



## Autumn 2017

Hello and welcome to our Autumn newsletter,

I find it hard to compute that we are in November already. Just where did 2017 go? Maybe it's an age thing but 2017 feels like someone pressed a fast forward button. I feel it's ending before I've really given it enough thought and planning for how I'd like it to end - if you know what I mean.

Thankfully I have a good team around me, in fact I have many good teams around me. Teams that are working on our new Vision, delivering amazingly complex projects like the Sleaford Eastgate project (opposite), bringing back to life famous buildings (below), training apprentices and securing new contracts, of which we've secured a lot recently. The list goes on, I enjoy great support for which I am very grateful.

I hope that 2017 is panning out along the lines of what you'd hoped for and that you enjoy this newsletter. Most of all I wish you a stress free and enjoyable Christmas run in.

Keep well and best wishes,



Steve Gelder MBE  
Chief Executive Officer

## Eastgate Development Taking Shape

After many months of construction the Gelder Group's £5 million re-development of Sleaford Eastgate will be completed before Christmas. This impressive facility will be the new home for Sleaford's whole-time firefighters who are part of the county's Urban Search and Rescue response, and the town's on-call firefighters. The site will also include office space for council staff from their Riverside offices.

On the project Major Contracts Director Kevin Manterfield comments "This project has been fraught with issues but the team have worked closely with our client, Lincolnshire County Council, to overcome these and we are now close to seeing a wonderful building situated on a once derelict and unused site".



*Pictured: Sleaford Eastgate Development*

## 18th Century Building Given New Lease of Life by FMB Department



Photograph: Steve Smalles for the Lincolnite

*Pictured: Historic Harlequin Building restored to former glory*

Gelder Group has completed specialist conservation and refurbishment works to the historic Harlequin Gallery building on Steep Hill, Lincoln. The former public house turned bookshop, which opened in the 18th century, was known as the Harlequin & Columbine Theatre Inn before becoming the Harlequin Gallery Bookshop 50 years ago. Lincoln City Council appointed Gelder Group to deliver the conservation repair works to the iconic building. Works included the rendering of external panels, timber frame and gutter repairs and new leaded glazing. Dave Gladwin, Construction Director at Gelder Group, said "The Harlequin is a well-known and much admired building in Lincoln and we were honoured to work on its refurbishment which has restored the Tudor building to its former glory, making ready for a new chapter in its history".

## Group Announce Goal of Doubling Apprentice Intake to 70 in Next Three Years

The announcement was made during a surprise visit to the Gelder sponsored 'Construction Careers College' campus in Gainsborough, accompanied by RBS CEO Alison Rose. Steve Gelder, Gelder Group CEO said "Gelder Group has long been committed to apprentices; the first person ever employed by the company started life as an apprentice and 29 years later he's still with the company. All our main board of Directors started life as apprentices, including myself. I am a bricklayer by trade, and as such there is an ingrained appreciation within the company of just what can be achieved by those starting their working life as apprentices".

Alison Rose, who was spending the day with the company, took time out to meet the students and urged them "...to be proud and passionate in what they do".



*Pictured: Students with Alison Rose, Steve Gelder and Tim Downing of Invest Gainsborough*

## 285 Years of Service Celebrated

Every year the Group recognises staff loyalty with presentations of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and soon to be 30 years service milestones. This year was no exception with 26 staff being recognised for a combined 285 years service. On the awards CEO Steve Gelder commented "I always find these events incredibly humbling. We are very lucky to employ so many hard working and loyal people. It sets us apart and gives us an edge over our competition for which I'm very grateful".



*Pictured: Staff at Lincoln and Barlborough Branch with their awards*



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Bradley Bull from the Insurance, Repair and Renovation Department for passing his City and Guilds Plastering NVQ Level 2. Bradley started with us in 2014 and has been working towards his level 2 for two years.



Congratulations to our Construction Director, Dave Gladwin who celebrates his 50th Birthday on the 15th November.

Well done Dave, you are now officially old!



## 'Sir Build-a-Lot' Returns Home

Following a whistle stop tour of the UK and a 6 month stint in Lincoln's Castle Square, the Gelder Knight along with 35 others were recently auctioned off in Lincoln Cathedral. The auction raised a staggering £180,000 for the charity 'Nomad Trust' which will go towards building a drop-in centre for Lincoln's homeless. 'Sir Build-a-Lot', as he's been affectionally named, was purchased by the company and is currently guarding our reception but will no doubt soon be out and about again so please follow his adventures on Twitter and Facebook @GelderKnight.



*Pictured: Sir Build-a-Lot with the Red Arrow Pilots*

## New Appointments



*Pictured: Liam Aston (left) and Tom Burton (right)*

Liam Aston (19) - Following school Liam attended college then left to work at a local building company. Despite enjoying the work Liam wanted to train at the same time and become qualified in a trade. Liam joins the Insurance Department as an apprentice plumber and will shortly begin his Level 2 in Plumbing.

Tom Burton (19) - Since school Tom has had an interest in 'Resistant Materials' and so decided to enter the construction industry and get qualified. Tom applied to Gelder Group as a work experience placement and completed two weeks with a joiner. Following the two weeks Tom was offered an apprenticeship within the Insurance Department and is now working and studying at Lincoln College for his Level 2 in Carpentry and Joinery.