



Winter 2015/16

Hello and Welcome to our latest newsletter,

We are seeing a very busy start to 2016. Our Major Contracts Division's order book has now topped £18m, our Maintenance Division is absolutely flying, an 'El Nino' winter has seen the Insurance Division order book surge and Xeric has hit its full year sales plan in one month!

I would have to go back a long way to find a year that has started so well. It is absolutely manic but there is a real buzz about the place and a lot of happy faces - how times change, this time last year we were in the midst of a painful re-structure.

Now for the bad news, by the time you read this newsletter I will be 50!! It is a not a nice feeling and nothing anyone can say to me will change the fact that I am now officially old and it is something that I am quite depressed about.

I hope 2016 has started well for you and I hope you enjoy this newsletter.

Best Regards



Steve Gelder MBE
Chief Executive Officer



Gelder/Lincoln College Partnership Brings UK's First Ever Construction Careers College to Gainsborough

Opening in September and within three years the UK's first ever Construction Careers College will be training 400 students per year.

Speaking about the college, Head of Operations at Gelder Group, Rob Cavill comments "I am absolutely delighted that Lord Baker has given his approval for this college to be opened in Gainsborough. The Gelder Group has long been known for its commitment to young people and apprenticeships, and we are very proud to be partnering Lincoln College in this venture."

The college will allow students to enrol at 14 years of age, they will be able to specialise in bricklaying, plastering, joinery, painting and decorating and on completing their courses, students will be fast tracked into employment.

For more information or to apply for a course visit:

<http://www.lincolncollege.ac.uk/careercolleges/>



Brand Awareness and Sales Grow at Xeric

As well as record sales, storm Desmond provided Xeric with some fantastic brand awareness. Speaking about his recent workload Manager Dave Stainton comments "It's been a hectic few weeks but it's been great, dozens of new customers now understand what we can offer and we've helped get scores of people back living in their homes, in many cases before their neighbours properties have even dried out!"

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Pictured: 37 Properties in Cockermouth stripped and dried in 21 days. Tenants are already moving back in!

Valentines Charity Ball Raises Over £7,000

The Brain Tumour Charity, St Barnabas and The Alzheimer's Society all benefitted from the Gelder Group's latest fund raising efforts.

Part of the Group's 2017 Vision is to operate a "Well-established community fund". This is now a reality and regular donations are made to a plethora of good causes.

Alzheimer's and St Barnabas are two charities the group have long been associated with. The Brain Tumour Charity is new to the Group and we now support this charity in memory of our colleague, Rick Paton, who sadly lost his battle with the disease on 3rd February this year.

Not only did the Ball benefit the three charities it also enabled us to pay for driving lessons for Rick's only daughter, Codie Paton, when she turns 17 in March of this year.



Pictured: Guests arriving at the ball.

£1.8m Contract Takes our Major Contracts Division Order Book Over £18m

This inspiring facility designed by RDA Architects of Nottingham is to be the home to Instinct Laboratories and is the latest contract won by the Gelder Group's Major Contracts Division. The 38 weeks, £1.8m project will commence in March.



Did You Know This Was a Clock?



This well known Lincoln landmark features a 26' high rotating water clock that chimes on the hour. It hasn't worked for the past 10 years but that is all about to change as our Maintenance Department has taken it away to be refurbished and it will be back in its place during March and ready for the summer.

It's amazing what projects the Gelder Group gets involved with...

Pictured: The clock being removed for repair.

Thank You LV=

After our fund raising efforts paid for our late colleague, Rick Paton's daughter Codie to receive driving lessons. LV= Insurance made contact and have donated 12 months free car insurance for her when she buys her first vehicle. Everyone at Gelder Group is extremely grateful as is the Paton family, especially Codie - Thank you.



Gelder Living Receives Planning on 2nd Development

Part of Gelder Group's Vision 2017 is to re-enter the private housing market under the banner "Gelder Living". This will now be a reality with the Group's 2nd successful planning application in the space of three months.

Planning for seven high quality bungalows has been granted on land at Knaith Park, that has been in the company's ownership for some time. This comes hot on the heels of another successful application in Gainsborough for the development of 24 flats.

Prior to 2006 the Gelder Group developed dozens of housing sites and collected four Daily Express "Housebuilder of the Year" awards in the process. The company now has planning for 31 units with a further 12 acres (61 units) of land optioned up and in the planning system. In line with its Vision, Gelder Living will start delivering new homes to private clients during 2017.

Pictured: The site plan at Knaith Park for seven bungalows

