

Welcome

This winter we have all seen some really treacherous and severe weather conditions. Despite this, our staff has made every effort to get to work, some walking instead of driving and others, with further to travel, sharing transport and using alternative routes.

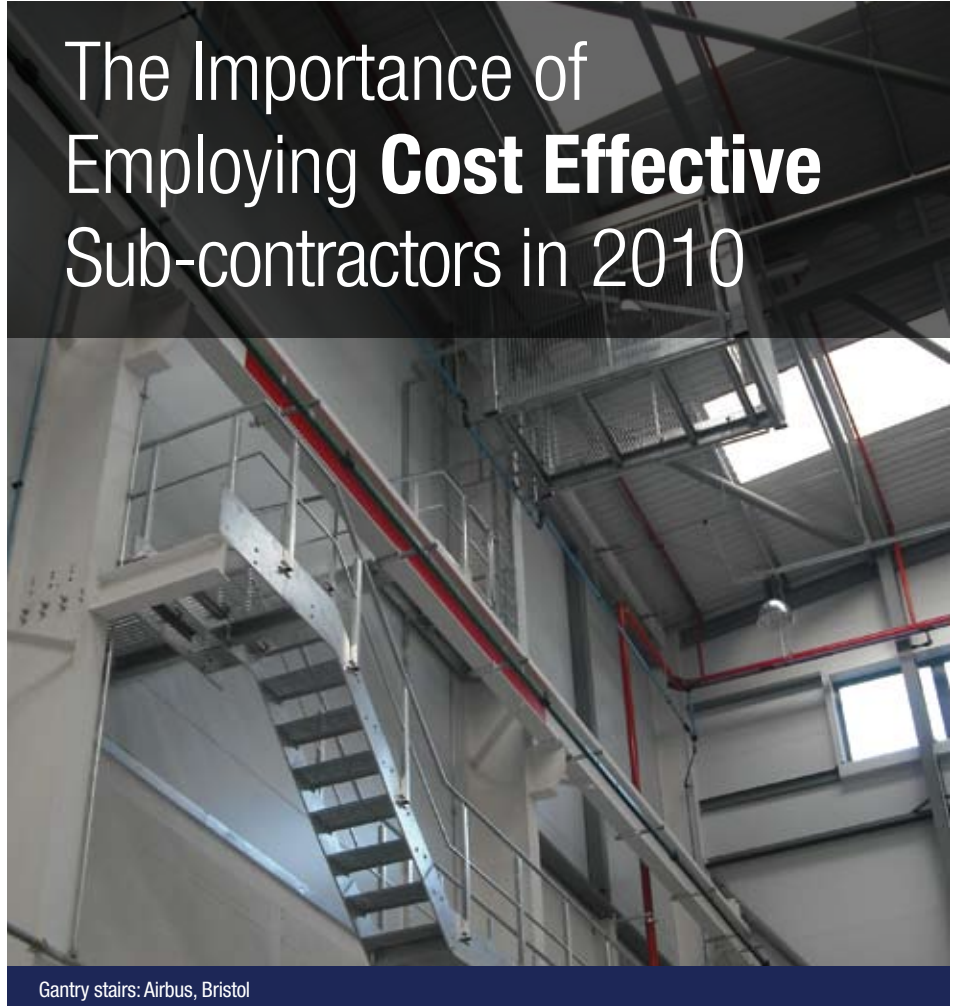


With several construction sites closed because of the weather, all of our departments have been forced to make changes to their planned workload – all of this is typical of the tremendous team spirit here at Taunton Fabrications - that has enabled us to keep our site crews busy fitting steelwork for our many clients.

Already 2010 has seen many changes, with two new members of staff joining us (as seen overleaf). However, our biggest change has been the retirement of our Operations Director and co-founder of the business, Kevin Chedzoy. Those of you who have met Kevin over the years will know him as a "larger than life" character with a unique ability for problem solving. I'm sure you will join me in wishing him all the best for the future.

Jason Rigby
Managing Director

The Importance of Employing **Cost Effective** Sub-contractors in 2010



Gantry stairs: Airbus, Bristol

Difficult trading conditions and tight margins in 2009 has seen a number of main contractors being offered some very cheap deals from subcontractors that, on the face of it, have been impossible to turn down.

Unfortunately, some of the companies offering these "too good to be true" deals have not been able to perform, resulting in huge problems on site.

Problems with alternative sub-contractors

Over the last six months Taunton Fabrications have been asked to help out Main Contractors who have experienced some, or all, of the following problems when using other sub-contractors:



Glass balustrade with timber handrails:
Sandford Care Village

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Spiral fire escape: Taunton

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- No design department, and no design liability or PI insurance cover
- Unable to comply with current Health & Safety regulations
- Installation staff not trained to current Health & Safety regulations
- Insufficient site supervision
- No Contract Department to liaise and manage project
- Unable to meet agreed deadlines
- Claiming for extras that should be part of the original package

All of these problems cause delays and require extra resources from the main contractor in order to resolve.

By using a reputable company, such as Taunton Fabrications, you can be assured that work will be fitted on time using fully qualified staff, will meet all engineering requirements, and will be fully monitored by our own contracts managers – leaving you time to get on with running your site.



Don't let the £ signs fool you in 2010.

Taunton Fabs: New Appointments

Two ex-students of Richard Huish 6th form college joined the company in January.



SOPHIE TILEY has joined us to work as our receptionist and will also be heavily involved in assisting our estimating and accounts departments. She enjoys all sports and especially likes watching rugby - and also plays the game as flanker for a local team!

Recent contract: South Devon College

Taunton Fabrications have successfully secured the sub-contract order to provide all of the architectural metalwork on the new South Devon college project. Working closely with main contractors Morgan Ashurst, and from the initial design stage, Taunton Fabrications were able to provide a cost effective competitive solution and satisfy the requirements and aspirations set out by the architect.

The building features two large external spiral stairs, a main internal feature stair, and an internal helical stair together with associated balustrade.

Contractor:



GEMMA DAY is our new contracts administrator who is responsible for organising the day-day running of our busy contracts department and comes to us with several years experience in a related sector of the construction industry. She doesn't play rugby!