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# THE MIXER

## Newsletter

**The Mixer** is the seasonal newsletter for all things Knights - covering exciting topics such as current, completed and upcoming projects along with other interesting news and features.

### LAKE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NEAR COMPLETION AS GREENERY SETS IN



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The Knights team who have been working on the formation of a lake for a private customer in Cheshire are soon to be finished on the project. The photograph above, taken by the project manager shows how the land around the lake is now receiving turf on its way to completion.

On a project that has involved civils and earthworks with over 3,000m<sup>3</sup> of earth being shifted, the lake is part of a major landscaping and forestry generation project for a customer who wanted to enhance their sizeable estate.

There is hope that the lake will provide a perfect platform for attracting many different species of waterbirds and fauna for generations to come.

### Three Eagles Renovation Project Shortlisted at Insider Wales Property Awards 2019

Two members of the Knights team attended the Insider Wales Property Awards 2019, held in Cardiff on Thursday 13th June as the Three Eagles renovation project was shortlisted for 'Workplace Design of the Year'.

Property Developments Manager, Joel Smith and Marketing Manager, Mike Austin joined representatives from Roger Parry & Partners Planning Consultants and Rural Building Studio - both of which were involved in successfully delivering the project.

Unfortunately it wasn't to be with the award heading elsewhere on the night but this awards appearance - amongst some of property's finest - underlines our commitment to delivering high quality projects.







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## Sansaw Cubicle Sheds Ready for Hand Over

Construction is now drawing to a close at the Sansaw Estate dairy farm in Shrewsbury where we are principal contractor on a project to deliver two large cubicle shed buildings. The two new buildings will house additional numbers of dairy cows, offering a substantial increase in the volume of livestock that the Estate can process. Recent activities at the site have included the construction of concrete slot-channel drainage along with cleaning of the steels and concrete passageways.

In June, the historic Estate, owned by the Thompson family for over 150 years, invited members of the local public and wider farming community to attend guided tours of the dairy farm. This included a walk through of the virtually-completed new cubicle sheds.



## Mental Health In Focus for HR Team

Monday 13th May saw the beginning of Mental Health Awareness Week 2019 and our HR Team took the opportunity to attend the Mental Health & Wellbeing seminar held by JVP Group.

Joining a number of other HR professionals, Haydn Craig and Carly Randles were able to join the discussion on the importance of recognising mental health issues not only within the workplace but also in everyday life. At Knights, we wish to actively encourage any employees who are affected by mental health issues to feel as comfortable and respected enough to be able to speak up.

We hope that individuals would feel comfortable enough to speak with HR if they are having any issues and would like to discuss them.

## Get In!

If you have any suggestions or specific information (or a photograph) that you would like to share with your Knights colleagues - and would like to see included in the next issue of **THE MIXER** - please either notify your line manager OR forward the content with a brief explanation to - [michael.austin@knightsconstruction.co.uk](mailto:michael.austin@knightsconstruction.co.uk)



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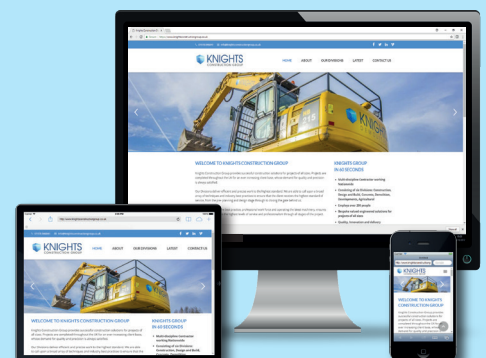


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## Santa Pod Anniversary Article Features in Prestigious Publication

March 2019 marked one year since Knights completed the construction of an all-concrete drag racing track for arguably Europe's most famous drag racing venue, Santa Pod Raceway.

In recognition of this anniversary, a recap of this prestigious project was written and featured by 'Design & Build UK' magazine for their March issue.

Design & Build UK, whose director is former BBC 'The Apprentice' candidate Michaela Wain - is distributed throughout the UK and has a client readership of approximately 150,000. All types and sizes of projects are featured ranging from small industry projects, renovation schemes, articles on health and safety, world renowned schemes, new product and innovations and government legislation.



