



Summer 2015

Hello and welcome to our summer newsletter,

The company has enjoyed some very big contract wins throughout the summer months, lifting its forward order book close to record levels. This is perfect timing as the spike in orders coincides with the completion of a Group wide restructure that, at times, sucked far too much energy from both myself and the organisation as a whole.

Time to celebrate, or so I thought. I then received a call from the hospital. Dad had been taken ill, it wasn't unexpected, he'd been poorly for some time, but it still came as a shock when, a week after being admitted, he sadly passed away.

Thanks to everyone for all the messages of support. I am exceptionally lucky to have such supportive customers, suppliers and staff as well as the pleasure of being the son of one of life's great characters.

We all have to leave the field of play at some point, until then, hang in there, spend as much quality time as possible with your family and friends and when the final whistle is eventually blown, ensure that you, like my dad, can enjoy the satisfaction of having absolutely no regrets, in that

you've made people smile and did everything to the absolute best of your ability.

Best Regards



Steve Gelder MBE
Chief Executive Officer



Maintenance Department Sign Partnership with City of Lincoln Council and East Lindsey District Council

Gelder Group are delighted to announce a new four year partnership with City of Lincoln Council and East Lindsey District Council for planned and responsive maintenance on commercial properties. The contract, which commenced in August, involved 'TUPE' arrangements with several of the previous contract holders staff. This is now complete and we welcome them to the Gelder Group's Maintenance Department that are facilitating the contract.

On the partnership Dave Gladwin, Construction Director, commented "We are all thrilled to win this contract and to be working with City of Lincoln Council and East Lindsey District Council", adding "My team and I are committed to providing them with the best possible service for the next four years".

James Flintham, Senior Quantity Surveyor, for the Maintenance Division, who is overseeing the project also adds "This is exactly the type of contract we excel at, and I'm so pleased we've been able to utilise the existing staff who are now part of my team".



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£5.2 Million Office Block Contract in Grimsby

The official 'Sod Cutting' ceremony took place on 14th August in advance of work commencing on the £5.2m build, four story office block on the derelict 'Cartergate' site in Grimsby. The construction of the new office block will take 12 months to complete and will then be handed over to its new occupants 'Wilkin Chapman LLP', and be home to 250 employees. On commencing work Kevin Manterfield, Major Contracts Director comments "We look forward to working with North East Lincolnshire Council once again, on what, I'm confident, will be yet be another successful project."



An artist's impression of how the offices will look.

£3.5 Million Improvements to Sir Francis Hill School, Lincoln

Internal renovation work at Sir Francis Hill School was completed in time to re-open the school in September although the £3.5 million upgrade will continue through to August 2016. The additional planned work consists of two extensions to the school, a new 'High-5' pitch, a new staff car parking area and a new playing area for the juniors. On the project Contracts Manager Simon Hope comments "The work to date has run very smoothly and with the preparations we've made to continue the work when the school is open, I'm confident that, whilst challenging, it will run just as smoothly".



First Harvest of Gelder Gold



After receiving our first hive of 30,000 European Dark Bees from the Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association in May the industrious bees have already created nine full frames of honey. The honey is now being harvested and will be ready for sale, with all proceeds going to charity. On the collection of honey, Environmental Officer, Simon Blaydes comments "I couldn't believe how much each frame weighed. Jason (Bee Keeper from Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association) let me try the honey; needless to say, without question, it was the best honey I have ever tasted".

The honey is now being put into jars designed by our in house team and will be ready to purchase in late September with all profits going to charity.

Pictured: Simon Blaydes with the first frame of honey

Gelder Group Surveyor Swaps Tape Measure for boxing gloves

Insurance, Repair and Renovation surveyor Jonathon Meadows entered the ring on the 7th June to raise money for Cancer Research UK as part of the 'Ultra White Collar Boxing Federation' who train people with no boxing experience to box, with all profits going to charity. The charity has a personal meaning to Jonathon, who has two grandparents who have been diagnosed with cancer. On the training Jonathon commented "In the run up to the event we trained twice a week", adding "It's definitely one of the hardest things I've ever done, and I received my fair share of bloody noses and black eyes even before the fight!!"

Despite losing on points, it was a closely fought contest and everyone at Gelder Group are very proud of Jonathan and his performance.



Pictured: Jonathon Meadows in action on the night.

Appointments

We welcome our six new appointments who have been TUPE'd over as part of the new City of Lincoln and East Lindsey Council contract.



Adam Ladley



John Hall



Dale Pilgrim



Paul Brown



Paul Ward



Pete Ward