

# Canopies Quarterly

## Oscar awards up for grabs!

In January we had a hectic couple of days at Canopies UK in preparation for the new videos which will be shown on our new web site. As the cameras rolled and the days went by we really did get some great footage with some great acting on show. Everyone in the company got involved with certain individuals really taking to the bright lights of filming; employees were caught strutting their stuff,

like it was London fashion week (sorry Darwen fashion week).

We thought it only right to honour these stars of the red carpet with our own Oscar awards. The nominees for best actor award were Ted Mountain, Peter Smith, Kevin Jones, Craig Hope, Stephen Simms and John Shannon. After much deliberation the winner for best acting role was.....Peter Smith.

A truly brilliant performance showing a thorough understanding for his role in the new blockbuster Usual Suspects 2, where he played the role of Keyser Soze.



**Nominee: Ted Mountain**



**Nominee: Peter Smith**



**Nominee: Kevin Jones**



**Nominee: Craig Hope**



**Nominee: Stephen Simms**



**Nominee: John Shannon**

### Quote of the quarter

"We are no cowboys, we are a proper company and we have installed at over 5500 schools nationwide!"

- **Bill Lightbowne, The Wirral**

### TV after Easter

We will be on TV again week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> of April on ITV3.



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Adam & Vicky on the birth of their second child; Luie Adam Stevenson. Luie was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 at 1.15pm, weighing in at 6lbs 7.

## Numpy of the quarter

**Brian Clark Commercial Sales** – Brian booked a hotel only to turn up and be told there was no booking for him. When the receptionist checked the system the booking was found but for the next month. Needless to say he had somewhat of an awkward sleep in his car.  
**Always check before clicking submit.**

## Happy Retirement

On a more serious note Irene is leaving the business after being with the company some 17 years. Irene started with us in June 1997 when she used to work for "Portland" a company set up by Jason's father, where she had a role in telesales.

Over the years she has stayed in a similar role but in supervisory levels. Nothing has changed for Irene over the 17 years (well in a working capacity) as she still uses a pencil and rubber diary system for booking in appointments. We have only this year put an end to the 1-31 filing system in the drawers.

Irene has seen off four sales managers and with Bill that would

make 5, however this time Irene is the one leaving.

So a huge thank you to Irene from everyone at Canopies UK and we wish her all the best as she starts a new part of her life.



## Delta is nearly extinct!

For those of you who know our IT operating system Delta, then over the past couple of months you will have been saying your farewells.

The company has invested a huge amount of money and time in the new operating system. "Colin" is the new name for the operating system so all memory of the three letter acronym which we have become accustomed to needs to disappear. **Colin** is going to be our new best friend for 2014.

There are going to be teething issues over the next 6 months, but we are sure everyone will be commenting what a vast improvement it is and how it has helped streamline the business, both financially and in the time it saves.

## Chosen charity for Canopies UK



You may be aware that the company has been looking to support a charity and we have finally chosen AMMF charity. The charity is one that is close to home with Jason having established ties over the last few years. The small charity is run by kind and caring people. They were really excited that we wanted to support them, so through the year we will be doing some fundraising events, but in the meantime all

monies from casual Friday will be going to AMMF. So far we have raised over £200 from casual Fridays.

**NB: Don't forget your £1's as it is going to a great cause.**

The Cholangiocarcinoma Charity -  
<http://www.ammf.org.uk/>

## Welcome to ... Wesley Avery our new Operations Manager

Please give a warm welcome to Wesley who has joined us from RTE Fabrications as our Operations Manager. Previous to this, he like Irene used to work at Portland, Jason's fathers company. Wesley brings a wealth of experience and we are sure he will prove to be a valuable asset. Wesley is married to Gill (who work at Burnley Football club, somebody has to) and has a daughter Gemma. I do believe he too is a Burnley fan but also has an allegiance to Brentford.  
**Welcome aboard**