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Welcome to RGS insite issue 12

Our regular newsletter celebrating more than a decade of drilling, keeping you up to date with RGS and industry news.

Rogers Geotechnical Services Ltd are site investigation specialists offering ground investigation and geotechnical services to developers, builders, structural and consulting engineers, architects, insurance companies, local authorities, piling and foundation engineers, private individuals and other geotechnical consultants.

First Quarter Highlights

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of 2016 has passed in a flash - and we've already enjoyed our Easter break.

IT'S BEEN A BUSY TIME!



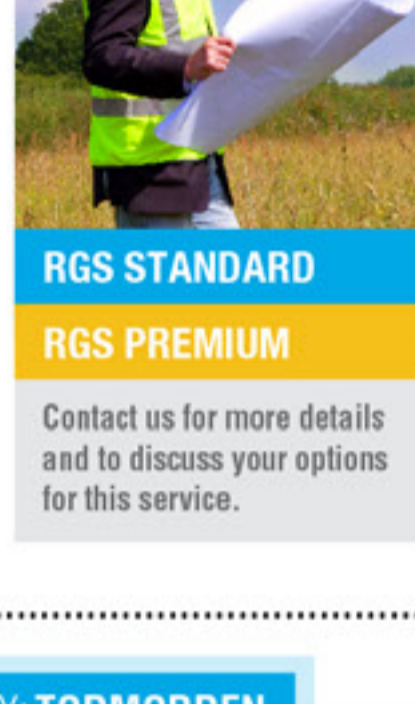
Roger Bullivant Ltd PARTNERSHIP

As part of RGS' ongoing partnership with the Foundation Specialist and Piling Contractor, Roger Bullivant, our Technical Director **Steve Rogers** (pictured above) delivered his third training session to their engineers.

These sessions will continue throughout the year, covering **Ground Improvement** and **Soil Properties**. Steve's training schedule for RBL includes visits to their HQ, Preston, Scottish Office and Dartford.

At the end of the month, we said goodbye and good luck to **Jordan Roberts** (left), who successfully completed a three month secondment from RBL with RGS.

Geodrilling & Keynetix PR SUCCESS



Do you need a phase one environmental desk study report?

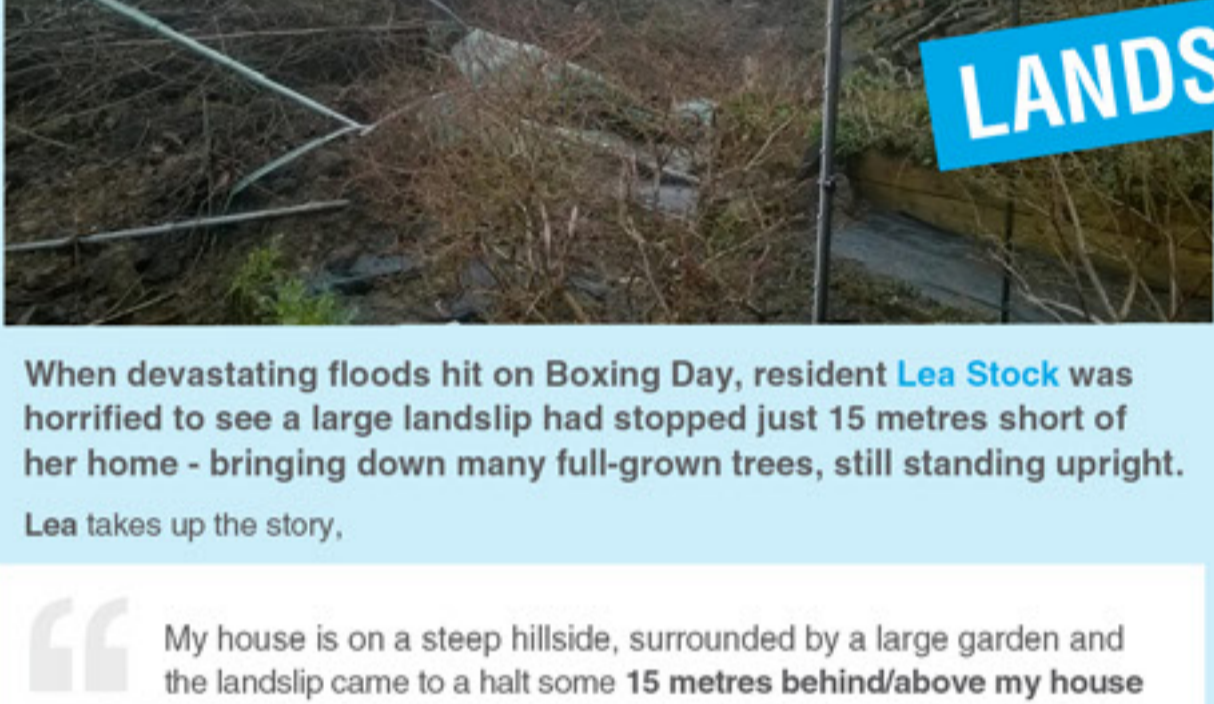
We secured excellent coverage in the top industry magazine, **Geodrilling International**, this month when they publicised our editorial. To read the full article, please click [here](#).