## Earthworks Phase Coming To A Close

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The main earthworks phase including the formation of an access road is almost complete at Painsbrook Farm in Shrewsbury.

The works have paved the way for the construction of a 32,000-bird Free Range Unit with a raised packing room and will feature the first Landmeco UK system.



## join our team

As part of our continual growth, we are always looking for talented and passionate people to become an integral part of our team.

Current positions we are looking to fill are:

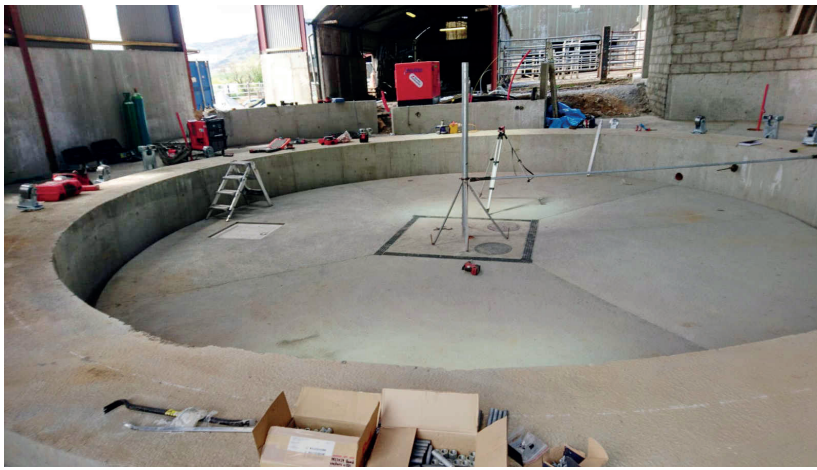
- Groundworkers (with concreting experience).
- Business Administration Apprentice.

To learn more about these roles, please visit our careers page at [www.knightsconstructiongroup.co.uk/careers](http://www.knightsconstructiongroup.co.uk/careers)

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## Knights DeLaval Parlour Team Busy in Ireland

Following on from being named as the official UK installer of DeLaval rotary milking parlours, Knights have now successfully installed a number of rotary parlours for satisfied customers.

The latest install (shown left) is a 40-bale unit currently underway at a dairy farm in Ashtown, Leinster in the Republic of Ireland.



**SITE WORKER  
OF THE MONTH!**

**APRIL - STUART SMITH**  
**MAY- TOM PURSLOW**  
**JUNE - TBC**



## Knights Management Attend MAP-PIN Event

Our Commercial Director, Lewis Taylor and Property Developments Manager, Joel Smith were invited to attend JM Architects 'MAP-PIN' (Manchester's Alternative Property Professional's Interactive Networking' Event. The invitation to this networking opportunity was extended to Lewis and Joel by Spring & Co Construction.

The event was held on the roof terrace at the stylish Restaurant Bar & Grill Manchester and was a great chance to discuss possible future collaborations.



MAP-PIN was hosted at The Restaurant Bar & Grill, Manchester

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## Did you know...

The Incas considered bridges to be so sacred that anyone who tampered with one was put to death. Among the most impressive Inca bridges were the chacas, or rope bridges, that spanned great distances over gorges and rivers. They were made of plaited grasses woven together into a single cable as thick as a man's body, and they sometimes extended for 175 feet. It took as many as a thousand people to build such a bridge, and many of these remarkable structures lasted more than five hundred years.

Renowned for its wine, the Rioja region of Spain is littered with wineries. One of the most famous for pushing the boundaries of architecture is the Campo Viejo winery. Built on a breathtaking piece of land, the architect Ignacio Quemada Sáenz-Badillos sought not to "ruin" the natural beauty of the land, so instead of building the winery above ground, he built a 480,000 square-foot complex underground. Not only does this maintain the landscape, but it also aids the regulation of temperature for the winery—an important factor in preserving quality.

An amazing titanium ellipsoid dome, the National Center for Performing Arts in Beijing, China is publicly known as "the giant egg." Built next to it is a large artificial lake, which produces the aesthetic effect of an egg floating on water.