

Midlands - Flying High

After 90 weeks on site, we have recently completed the contract at Alscot Oilseed Rape Processing Plant. The client, RCMA Stratford, are very happy with the performance of Dawnus on the project. To show their appreciation they treated some long standing members of the project team to the ultimate 'topping out' ceremony – a flight over the job in a plane! Celebrations continued into the evening with a hog-roast and presentations.



RCMA Stratford are now completing the M&E installation and commissioning, so you will be seeing bottles of rapeseed oil from this impressive facility appearing on supermarket shelves in the very near future.

A big thank you to all the staff who have worked hard to make this project so successful: Ian Jackson, Paul Jehu, David Magner, David Russell, Tony Saunt, Alex Saunt, Laura Fellows, Chris Murphy and Alex Murray.

North West - Region Celebrates



It's Down

The landmark bridge was lifted onto a 60m long barge, floated round the dock and dropped into place on Sunday the 22nd April; it was hooked up to the hydraulic cylinders and opened for the first time the following sunny Wednesday evening. Congratulations for completing the 1000 tonne precision built bridge and making sure it went in to millimetre accuracy go to PM Tony Brown and engineers Mark Smith and Simon Parkinson, led by Chief Engineer John Carson; not forgetting Foreman Mike Lloyd and his merry gang of ops and tradesmen who worked their socks off to get the job done, ready to open to the public at the end of June.

The North West Region are not only celebrating the successful installation of the beautiful bascule lift bridge in Birkenhead, but also a hat trick of tender wins.



It's Up

The tender team have been beavering away, winning a £6.4m major junction remodelling scheme in the centre of Manchester, a two storey school extension almost within sight of Old Trafford and the revamping of two recycling centres for Warrington Council. Credit to Andrew Munslow, Mark Hogan and Johnny Jags with help from Gareth Jones and John Davies at HQ. All the hard work is beginning to pay off and the North West giant is awakening at a steady pace, managed by Regional Director Kevin Lucas to ensure safe, profitable and sustainable business.

South Wales - CEEQUALity

Congratulations to the Eastern Bay Link project team who were recently presented with their CEEQUAL Excellent Award. The project was verified as CEEQUAL Excellent with a score of 81%, and the team were presented with award certificates by Ian Nicholson (Director, CEEQUAL) at the EBL Exemplar event in May.

The scheme was delivered on time, under budget, to the highest quality standards and without any reportable health and safety or environmental incidents, in challenging circumstances. At the same time we increased biodiversity and exceeded targets for recruitment and training, use of the local supply chain and delivery of community benefits.



Specific thanks to Meilir Williams for all his hard work in preparing the evidence which ensured the team were awarded this Excellent score.

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London - Regional Update

London is continually establishing new opportunities right across the sectors and there are busy and exciting times ahead for the business.

We are currently in the process of finalising negotiations for the Edmonton Cemetery project and completing numerous tenders; including for key opportunities with existing clients – London Borough of Hounslow, Shoeburyness, Brick by Brick as well as other group initiated frameworks.

The team is going to be taking part in "The World Cup Surveyor Charity Football Tournament", raising funding for a charity called "The Free Kicks Foundation" who raise money to provide terminally ill and disadvantaged children with a football experience. This could be as being a mascot for their favourite club or simply going to a match, which can be difficult for some of these children due to their disabilities. So please support the London Team with this.

The London Team would also like to introduce:

•**Kerry O'Brien:** Joined to support the London Regional Business, in particular, to streamline Coins Coordination.

•**Hazem Omar:** Taken on as a Trainee Work placement basis and has initially joined the Kings Chapel job.

South East - New Office, New Opportunities

These are very exciting times for the Thatcham office. Not only have we recently moved into a smart new office at Thatcham Business Village, but have also been awarded a number of new contracts!

Our South East Region have been busy tendering for new opportunities and bids to build two new primary schools at Highwood Copse in Newbury, Berkshire (£4.6m) and Ludgershall Perham Primary School near Andover, Berkshire (£5.4m), were successful. Works on both schemes are due to start in July.



Highwood Copse

We have also been awarded a £600k SCOLA Recladding project at Noadswood School in Southampton. Site Manager, Tim Allen (yes, we have two Tim Allens!) has been appointed and will be managing this project under the guidance of Contracts Manager Matt Broad.



Ludgershall Perham Primary

The South East Region are keen to increase Civil Engineering opportunities and are due to commence work in July on the reconstruction of Avenue A access works (£539k) to the west of Westcott Venture Park in Aylesbury, where we have undertaken two previous projects.

