

JOE'S JOBS

After 12 months out of football and no offers to get back into the game, former Forest manager Joe Kinnear has decided to embark on a new career path. In this, the first of a new series, we track Joe's progress...

We met up with Joe at a building site in Edwinstowe where he is putting his management experience into good use as project manager. His brief, he told us, was to oversee the construction of a four-bedroomed house for a Mr Shepson and his family.

"The job's going well," said Joe as he walked us around the site. "We'll have the seventh story up by Easter, I'm convinced."

We thought that a seven-story house sounded a bit ambitious, even more so within this timescale, but Joe reassured us: "I've won more 'Manager of the Month' awards than Alex Ferguson and single-handedly took Wimbledon from the Fourth Division into the Premiership

– this will be a piece of cake, I'm convinced."

However, though Joe remains upbeat, all is not well on-site. Workman Bill Ding told us: "We keep running out of raw materials because Mr Kinnear thinks he can get a better deal elsewhere.

"I told him the other day that we'd run out of bricks and asked when we could expect more. He just said: 'I've got some irons in the fire'. I told him that we needed bricks, not irons, and the technical term was a 'kiln'. Then he called me a moron and went off to sulk!"

The client, Mr Shepson, also revealed that he had certain misgivings about Joe's handling of the project.

"I'm not sure I understand



his grasp of figures," he said. "Every time I speak to him he gives me a different estimate, ranging from £10,000 to £7million!"

"He also claims to have saved me thousands of pounds and that the project is

in fact making a profit thanks to his management, but I just don't see how that's possible."

Unfortunately for Mr Shepson, he recently offered Joe Kinnear a long-term contract after he very successfully produced a garden shed last year.

When we raised the concerns people told us about with Joe, he responded by telling us angrily "Nobody understands what stress and strain I have to work under. I have got no budget so I just get on with it the best I can, but do you hear me complaining? No!" before calling us morons and going off to sulk for half an hour.

We did, eventually, find someone on site who was happy with Joe's impact. Phil Meup, hired for the catering, reports that since Kinnear secured the job he has raised enough money to send his daughter to university.



Joe gives instructions to his team of builders