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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.



Knights Listed in 'Top Ten Winners' at Construction Enquirer Awards

A huge congratulations are in order to all of our employees after Knights Construction Group were named in the **Top Ten Winners** list for the Construction Enquirer Awards 2018. The category in which we are nominated is '**Best Main Contractor to Work For (under £50m)**'.

Following the initial nomination, a shortlist of seventeen contractors was put forward for an online vote. After a month of voting, we were named in the Top Ten for the category. The overall winner will be announced at a presentation ceremony in Birmingham on October 9th as part of UK Construction Week. Presenting the award will be celebrity architect and presenter, George Clarke (above).

Managing Director, Matt Jones said, *"The award nomination and subsequent listing in the Top Ten Winners is a testament to the inclusive nature of the company. This is a direct result of everyone's fantastic attitudes to their work and the way in which new employees are welcomed into the fold. Whether we win the award or not, everyone can be proud of this achievement."*

**SITE WORKER
OF THE MONTH!**

JUNE - DANIEL GRIFFITHS

JULY - JAKE JONES

AUGUST - BOB HARRIES



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



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Introducing Norris...

You may have noticed a 'new face' appearing across Knights' social media pages.

'Norris the Knight' is a cartoon character that will be appearing in a small series of social adverts to promote different divisions of the business in a fun and entertaining way.

Norris - drawn up by Tristan King of Voodoo Design is a slightly dim-witted knight with a penchant for construction activities who finds himself in a variety of situations....some good and some not so-good.



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Knights Entertain VIP's as Events' Main Sponsor

Sunday July 8th saw Knights sponsoring Llanfest 2018 - the 'grand finale' concert to close this year's Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. The event concluded with headliners, Kaiser Chiefs putting on a high-energy show for fans following some other great main-stage performances from Hoosiers and Toploader.

With doors opening at 2pm on what was a beautiful summer's day, Knights staff welcomed around forty VIP guests into the Harmony marquee where delicious food and refreshments were provided courtesy of Tyn Dwr Hall and Wild Garlic Catering.

Guests had the chance to take in the afternoon performances around the Eisteddfod grounds which included a diverse range of music from performers such as The Cavern Club Liverpool, Destination and the talented Lucy Mayhew amongst others.

By the time the Pavilion opened its doors for the evening's main-stage event, our guests - armed with complimentary front-row tickets were all set to enjoy what was a fantastic night of music.

MOVERS 'N' SHAKERS

New Faces at Knights



Name

Carly Randles

Position

HR & Payroll Asst.

Prior to taking on this new role with Knights, Carly had spent time travelling Australia where she also assisted with payroll whilst working at a hostel. On her return from 'Down Under', she gained experience in the hospitality industry as manager of the Plough Inn, Gresford before moving on to become part of our team.

"I am really enjoying working with everyone in the Knights Construction team and to be in an environment where everyone has made me feel so welcome", said Carly.

Name

James Rumsey

Position

Accounts Asst.



Born in Abergavenny, South Wales, James is an Accounting and Finance graduate who also spent time living in Australia - for five years. Whilst he was there, he worked with various charities and on community projects around the world. He now joins our Accounts team from Chetwood Financial Ltd.

James is a massive Liverpool F.C. fan - (but let's not hold that against him).

Leavers

Lindsey Jones - Accounts



now featured on...



Did you know...

The highest bridge on earth was built in 2016. The Beipanjiang Bridge is more than 1854 feet above a river and more than third a mile. This unique bridge reduces the time that it usually takes to move from Liupanshui in Guizhou to Xuanwei from approximately 5 hours to less than 2 hours.

Mitsubishi Electric Company's NexWay elevator installed in the Shanghai Tower back in 2016 can travel at a speed of 45.8 mph - making it the world's fastest.

When a vessel carrying cement ran aground on the Isle of Sheppey, off the coast of Kent, excited locals thought the barrels contained whiskey. Once they discovered the barrels contained cement, the creative team remained undeterred. Instead they built a pub, called the Ship on Shore in Sheerness, and it remains a popular venue today.



The Eagles Have Llan-ded

CURRENT

The Three Eagles, Llangollen



THREE EAGLES
RESTAURANT BAR

Work has started in Llangollen at the site of The Three Eagles - the new luxury bar and restaurant that is being opened towards the end of the year. With a projected opening for the new venue as early November, our Developments team will fully renovate and restore this early 18th-century Grade II-listed building. Visit www.thethreeeagles.co.uk to find out more on the venue.



Turkey Units Flying Up

CURRENT

Aviagen Site, Wrexham

Our site at Llay on the outskirts of Wrexham has seen some great progress as shed builders, Powells have been busy constructing the steel-frame units which will house a total of twelve separate turkey-rearing areas for clients, Aviagen.

Our concrete flooring teams are now well underway with the internal slab pours and will soon be tackling the external road and aprons.

It's All Kicking Off!

As this summer's World Cup fever came to an end, some members of staff felt that they just couldn't wait for the kick-off of the new footy season - so July saw the introduction of Knights' Five-A-Side competition.

Organised by our CAD Technician, Simon Madigan - the first game was hotly contested on the hallowed astroturf of Clywedog Sports Centre on Ruthin Road, Wrexham. Despite a couple of injuries, the teams got a good work out and it will now become a regular event.

The game was played out in front of a sell out...ice cream van that happened to be in the carpark at the time and there was controversy when it became apparent that Player/Manager, Tom had 'lost the dressing room' early in the second half.... Thankfully he managed to find it again after asking the girl on reception.

As the game reached its conclusion - and as Doug couldn't wait to find out what 'squeaky bum-time' was, the Red Team put the game out of reach and secured victory.

If anyone would like to join our football evenings, please email simon.madigan@knightsconstruction.co.uk to register your interest! Everyone is welcome to play!





Workhorse Laser Screed Helps Team Achieve Level Best

COMPLETE

J. Bolshaw - Crewe, Cheshire

Our Concrete Flooring team completed a high quality, 170m³ slab for a client in Cheshire recently - utilising our S840 laser screed to achieve a fantastic tolerance.

THE PIPELINE

Some of our upcoming projects include:

- One Broiler Unit - Colchester
- Two Broiler Units - Sarn Malpas
- Two Rearing Units - Craven Arms
- One Free Range Unit - Denbighshire
- Two Digestate Lagoons - Whitchurch
- One Silage Clamp - Whitchurch

THE GAFFER

The past quarter has thrown up some interesting challenges for the Group – and we have risen to those challenges well.

There have been some testing times across a couple of our sites where some technical issues have hindered our quick progress. But overall, I have been impressed at the way in which our teams have responded to those issues and the expertise has shone through.

The commencement of the restoration works at the grade-II listed Wynnstay Arms in Llangollen marks an exciting moment in the progression of Knights Construction Group as we convert the building into The Three Eagles Restaurant & Bar.

I'm proud to have learned of the news that Knights have been nominated in this year's Construction Enquirer Awards in the category of 'Best Main Contractor to Work For'. It's very important for me to know that we are doing our best to ensure all employees feel included, valued and safe when they come to work and I feel that this nomination indicates that we are not too far away from those objectives.

Project-wise, we are getting busier and have a number of very exciting upcoming jobs already in the pipeline with Doug, Danny and myself working hard to improve our contacts and enable us to be considered for bigger and better projects.



by Matt Jones
Managing Director