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# THE MIXER

Newsletter

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**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.



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## Free-Range Project Completion Marked by Open Day

Following the completion of a 64,000 bird free-range site for customers Vencomatic, members of our management team attended an open day at the site.

Situated in Thirsk, North Yorkshire, Sally Farm is the first site to be built under the joint venture between egg producers, Wot-A-Hen and poultry welfare equipment manufacturer Vencomatic.

More sites have already been earmarked for further development in the future with the customers aiming to possess the highest-level of welfare in the country.



## Knights Join Training Body to Support Ex-Armed Forces

On Wednesday 10th October, members of the Knights team joined a number of other construction-based firms at the **'Forces in Construction'** day which was organised by training body, the CITB. Held at Coleg Cambria in Deeside, North Wales the event was aimed at offering employment support to those who had either recently left or were leaving the armed forces.

Throughout the day, our team met many people and were able to discuss how the training and experience that they had gained from serving in the armed forces could well be transferable into roles in the construction industry.

A particular highlight of the event was a presentation and speech from our very own director, Doug Wellington. Prior to joining Knights, Doug spent a number of years serving in the army with the Royal Welsh so was able to provide his own invaluable insight into the many challenges faced by those coming out of the armed forces.



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## Wrexham Aviagen Site Handed Over

At the beginning of December, we completed the customer hand over of a turkey breeding/genetics site on the outskirts of Wrexham for clients, Aviagen.

Set to be the European benchmark for poultry genetics centres, the site consists of twelve rearing units separated by a central corridor with an amenity block at the southern end. Final stages of the build included the construction of a reed-bed which enables waste-water to be innovatively cleaned and recycled.

Prior to the handover, select poultry executives from across the continent were invited to attend a tour of the facility.







## Recent Shropshire Project Featured in Poultry World Magazine COMPLETE

A 4-shed broiler site which Knights Construction completed earlier in the year has been the subject of a feature in Poultry World Magazine.

The article featured in the October issue of the magazine and discussed the site with owners Stephen and Ed Mottershead.

The earthworks at this particular site were a real challenge as, due to planning stipulations, the finished floor level had to be dropped 9 metres into the Shropshire countryside.

## Developments Team Members Appear In Client's Short Videos DEVELOPMENTS

Members of Knights Property Developments team have recently been appearing across the internet in a series of exciting 'teaser' videos aimed at promoting the opening of new Llangollen restaurant and bar, The Three Eagles.

Each video is approximately a minute long and features snippets of the restoration and renovation works that our team have been carrying out at the venue since July.

The Three Eagles is located in an early 18th-century, Grade II-listed building which was originally a coaching inn providing a welcome rest-stop for long distance travellers while their horses would be tended to and fed in the courtyard.

Following assistance with planning from Knights, the ancient building has seen sensitive works being completed to ensure that many of its original features have been integrated into the new venue's design.

Following the demolition of an unstable section of the building, an ancient well that has not been seen for what could be a century or more was discovered by our team. After consultations with the customer, plans for an alteration to the design were put forward and the well is now due to be featured prominently within a new extension to the rear.

The videos can be viewed by visiting The Three Eagles YouTube channel.

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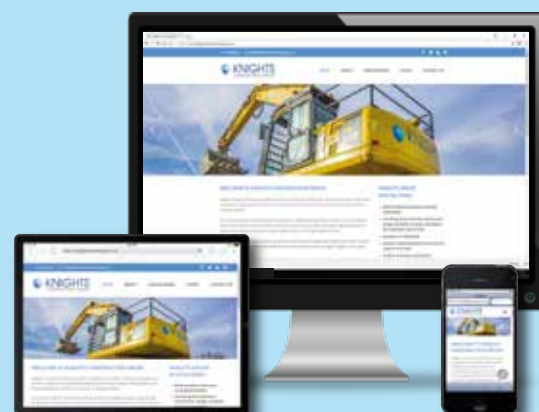


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## Second Job at AD Plant Shows Steady Progress

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Following the successful delivery of a new silage clamp for AD plant customers, Biogas earlier in the year, Knights were recently charged with delivering a second.

Progress has been steady at the site in Whitchurch, with the foundations, pre-cast vertical concrete panels and drainage systems all now installed.

Next to be installed is the concrete clamp floor and 15-metre concrete apron with the whole project due to be completed by mid-December.

Our Bobcat T770 laser-grader has been in action for the trimming of the MOT before the concrete slabs will be poured.

Concrete will be 170mm thick with a layer of A193 mesh and texture-finished.



**SITE WORKER  
OF THE MONTH!**

**OCTOBER – TOM MALONE**  
**NOVEMBER – DAI WILLIAMS**  
**DECEMBER – TBC**



## 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:

- Workshop Supervisor.
- Groundworkers (with concreting experience).
- Administration Apprentice.
- Plant & Fleet Manager.

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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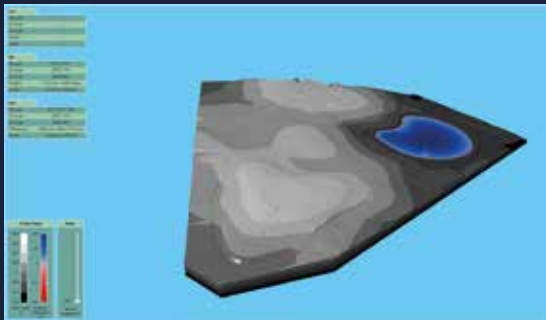
## Northwich Lake Takes Shape

A fairly unique earthworks project in Northwich is underway with our crew forming a new lake for a customer.

Our crews have shifted and landscaped over 20,000 cubic metres of earth to achieve the lake's base level.

The lake is now lined and retaining walls are currently being installed along with drainage in the surrounding areas.

A woodland area will later be created to enhance the site as a habitat for local fauna to flourish.



## Operations Manager Takes On Isle of Man Rally

You would usually find our Operations Manager, Lee Edwards busy on the phone at our head office as he orchestrates the movement of our plant fleet and arranges on site deliveries. But every now and again, Lee is found hurtling along tracks and lanes behind the wheel of his rally-spec Ford Escort.

In November, Lee took his car over to the Isle of Man to compete in the annual Pokerstars Rally, albeit in some terrible weather conditions. Following heavy rain and flooding across the isle, three out of the six first-day challenging stages were cancelled and a poor start saw Lee end the day 33rd overall and 13th in class. The fact that Lee's car was itself flooded inside did not help!

On the second day, Lee picked up the pace and began consistently setting top 10 times which saw him climb up the results nicely. Unfortunately, four further stages were cancelled due to accidents which meant Lee only had five stages to make up ground. Lee ended the event in 15th overall and secured 3rd in class.

"All in all, it was a great experience", said Lee. "It was well worth the cost and I'm happy that the only things that the car needed all weekend was fuel and tyres".







## Did you know...

The world's longest sea-crossing bridge has been officially opened in China. The bridge is 34 miles long, connects Hong Kong to Macau and cost £15.3 billion. Sadly, eighteen workers lost their lives during the bridge's construction.

The roofs of the Sydney Opera House are covered in a total of 1,056,006 tiles.

The Eiffel Tower was originally proposed to be constructed in Barcelona for Universal Exposition by Gustav Eiffel.



# Merry Christmas

★ From all of us at Knights Construction Group ★

