

“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic”

Arthur C. Clarke

The View from Above

The completed warehouse exterior can now be found on Google Maps. The office space, main entrance and car park are located at the top of the image below.



Eden Events

The latest ‘Eden Express’ drop-in event took place at Bookpoint on 1st August. Staff based at Milton Park were given updates on progress with the warehouse build and systems development and were able to speak to members of the team on different aspects of the project.

Screens from the new SAP Order to Cash and JDA Warehouse Management systems that have been recently built were demonstrated during the session.



The next Eden Express event at LBS will take place on 11th September. A project briefing for our third party clients will be held on 23rd October.

It’s Racking Up



The assembly of the pallet racking for bulk storage is nearing completion. The racking, featured in the image above, comprises 35 aisles and will cover the majority of the warehouse floor space.



The new Stingray shuttles that will serve the automated forward stock picking system have been delivered. We have purchased a total of 115 shuttles that will move between 90,000 different stock locations.

The racking that will hold the forward stock totes and the rails on which the shuttles will run are now fully assembled.

Extensive dry run tests of the automated picking process will take place from October. At this stage, work on the Goods to Person stations will be complete and all conveyor lanes will be in place.



Meet the Project Team

Mel Prismall

SAP Test Analyst

Mel has worked for Hachette for 18 years and has held a range of management roles within Bookpoint Operations.



She joined the IT team as a Vista support analyst almost four years ago and now works full-time on the project as a test analyst for the SAP Order to Cash system.

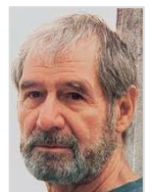
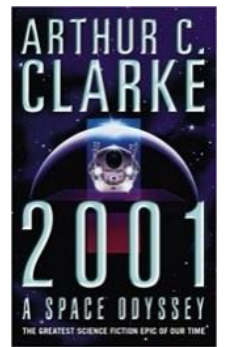
Call me Hal

The results of the vote for the name of the new Publisher App are in and we are pleased to report that **Hal** is the winner!

The name has a strong connection with the group.

HAL 9000 is the computer system that features in Arthur C. Clarke’s *2001: A Space Odyssey*, the classic science fiction novel published by Orbit, an imprint of Little, Brown Book Group.

Hal Willis is the name of a detective that features in Ed McBain’s *87th Precinct* series of crime novels, many of which have been published by Orion.



Staff News

Congratulations to Ian Duffy, Senior Project Manager for the SAP Order to Cash system, on the birth of his daughter Isla in late July!