

# Electrical focus



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**Welcome** to new General Manager Peter Bishop. Peter joins G M Monk from Connaught where he took responsibility for managing the UK-wide commercial property portfolios. Peter re-joins his electrical roots having originally progressed his career as an apprentice electrician through the ranks to become a General Manager for Scottish Power.

Two of Peter's top priorities at G M Monk will be Health & Safety and sustainability. With his existing qualifications and extensive knowledge in this field, Peter will be further driving G M Monk's exemplary safety record and initiatives for greener and more energy efficient products.

## New Innovations - Digital Heating

We have found one of the most impressive new technologies on the market to be the Rointe Digital Heating System. A low energy consumption and more cost effective electric heating system, the manufacturers predict that over time this sustainable system will overtake the more traditional forms of boiler and electric heating.

So how does it work? Each wall mounted radiator has its own digital control panel which allows the programming of precise time and temperature preferences. The additional provision of a hand-held remote gives the user complete control of each room temperature thus maximising comfort and managing spend.

Annual Costs Savings	Panel Heater	Storage Heater & Convector	Boiler	Rointe
Compared with Panel Heater	N/A	£1,257 (33.74%)	£1,956 (52.5%)	<b>£2,466 (66.18%)</b>
Compared with Storage Heater & Convector	£0	N/A	£699 (28.31%)	<b>£1,209 (48.97%)</b>
Compared with Boiler	£0	£0	N/A	<b>£510 (28.81%)</b>

Source: Rointe. Estimated example for 80m<sup>2</sup> located within a cold area of the UK, 12 hours per day/ night, maintaining 21°C

Rointe Heating is proving a popular choice in schools such as Helenswood Lower School in Hastings, where G M Monk recently installed the system. Apart from the significant savings to energy bills, schools have reported back favourably on the low surface contact temperature of the radiators, the ability to 'lock' the radiators away from children's curious fingers and the simplicity of installation, which comes with minimal disruption. For further details, contact Peter Cavie at Head Office on 01323 841769.



**As Autumn draws in, now is the time to be checking your external lights and considering the options for more cost effective and sustainable replacement products**

**Focus On:**

**External Lighting**



## Promoting Safety

The Directors and Senior Management of G M Monk are in the throes of discussing a voluntary school safety talk programme.

Giving consideration to the high volume of works we carry out in your schools, we feel it would be responsible to relay the importance of electrical safety and awareness to the children (in a fun and interactive manner of course!).

At this early stage, we are keen to establish levels of interest and welcome feedback and suggestions from any interested schools in Sussex.

Please forward your comments to Julie at Head Office on 01323 841769 or [julie@gmmonk.co.uk](mailto:julie@gmmonk.co.uk)

From October onwards and in particular, when the clocks go back, we are inundated with calls from our school clients to service and repair external and internal lighting systems and fittings. With this in mind and the ever spiralling costs of energy, now is a good time to not only book in for a maintenance check but to consider the latest options available for energy and cost-efficient lighting.

Developments in LED floodlighting can offer significant savings against the more traditional tungsten halogen lamps; alternatively, you may consider installing ultrasonic presence detector lighting to stairways, corridors and toilets (switching on/off automatically when movement is detected). Another popular option are the products with both detection and daylight dimming capability.

For further information on G M Monk's full range of sustainable options or to arrange a maintenance check/ quotation, please contact Steve Lissamore at Head Office on 01323 841769 or [steve@gmmonk.co.uk](mailto:steve@gmmonk.co.uk)

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