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## Going over the top for charity...

Rather than send Christmas cards in 2007, Millbridge donated money to its nominated local charity, The Isabel Hospice, who staff care for people in eastern Hertfordshire living with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses.

In order to continue with our fund raising for this charity, Millbridge PA, Victoria Waller, plans to abseil 110 feet down the ice cream cone shaped water tower in Church Langley, Harlow on Sunday 4th May 2008. We wish Victoria the best of luck with this exciting challenge!

If you would like to sponsor Victoria, you can do so safely and securely on-line by visiting [www.justgiving.com/victoriawaller](http://www.justgiving.com/victoriawaller).



■ Water Tower, Church Langley



■ Chanting Room

## Millbridge gets in touch with its spiritual side

Soka Gakkai International appointed Millbridge to carry out an extension to its existing property. Plans include a 120 person meeting hall and an increased reception area. SGI practices Buddhist teachings in over 190 countries and has over 10,000 members in the UK.

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## ■ Useful links

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The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors  
[www.rics.org](http://www.rics.org)

Royal Institute of British Architects  
[www.riba.org](http://www.riba.org)

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■ Villa Block

## Hotting up in paradise!

Millbridge has been appointed Project Manager and Contract Administrator for The Island Club Villas project on behalf of The St Lucia Golf and Country Club. The site is situated in the tropical paradise resort of Cap Estate, on the northern tip of St Lucia.

The Island Club, set amongst rolling hills between the Atlantic Ocean and the sparkling Caribbean Sea, is a private enclave of 164 one and two bed apartments plus central amenities including a restaurant, swimming pool and hotel facilities, situated within the heart of St Lucia's premier 18-hole championship golf course.

The building contract value of the project is approximately US\$50m and infrastructure works commenced in February 2008, with the overall completion of the first phase of apartments in December 2009.

Director Graham Clarke comments "This is our first capital project in the Caribbean and will form an important stepping stone for our international experience, building on from our growing golf and residential based projects in Europe."



■ Chelsea Sports Centre swimming pool

## Centre re-opens

December 2007 saw the re-opening of Chelsea Sports Centre following the £700,000 refurbishment project overseen by Millbridge's Building Surveying Division, on behalf of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The project involved the specialist renovation of the building's Grade II Listed pool hall, spectator's viewing gallery and pool tank, the refurbishment and upgrading of the wet change facilities, refurbishment of the sports hall and upgrading of the lighting and ventilation systems.

The works were undertaken in 5 separate phases over a 12 week programme, while the building's gymnasium and dance studios remained operational. The project was handed over on time and within budget.

## Arsene Wenger opens Football Foundation Facility

Following the success of the Whittington Park floodlit third generation synthetic football pitch refurbishment, London Borough of Islington appointed Millbridge as Project Manager for Arsenal Football Club's flagship football in the community Football Foundation facility at Rosemary Gardens. Funded, in principle, by Barclays Bank and in partnership with the London Borough of Islington and Arsenal Football Club, the existing redgra pitch has been replaced, which now includes floodlighting, as well as a new changing room complex and lighting within the park.



■ Arsene Wenger opening the facility

Rosemary Gardens is within a popular conservation area surrounded by residential housing and is well known locally for its historical past when it used to be the site of an old lead mill.

Arsene Wenger accompanied by Mark Ramprakash officially opened the new facility on 29th November 2007 with Wenger overseeing some local children training on the new pitch.



■ Exterior of Villa

## Eco 5\* resort to open on the Silver Coast

On the northwest coast of Lisbon at Santa Cruz, construction has commenced on a 10 bedroom boutique spa hotel and 18 villa complex. The development has been designed by renowned architect Vasco Vierra, who is recognised for his contemporary designs in Portugal. The villas will all benefit from the services of the 5 star boutique hotel with swimming pool, mini cinema and fully equipped gym and spa.

Millbridge is appointed as Project Manager, Quantity Surveyor and Site Engineer by Silver Coast Properties, with construction due for completion in summer 2008, following a 12 month building programme.

To preserve its unique environment and to ensure that it is as ecologically friendly as possible, each 3-bedroom villa, in this high specification development, will be constructed using locally sourced materials, including the wood, glass and stone, all of which is recyclable with great

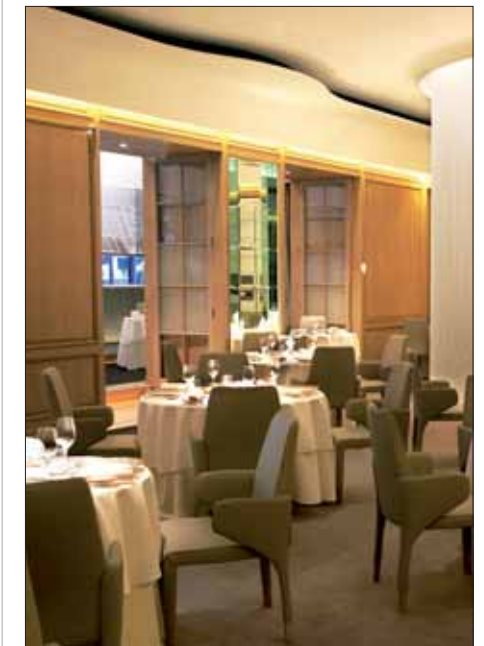
attention being paid to the buildings carbon footprint. The hotel and villas will use geo-thermal energy and under floor heating, hot water and heating for the pool will all be naturally generated from boreholes into the earth. The restaurant will serve organic food, the majority of which is produced from the resorts own market garden.

Director Tony Scott said "developers are recognising that they need to and can provide homes that are environmentally friendly; and this development is a great example, without compromising on design."

## Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester

Millbridge acted as CDM Co-ordinators for the construction of the Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester restaurant and kitchens.

As well as the tight schedule, the work had to be carried out with all of the other facilities in the Dorchester being uninterrupted and without disturbance to hotel guests – a challenge when the site lies partly above the hotel's China Tang Restaurant and alongside the Promenade, famous for its afternoon teas.



■ Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester



■ Wellbar Central, Newcastle

## £60m new office complex planned for Newcastle

Millbridge has been appointed Project Manager on the demolition and construction of a 10 storey commercial property for developers Moonglade Holdings. The building is adjacent to St. James' Park football ground in the heart of Newcastle's City Centre.

The building provides 120,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of office accommodation, with two levels of underground basement car parking and two retail units at ground floor; one shop and one café/restaurant.

The demolition commenced in August 2007 with completion scheduled for October 2009.