

Diary

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KLEINMAN KICKS OFF 2013

That schmoozer Mark Kleinman is up to his old tricks again, fitting in celebrity mingling with his day job as a director of James Andrew International. In 2012 he graced the Diary pages after being spotted with former decathlete Daley Thompson and was "papped" looking like Chelsea Football Club's newest signing, holding the Champions League trophy. In his latest celeb-liaison, Kleinman had lunch with ex Arsenal and England international footballer Paul Merson (pictured). Diary looks forward to seeing where Kleinman will pop up next.

Chelsea star? Up for the cup

One could be forgiven for thinking this dashing chap is Chelsea's newest signing snapped with the Champions League trophy after last week's win over Bayern Munich. In fact, it is Mark Kleinman, director of James Andrew International, who was lucky enough to be in the VIP area one hour before kick-off. Kleinman said: "I rubbed the cup and said a little prayer for Chelsea to win. And I asked, if the game went to penalties, for once to let the English beat the Germans." His efforts paid off: agent by day, lucky Chelsea mascot by night.

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THE SHARD END OF THE STICK

He may not be an agent on the Shard anymore, but Chris Vydra, who was poached from Knight Frank to rejoin CBRE as an executive director last year, clearly still harbours passion for the iconic SE1 tower. On hearing that English Heritage is planning to stop putting up its historic blue plaques owing to funding gaps, Vydra was quick to retweet a fellow tweeter's unsympathetic response: "Perhaps if [English Heritage] hadn't wasted money opposing buildings like the Shard, they'd have the cash to celebrate England's heritage." Anyone would think Vydra still worked for joint Shard agent KF.

ANSWERS ON A CHRISTMAS CARD

Bah humbug to BMC software. The company took advantage of the seasonal lull to give agents a pre-Christmas gift. It took the opportunity of the 24 December to issue its latest set of questions for agents bidding for a contract to advise on its corporate real estate portfolio, ostensibly to give them a bit of extra time to think about

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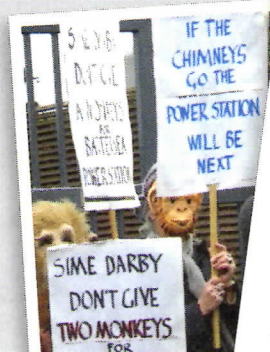
Diary is used to being thrown off the scent of a juicy story but when not one, but two large agencies tell you there's nothing to write about in their region you begin to wonder. *EG* has been trying to sniff out trends and deals in Norfolk and Suffolk but it seems the market has all but ground to a halt and agents have started to put up the yellow crime scene tape around its dead body. Said one national agent: "Sadly, we're not sure there are any newsworthy trends to talk about in Ipswich and Norwich." Move along now. Nothing to see here...

BIG FISH IN THE PROPERTY POND

Thousand Fish, the unusually titled new social network start-up for the property industry, is drumming up interest in the UK by offering free membership to the first 500 sign-ups. The site will launch early this year in the UK and US, with Asia and Africa to follow later in 2013. It proposes an alternative social industry network – away from the traditional confines of bars and pubs in Mayfair. It bills itself as a "new social network for the who's who in property; the perfect platform to elevate your profile as a professional in the real estate industry".

Going bananas over Battersea

How many people dressed in monkey outfits does it take to make a protest? Answer: Four, apparently. This group was handing out flyers at the gates of Battersea Power Station ahead of this week's launch of the first phase of development. Protestors fear the power station's chimneys will not be replaced when they are repaired. Sime Darby refutes all claims, but with Occupy protestors in the nearby children's



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