We have also been working with **Keynetix**, who put RGS under the spotlight and produced a 'client story'.

It's great to see RGS hitting the headlines for all the right reasons - and further proof that our PR and marketing strategy is continuing to pay dividends.

CLIENT STORY: TODMORDEN

The right help at the right time



When devastating floods hit on Boxing Day, resident **Lea Stock** was horrified to see a large landslide had stopped just 15 metres short of her home - bringing down many full-grown trees, still standing upright.

Lea takes up the story,

“ My house is on a steep hillside, surrounded by a large garden and the landslide came to a halt some **15 metres behind/above my house** tangled up with my polytunnel and vegetable garden terracing. I needed advice about what had happened, the stability of the site and what to do next but was unsure where to turn. Through a chain of people it was suggested to me that **Steve Letch** at RGS might be able to help. I explained the situation - by this time I was well aware that a full survey would be an extremely pricey option. He suggested that he and **Steve Rogers** might be able to drop by and give me an initial assessment which they did, together with their MD **Emma Lewis**. Alongside a quote for a full survey they gave me advice on the likelihood of further slippages and the best way to start to tackle the devastation. I was very grateful for the help at a time when I was stressed. ”

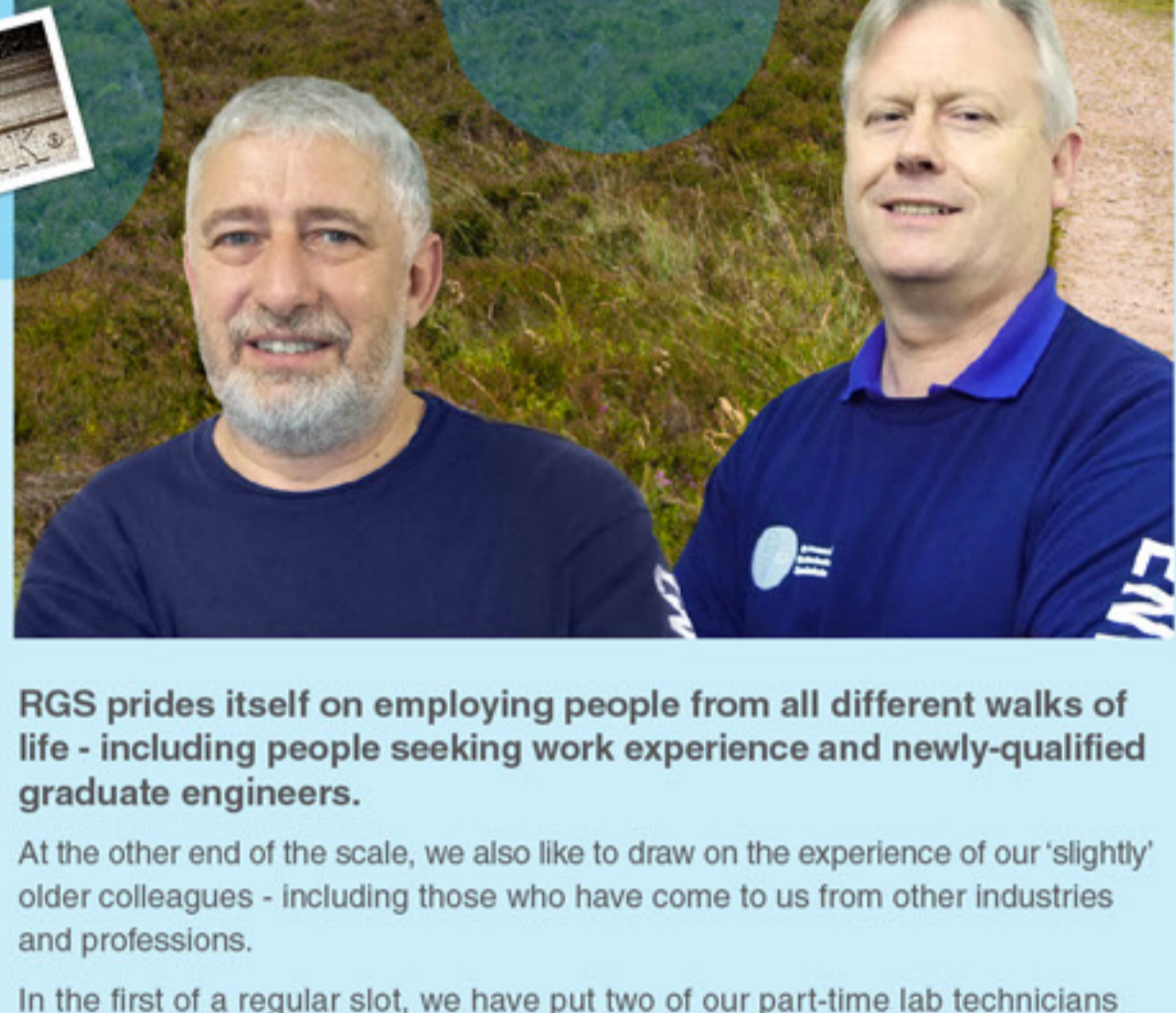
“ We were delighted to be able to offer advice to Lea during an extremely difficult time and to help her **find solutions** to prevent further upset and extensive damage. We are just glad there was a satisfactory outcome. ”

