts where the recycling of paper and board is concerned but where we lag behind continues to be in the area of recycling plastics. Maybe this Member of Parliament could better utilise her time by campaigning in this arena.

Since our last newsletter mentioning our Technical Development Facility, a number of companies were taken with the idea of fc cartons undertaking trial production runs rather than relying on a CAD sample. This has obviously been beneficial for these companies as they are then able to present a tried and tested product to an interested party.

We're never complacent and we continually strive to offer a better service and to make changes wherever we feel our customers may benefit from an improved level of service. We're always grateful for feedback from our customers.



David Woodyatt  
Managing Director

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### FUNDRAISING

It's been quite a hectic start to the year and as yet, we haven't made any plans for a fund raising event for 2009. Last year we had three major events with staff involved in a Three Peaks Twenty Four Hour challenge, Race for Life and the Playtex Moonwalk in London. We'll keep you posted.

### Liam Finch gone to pastures new

Machine Assistant Liam Finch who had been with us for a number of years, has gone on to pastures new and joined a micro brewery in Derby, producing real ale in casks and bottles. We assume that part of the job will be to taste the beers...all in the name of quality control of course!

We were sorry to see him go and wish him well for the future



### Manufacturing Advice

Earlier this year The BERR Manufacturing Advisory Service came in to undertake a Manufacturing Review on behalf of the East Midlands Development Agency. The organisation came in to see us at our request in order to review our manufacturing processes and provide advice and assistance in the development and implementation of any plans to improve.

MAS (Manufacturing Advisory Service) is one of the Government's Solutions for Business, jointly funded by BERR (The Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform) and the nine English Regional Development Agencies. MAS, as an organisation is designed to help companies in streamlining their processes, to reduce waste, become

more energy efficient and generally improve their business. They have worked with thousands of companies and play a role in helping UK manufacturers to share knowledge, improve productivity and achieve success in an increasing competitive global economy.



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### Four additions to the team

In recent weeks we have taken on four additional machine minders in the form of Jason Cook, Dan Hawley, Richard Hardy and Stefan Klym. The four of them have now settled into their new roles and bring a broad range of experience with them, including production line expertise.

We now have six Nottingham Forest and three Derby County fans, with our MD supporting Birmingham City...and you can imagine some of the banter on Monday mornings after Derby and Forest have played at the weekend.



Jason Cook

Jason has been with us for eight months now and lives in Sawley in Nottinghamshire. He lives with his partner Laura and has two boys, Owen 10 years of age and Reece aged five. Jason enjoys his music and when not spending time with his children, he enjoys going to live gigs and music

festivals. Jason is also goal-keeper for a local Sunday League team, Independiente F.C. and coaches the Long Eaton under 11's



Dan Hawley

Dan has been with us for five months now and feels he has settled in well. He lives locally in Long Eaton, Nottinghamshire with his partner Amy and 20 month old daughter Charlotte. In his spare time, Dan plays for the team fc cartons sponsor - FC Athletica. He is also a keen Nottingham Forest supporter and is very relieved that they haven't been relegated.



Richard Hardy

Richard has only very recently joined us and is new to the industry. He also lives in Long Eaton Nottinghamshire with his wife Angela and their three children Lola, Emily and Leyton. Richard is our all round action man, playing football and golf and cycling and shooting in his spare time and when he's not taking part in any of those activities, he is another keen football supporter, but it's Derby County this time.



Stefan Klym

Stefan has been with us for just over a month now having worked in Spain for the Conservation Department prior to joining us, and what a contrast that must be. He was part of a team involved with the planting of young trees in mountainous areas as well as land maintenance. Stefan has commented that it's great working as part of a good team at fc cartons. He lives with his wife, Dianne, in Sawley, Nottinghamshire and enjoys photography and playing golf in his spare time. Stefan tells us he used to play football in his younger days but now prefers the non contact activities of dominos, darts and the odd game of pool. He makes up our third Derby County supporter. It could get very tense next season in the canteen!

Coming soon... new website launched on 1st July

We are in the process of having a new website developed and we'll let you know when the site goes live. There will be details of the capabilities we offer, along with testimonials from customers and a news and environmental page.

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### Capabilities of fc cartons.

- fc Crash-lock base
- fc Straight line
- fc Double wall
- fc Envelopes
- fc Partitioned
- fc 2, 4 & 6 corner
- fc Fluted/Corrugated
- fc Integral fitments
- fc CD & DVD covers

- fc PVC
- fc Poly coated
- fc Window patching
- fc Wallets
- fc Tapered cartons/sleeves
- fc Technical Development Facility

If you would like further details on any of our services or have detailed specifications for us to quote against, please do not hesitate to call on 01332 850648



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### Environmental issues

#### Tree Planting

As we reported in our last newsletter, our pledge to pay for trees to be planted in managed woodlands and reserves continues. You may remember that we announced our intention to base the number of trees planted on the amount of waste we produced during the last 12 months and having done our calculations, we duly sent our cheque off.



We have just received the certificate from the Tree Appeal organisation verifying payment for a further 12 trees.

We noticed this year that we were not able to specify the location as being specific to Derbyshire (where we're based) but instead, we chose the option of trees being planted in the East Midlands.



When we made enquiries with the Tree Appeal organisation as to why, they gave the following response;

"We only plant in places where we receive applications from viable environmental or ecological projects - the applications we receive could be big or small, from any area of the country and we have to match these up with the fantastic businesses that sponsor them. So in order to get the best match and ensure a fair distribution between projects around the country, we have developed this new regional system."

