



# THE MIXER

**Vewsletter** 

**The Mixer** is the seasonal newsletter for all things Knights. All employees will receive a copy of The Mixer for all the latest news on exciting topics such as Current, Completed and Upcoming Projects, New Starters (& Leavers) along with other interesting features which will cover the past few month's goings-on.



## Some of the stats...

- 5000 tonnes of unsuitable clays removed
- 3500 t<mark>onn</mark>es <mark>of as</mark>phalts removed
- 3750 tonnes of WW2 runway concrete crushed and recycled
- 5000 tonnes of imported crushed limestone fill
- 1500 tonnes of granite sub-base imported
- 1.5km of drainage installed
- 18,000m<sup>2</sup> of grass banking sown

#### CURRENT

#### Chequered flag for team at Santa Pod

Our Concrete Division have made their way over the finish line and completed the all-new concrete drag racing track at Santa Pod Raceway achieving a great time over the 1/4 mile.

The original track surface was initially broken out with the original WW2 runway below being crushed and re-used in the formation level. Newly-designed drainage was also installed under the track and along the outsides of the walls to ensure that track drying times are greatly improved following bad weather.

The concrete pours were overseen by MD Matt Jones - with our teams working tirelessly to ensure the surface was laid and finished to the standards expected of a world-class racing venue.

The first race events on the new track have already taken place with some drivers taking to social media to give some great feedback about the track.



#### All the Fun of the Fair

Knights Construction Group will be exhibiting at this year's Pig & Poultry Fair on 15th - 16th May in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

Doug Wellington will be located at Stand 395 to be the face of the business for farmers and other agricultural industry professionals to meet and learn about what Knights has to offer.

Hopefully potential customers will be encouraged to find out how we can help them with their next project.

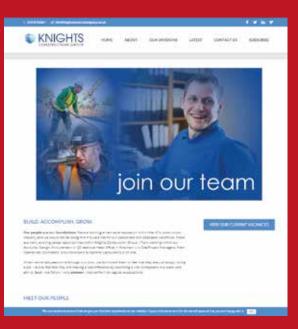


#### Careers Site On Way...

A new 'careers' extension to our website is currently in development.

The aim of this facility is to enable job-seekers to learn more about what it means to work for Knights and also to browse the latest vacancies within the company.

One particularly helpful section of the careers pages will be Meet Our People - where a selection of current Knights employees give accounts of their own experiences of working for the company.



DEVELOPMENTS

From the opening page (shown above), users will be able to click on a link which will then take them to a job listings page where they can then browse current openings and utilise the search functions to narrow down and tailor their results. As the site develops, we will be aiming to add to its' functionality.

#### Join us on...







CURRENT

#### Pour to the Floor

Work is progressing nicely at Stephen Mottershead's broiler site in Bridgnorth.

Our Concrete Flooring division have moved in and are making a great job of the internal floors in both the broiler units and the biomass centre.

Some recent photos of the site









CURRENT

#### Stripping off in Llay

An initial topsoil strip has been completed on a nearby field in Llay. The site is the location of a new development for poultry giants Aviagen and will see the construction of a twelve-shed turkey rearing facility.

### MOVERS 'N' SHAKERS

#### New Faces at Knights



Name Steve Claybrook **Position Utilities Manager** 

Steve will be bringing his extensive experience in utilities and highways infrastructure to Knights Construction, Developments and Agriculture divisions. With numerous 278 works, many different utilities to isolate and divert on the jobs we have coming up Steve will be managing all aspects going forwards.

Whilst liaising with Electrical Distribution Network Operators and Highways depts. of various local authorities Steve will also be looking to grow our business into different market sectors with his network of contacts and market expertise. Joining us at an exciting time of growth and opportunity whilst assisting us diversifying into new markets means we'll continue to gain strength as a quality construction organisation. Welcome to Knights!

Leavers

Adam Sadler - Site Engineer



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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.u

Get In!



DEVELOPMENTS

#### An (agri)-Cultured Read

A new 24-page brochure which showcases our Agricultural Division's services has now been designed and is ready to roll out to prospective clients around the country.

Its' purpose is to enable farmers who may be considering a new build project to browse our services and to get a better understanding of what we could possibly do for them and their own projects.

Specific sections of the brochure include Earthworks, Poultry, Livestock & Dairy and more. The brochure will hopefully serve to increase awareness of our services within the agricultural sector.

### Did you know...

The Escorial, the famous palace located outside Madrid, was built in the shape of a gridiron because Saint Lawrence, to whom the palace was dedicated, was roasted on one.

At 185 metres high and 2,309 metres long, the Three Gorges Dam on China's Yangtze River is the world's largest concrete structure.

The tallest concrete building in the world is the Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago. It stands at 98 stories and over 1,387 feet.



CURRENT

#### **Poultry In Motion**

Work has now started in Thirsk on a site that will see the construction of a 64,000-bird Free Range poultry unit for Vencomatic UK.

Our Earthworks team have completed the initial topsoil strip in preparation for the main cut and fill to be carried out.

This particular poultry unit will incorporate four sheds for the birds and feature a central packing room. There will be one large square concrete apron area in front of the packing room and two shorter aprons (one at each side of the overall unit).



## Recruitment Update

As part of our continual growth as a leading UK contractor, we are always looking for talented and passionate people to join us and become an important part of our team.

If you know someone who may be interested in any of the listed roles, please ask them to send a CV to careers@knightsconstruction.co.uk

#### **Currently recruiting for:**

- Assistant QS
- Trainee CAD Technician
- Groundworkers
- Telehandler Driver
- Labourer



#### **Llanfest Sponsorship Announced**

Knights have recently been announced as the main sponsors for Llanfest 2018 - part of this year's International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen.

The event takes place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July will be headlined by indie-pop icons Kaiser Chiefs with support coming from Hoosiers and Toploader (famed for their 90's hit, 'Dancing In The Moonlight').

Llanfest is a recent addition to the International Eisteddfod, which is already renowned for its choral music, opera galas and classical concerts as well as world music, jazz, R&B and folk music performances.

One of the world's most inspiring and multicultural festivals, the Eisteddfod welcomes more than 4,000 performers and competitors and up to 50,000 visitors across the period of a week.



# THE PIPELINE

#### Some of our upcoming projects include:

- Silage Clamp Whitchurch
- 4 x Broiler Units Bridgnorth
- 2 x Broiler Units Kinnerton
- Free Range Unit Staffordshire
- Office Development Kinnerton

## THE GAFFER

'd like to start by thanking our fantastic site crews for working so hard throughout what has been a very harsh winter. Our team at Santa Pod managed to complete a sublime job just in time before the 'Beast from the East' reared its' head with all our other projects continuing strongly without too many weather-related hold ups.

2018 has started with a bang for us at Knights with some really exciting developments and further upcoming projects to look forward to. Re-capping on the Santa Pod job, we have started the year by sealing our mark of quality into a worldwide-recognised motorsport venue – virtually becoming a part of the legacy and history of Santa Pod Raceway. If that's not something to be immensely proud of then I don't know what is!

Joel has been forging forward with our Developments Division and is working hard to make good progress in the way of obtaining opportunities for us to get involved in some impressive housing development concepts. This coupled with the brilliant recent acquisition of new Utilities Manager Steve Claybrook is a sign of intent to how we want to begin to open more doors for the Group as we continue to look to expand into new and challenging sectors.

Doug continues to forge and strengthen new working relationships with promising agricultural clients around the country – with our agricultural work more important than ever right now.