Steve Letch RGS Business Development Manager.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: GRAHAM LOW / IAN WARRINGTON

Different paths



RGS prides itself on employing people from all different walks of life - including people seeking work experience and newly-qualified graduate engineers.

At the other end of the scale, we also like to draw on the experience of our 'slightly' older colleagues - including those who have come to us from other industries and professions.

In the first of a regular slot, we have put two of our part-time lab technicians under the spotlight by asking **Ian** and **Graham** (pictured left and right above) to tell us a little more about themselves!

Ian Warrington - From banking to 'pushing mud' in the RGS' lab, it's been an interesting journey.

“ Before joining RGS I had a career in Banking. I worked for the Halifax - man and boy - for 36 years in its various guises (Building Society, Bank, HBOS and finally Lloyds). I started in branches and became a qualified **Chartered Secretary**, ending up in Anglesey before moving to Head Office in fraud (prevention). ”

Since then I changed roles several times through Audit, Compliance and the new discipline of Operational Risk. As a risk manager we would assess risk as 1,000 year events. I was lucky, or unlucky, to have witnessed a once in a thousand year event which caused the demise of HBOS. Working now for Lloyds Bank I was involved in assessing **new product developments** and eventually a move as senior manager to help with the separation of TSB from the Group.

I then took early retirement allowing me to pursue several hobbies including Geology - or so I thought. ”

Graham Low - The suited and booted approach failed to cut the mustard for Graham, who is now happily working in the same part-time role as Ian.

“ Originally from Chesterfield, I've moved around the country a bit over the years, ending up in Ripponden where I now live. ”

It was further education and then a series of jobs that dragged me from place to place. Along the way I collected a **Degree in Geological Sciences**, an insider's view of drilling for oil, an **MSc in Information Technology** and (eventually) a healthy dislike of being a 'suited and booted' IT consultant.

The last phase - the consultancy bit - finally took its toll about 15 years ago. The chance to quit with six months' dosh was announced the same day that the Twin Towers were attacked in New York.

My daughters were aged 5 and 7 at the time and curious as to exactly who I was and why I kept showing up at weekends (to be fair, my wife did occasionally recognise me). I decided caring for the girls as they grew up was **less hazardous** than continuing with the international jet-setting. Rookie mistake or what?

Anyway, since then I've been a bit more skint and a lot more chilled. When time permits I go **hill-walking**. ”

Talk to us

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