If you are interested in getting involved the website is [www.treeappeal.com](http://www.treeappeal.com) Every little helps.

#### Emailed Newsletter

If you prefer to receive an emailed version - please email [jane@fccartons.co.uk](mailto:jane@fccartons.co.uk)

### Wastecycle

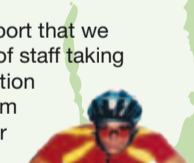
In previous newsletters we said we would keep you informed of our progress in the monitoring of waste and reduction of waste materials that were generated in our manufacturing processes in accordance with the ISO 14001 accreditation that we hold. We are delighted with the results

137.30 tonnes of waste was produced, of which a whopping 96% was recycled with just 4.25 tonnes or around 3% now going to landfill sites.

As ever, we won't stop there. We are now looking at the next challenge - the recycling of shrink-wrap. In the past it wasn't possible to send shrink wrap for recycling but that has all changed as it has now been proved that huge amounts of energy can be saved and natural resources such as oil can be conserved, as well as reducing the need for land to be allocated for landfill.

#### Cycling to work

We're pleased to report that we still have a number of staff taking the more healthy option of cycling to and from work - reducing their carbon footprint, significantly, into the bargain.



#### Car sharing

The staff car sharing scheme is working very well, proving to be not only financially beneficial but obviously good for the environment too and of course, it all helps to reduce congestion on our roads at those particularly busy rush hour periods.



#### Recycling our printer cartridges

We have continued to send our empty printer cartridges to Reclaim IT and to be recycled in the free post envelopes they provide. According to figures given out by Reclaim IT, in the UK alone, over 2 million printer cartridges are sent to landfill sites each year, in fact, during 2005, more than 310 million inkjet cartridges and more than 10 million laser toner cartridges were consumed in Western Europe alone.

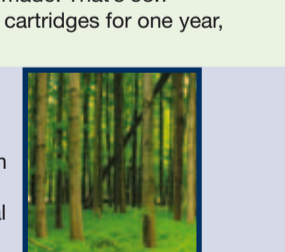


We were particularly keen to use Reclaim IT as they make a charitable donation for every cartridge sent.

It takes on average one litre of oil to manufacture every 15 inkjet cartridges and 3.3 litres of oil for every laser toner cartridge made. That's 53.7 million litres of oil to provide Western Europe with its printer cartridges for one year, resulting in 85% of these cartridges ending up in landfill.

#### Printed on FSC Paper

All newsletters are printed on FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified paper. As a global certification system with robust standards, FSC requires that all FSC certified forests meet national and international laws - as well as strict social and environmental requirements. Independently audited and in line with ISO regulations, the certified material is also tracked through the supply chain.



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## Personal Profile Slawomir Siudut - Machine Minder



- What has been your most life changing event to date?  
Coming to England and the birth of my daughter
- What's your favourite meal?  
Indian curry
- What's the best film you've ever seen?  
Pirates of the Caribbean
- With a £20 million Lottery win - what would be your first purchase?  
Buy a big house in Poland and a small business!

- Where is your dream holiday destination?  
Australia
- What was your biggest fashion mistake?  
Bell bottom jeans
- Who would your ideal dinner party guests be?  
My family
- If you had a million pounds to donate, which charity would you like to see receive the money?  
Cancer Research
- What words of wisdom would you like to pass on to your children?  
If you want something in life - work hard
- Favourite childhood memories  
When my parents bought me my first motorbike

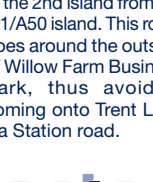
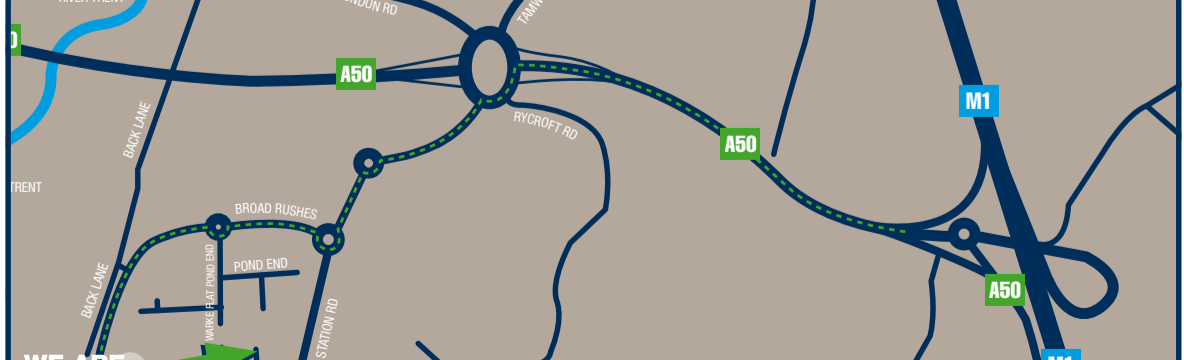
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A note to our customers: please be aware that there is a new weight restriction in place in Castle Donington. All vehicles, over 7.5 tonnes, coming to our premises will need to follow the usual signs but turn right at the 2nd island from the M1/A50 island. This route goes around the outside of Willow Farm Business Park, thus avoiding coming onto Trent Lane via Station road.



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