



Summer 2016

Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter,

As I write I'm just hours away from starting a family activity holiday in Austria. I have 10kg of luggage allowance and have just checked the weather forecast, 28°C and sunny for the first 3 days, which is what I expected, followed by 2°C and snow, which I didn't. I am therefore feeling a bit distracted and confused as to what to pack!

I do hope that 2016 is proving to be a great year for you. At Gelder Group we've so far enjoyed a record year, so the fact that the construction industry is technically in recession doesn't ring true. Especially when you consider that currently 2.3m people are now employed in the industry, its highest level since 2008.

We do now though have Brexit to deal with and we have seen a sharp downturn in enquiries for large projects throughout the summer, brought about by the uncertainty the vote has created. I do though suspect, and indeed the signs are, that this will be a temporary blip, I do hope so.



To all our customers, suppliers and to the team here, thank you for your continued support and I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

I'm now off to re-pack...


Steve Gelder MBE
Chief Executive Officer



Prestigious £1.2m fit out contract

Model Training, the UK's first integrated multimodal logistics Training centre, has appointed Gelder Group to complete the internal fit out of its 5,696m² facility on Kings Road, Immingham.

The 18 week, £1.2m contract, is being partly funded by the Grimsby Institute and the Humber LEP as part of the Humber growth deal. We are delighted to have been awarded such a high profile contract, which is a real coup for the Group and for our Major Contract Division.

The works on site are being managed by Site Manager Tony McCardle and once complete the centre will see the installation of 'state-of-the-art' simulators for training maritime crew, truck and train drivers, as well as a live rail track centre.



Pictured: The new facility

£1m contract for Dragons Den star



Pictured: Duncan Bannatyne

Gelder Group's Maintenance Division is delighted to have secured its first Major Contract for Bannatyne's, the UK's largest chain of independent Health Clubs owned by TV's Dragons Den star, Duncan Bannatyne.

The £1m, 23 week contract, is to extend the existing gymnasium facilities to include spa facilities for members of the chains Braintree Club in Essex.

On the project, Senior Contract Manager, Shaun Cass, comments "We are all delighted to secure this contact for such a prestigious client and hope to develop this relationship and complete further projects for the chain going forward".

Cartergate building finally revealed

The scaffolding has finally been removed to reveal the latest build by our Major Contract Division. The Cartergate development in Grimsby, which has already been voted Grimsby's best modern day building will be home to Wilkin Chapman Solicitors who have been following its development closely during the life of the 12 month project.



Pictured: A new landmark for Grimsby

Staff survey - the results are in!!

The results of the Group's annual staff survey have just been released and can be accessed via our website www.gelder.co.uk/staffsurvey. The anonymous survey asked the team eighteen key questions and encouraged comments about every area of the business. On the results, Group CEO Steve Gelder comments, "The results are again extremely encouraging with good levels of staff engagement in all areas. Most importantly 62% of employees told us that the company is a 'better place to work than it was 12 months ago', meaning that we remain on track to hit our 2017 Vision of ensuring working at Gelder Group gets better every year".



Gelder Group proudly sponsor a Knight

The Group is delighted to announce their sponsorship of one of the Lincoln Knights sculptures being created to celebrate 800 years since the Battle of Lincoln and the sealing of the Charter of the Forest. The Knights will be in place from May 2017 to September 2017 when they will be auctioned off in aid of 'The Nomad Trust'.



Additional car parking

Work on extending the car parking facilities at the Group's Tillbridge Lane head office are well underway with 24 additional spaces being created. The new permeable paving system will allow grass to grow through interlocking honeycomb plastic grids to provide a sustainable, free draining, parking area that will predominantly be used to store plant, machinery and vans, freeing up many existing car park places.



Pictured: New parking area taking shape

New appointments



Alex Stephenson joins us from Gainsborough College where he is studying his NVQ Level 2 in Joinery. Alex is working in our insurance department under the supervision of Glenn Hill.



Elliott Kirman joined the Group as an apprentice Joiner following work experience he completed with us during his summer holidays. Elliott is also working for the IRR department under the supervision of Steve Richardson.

National contract for Lidl

Anyone recently visiting our Sturton by Stow head office complex could be forgiven for thinking they had just arrived at a Lidl distribution centre. The Group's Maintenance Division have secured a contract to install new signage to 65 stores located across the UK, part of which includes storing the giant signs as they arrive from Germany.



Pictured: Signs being off loaded

Dewpoint on-line

Having already trained nearly 1500 industry professionals since 1st July 2010 Dewpoint is now set to launch an on-line platform offering City & Guilds accredited courses for Water Damage Restoration. The courses will be available from November 2016 and are aimed at insurance claims handlers, for further information and course details please contact Dawn Peel at info@dewpointprofessional.co.uk

