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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.



COMPLETE

Bridgnorth Site Reaches Completion

Walkhamwood Farm, Bridgnorth

Work at Stephen Mottershead's broiler site has now drawn to a close for the Knights team. The most recently completed tasks included the formation of external concrete aprons and the internal floor of the Biomass centre.

A number of sub-contractors are still on site as feed and ventilation systems are being gradually commissioned.

Due to certain planning stipulations, the formation level for this project had to be far lower than the surrounding land. This resulted in extremely large-scale groundworks and the sculpting of landscaped bunds (as seen in the photos).

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Knights Sponsor Rally...While Ant' Goes Viral

Thursday 10th May saw the 'Welsh Border 200 Rally' kick off - with Knights featuring as an event sponsor.

Project Manager, Anthony Litchfield took his Seat Ibiza along but wasn't competing this time round. Instead, Ant' was given the opportunity to put his quick wit and charm to effect in the role of Presenter for the official Border 200 Rally Facebook page.

He was seen introducing several of the competitors and getting up close with some of the cars prior to racing.



Knights Teams on Clamp Down

Biogas Ltd., Whitchurch

CURRENT

Speedy progress has been made in Whitchurch - where we have been constructing a 60m x 30m silage clamp for clients Biogas.

Following our earthworks team clearing and levelling the site, the pre-cast concrete panels which form the clamp were put into position and drainage installed. Mesh was then laid ready for the concrete floors to be poured.



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Dyfed Wins Top Award!

Our Construction Management Apprentice, Dyfed Edwards was the recent recipient of Coleg Cambria's 'Technical Apprentice of the Year' Award 2018.

Dyfed saw off competition across six other sites to claim the award which was the result of his hard work, dedication and promising ability.

"It is a great achievement and I'm so proud of what I have achieved by just believing in myself", said Dyfed.

"All respect goes out to my college lecturers in helping me achieve such a great award and appreciation is shown by me towards Knights Construction and Coleg Cambria in giving me a chance and seeing my potential to grow."



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New Faces at Knights



Name
Stephanie Wynne

Position
Finance Manager

Stephanie has brought her excellent management skills and experience to join us on a temporary contract. Her responsibilities will include the implementation and monitoring of budgets and to assist in the growth of the business.

Name
Josh Perry

Position
Assistant QS



Josh joins our QS department following a successful period working for Whitescape Civils where he started as a Labourer but quickly progressed to running their buying department. Working alongside our Senior QS, Josh will be pricing new jobs and monitoring costs during projects.



Name
Simon Madigan

Position
CAD Technician

Simon has come to Knights with experience of producing detailed drawings and technical reports for Auger Solutions - a drainage and site investigation company. He will be now be producing site CAD drawings for us and assisting our engineers with survey data.

Leavers

Jack Kempster - Accounts Assistant

Good luck Jack!

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

Did you know...

During the first four decades of the modern Olympic Games, 151 medals were awarded for music, painting, sculpture, literature, and architecture.

French postman Ferdinand Cheval spent 33 years picking up stones while delivering mail. With these stones he built the fantastical Le Palais Idéal in Hauterives. The building is considered a prime example of naïve art, and in 1969 was designated a cultural landmark.

More time passed between the start and end of construction on the Great Wall of China than between the start of Christianity and today.



Brad' to the Bone

CURRENT

Bradeley Farm, Market Drayton

Our earthworks team have been busy stripping a site at Bradeley Farm in Market Drayton. The farm - owned by Richard Clifton - is already home to two poultry broiler units which were previously constructed by Knights and this new project will add another two as Mr Clifton looks to increase production.



Level on Aggregate

CURRENT

Aviagen, Llay

Progress has been quick at the new Aviagen site in Llay on the outskirts of Wrexham.

Our teams are now finishing up on the site drainage installation and are underway with stoning up the sub-base.

Once completed, this site will eventually be home to a twelve-unit turkey rearing facility with bio-security being a focus.

Aviagen operates full-scale breeding programmes in the USA and Europe and supply to both customers and distributors.



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:

- Administration Assistant
- Purchase Ledger Clerk
- Groundworkers



Log Cabin Job for Hospice

We have recently been enlisted by shed builders, Powell & Co. to install a concrete slab and access road for a very special charity project.

The slab will form the base of a log cabin which is being specially constructed for St. Michael's Hospice in Hereford.

Patients of St. Michael's will be able to stay in the pleasant and peaceful surroundings of the new log cabin with their loved ones during the final days of their care.

St. Michael's Hospice is an independent charity with all of their services provided free of charge. It costs over £13,000 per day to provide patients with all the care they need and 90% of all their funding is raised by their local community.



THE PIPELINE

Some of our upcoming projects include:

- One Pullet Rearing Unit - Rugby
- One Free Range Unit - Cranbrook
 - Four Broiler Units - Bridgnorth
 - Two Broiler Units - Dodleston
- Grade II Listed Building Renovation - Llangollen

THE GAFFER

Looking back over the last few months, we have much to be pleased about.

We've continued strongly on sites such as at Stephen Mottershead's in Bridgnorth. Our teams are now finished on what was a challenging project when considering the groundworks that were required on that job. I have received many positive comments from various other contractors.

Works at Whitchurch for Biogas Ltd. have gone smoothly, having been overseen by Steve. As we look at breaking into the world of commercial construction, this project acts as an example of just how important agricultural-based clients still are to us. And there may well be further opportunities arising from this as a result.

At the turn of the year, there were many forecasting a fairly bleak 2018 for the construction industry and while we have seen the fallout from the collapse of giants Carillion, opportunities for ourselves are presenting themselves at a growing rate.

A reflection of this is seen in the number of new faces we are seeing around head office and on site, who have been brought in to enable us to steadily grow. I would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome them all to the Knights family.

BY MATT JONES
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