South West - Driving Forward on Highways Framework

Highways England schemes are beginning to go live under the Construction Framework South West (CFSW), which consists of 20 different Lots and 26 Contractors, working through a collaborative and community based approach directly for Highways England.

We have secured our initial project under the Framework which is a 14 week drainage repair scheme at the main Plymouth junction, commencing mid July. This will be followed by a similar Drainage scheme in Redruth currently going through ECI and buildability options, a weather station scheme on the M5, and the M5 Junction 31 stabilisation scheme, involving soil nailing that will be delivered by Quantum.

We have also recently been awarded a contract to build a new £1.6m Household Waste Recycling Centre in Truro for SUEZ which starts on site this summer. In addition we are successfully delivering works through the new Environment Agency (EA) Minor Works Programme and currently bidding the new EA Major Works Framework.



Highways England Areas 1 & 2

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International - Span-tastic



The Rehabilitation of Mount Coffee Hydropower Plant project is nearing completion during June 2018. The main contract works were settled at \$88m and an additional works package was agreed for \$3.3m. The additional works package predominantly involved diversion of the public access road away from the Plant infrastructure. An extra 1.5km of road was constructed and also required a 67m long Bailey Bridge to span the Tailrace outlet from the Powerhouse. The bridge was supplied by Mabey Bridge and is the longest single span bridge of its kind in Africa. This is another African first for Dawnus and Mabey, following on from a pedestrian bridge installed in December that included modular steel abutments rather than the traditional reinforced concrete abutment – another first in Africa.

The Tailrace Bridge is a 67m long, 22 bay Double-Double (DDHR2H++) structure with an extra wide carriageway and a cantilevered footpath. The total launching weight of the structure was 170 tonnes which was erected, launched, jacked down and fully completed within 14 days.

To formally open the bridge, the British Ambassador to Liberia, David Belgrove MBE, and the head of the IMF in Liberia, Geoffrey Oestreicher, visited site. Following a site tour of the activities Dawnus have undertaken since 2015, David and Geoffrey kindly presented some of the Liberian workforce who worked on the bridge erection and launching with completion certificates from Mabey.



North Wales - Not So Straitforward This Year

After a nail biting finish the Dawnus Crew pulled through to reign supreme once again, with their fourth consecutive victory in the 2018 Great Strait Raft Run; a charity raft race held annually on the majestic waters of the Menai Strait.

Following a strong start, a lapse in concentration, complacency perhaps on the part of the treble holders, led to the SS Sunwad being overtaken half way through the race. The crew, a mix of experienced rafters and hand selected new talent from across the rafting world (the Bangor office), comprised the following team members:

- Tim Main (Captain),
- Arwyn Jones,
- Elfyn Pritchard,
- Gemma Roebuck,
- Mike Williams,
- Mark Hogan,
- Edward Rowlands,
- Samuel Pierce Jones,
- Huw Harford (Team support)

It was this accomplished line-up of famous faces (which would not look out of place on the roster of any team at Russia 2018) who were able to dig deep in the final section, paddling furiously in unison to sail past their competitors. In a final flourish they crossed the finish line after 49 minutes on the water, to once again clinch the top spot on the podium - a sight to behold.



In addition to the winning efforts on the raft, the team worked equally hard with their fundraising, collecting a fantastic £1,040 for Ty Gobaith / Hope House, who provide care and support to life-limited children, young people and their families.

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Charity

The generosity of our employees continues to have a positive impact on very worthy causes.

Congratulations to Mr Richard Lewis and Whitland Male Voice Choir for their excellent efforts in raising £8,147 for Prostate Cymru through completion of an epic cycling challenge.

The trustees of Prostate Cymru contacted Richard to express their gratitude and convey that the money will contribute to raising awareness, supporting treatment, improving equipment and funding research for prostate diseases.



Professional Development

We continue to invest in the development of our staff and the next generation of engineers, including through work placements, our Further Learning Programme and ICE accredited Graduate Scheme. This ensures that our staff have the technical capacity to deliver even the most complex of projects.

Chartership

•In the last quarter, several of our employees have achieved Chartered Status with the Institution of Civil Engineers. Congratulations to:

•**Rhodri Priestland**

•**Matthew Frewer**

•**Daniel Smith**

•**Jon Benton**

•**James Davies** (no longer with Dawnus, however John Evans continued to mentor him through his professional review)

Congratulations also go to our staff who have picked up the following awards in recognition of their efforts:

G4C Awards

•Student of the Year – Higher Education; **Fernanda Tranjan**

•Commitment to Employee & Training Development; **Dawnus Construction Holdings Ltd**

CECA Awards

•Most Promising Trainee Civil Engineer (non-Graduate) 2018 Winner; **Fernanda Tranjan**

Shortlisted:

•Most Promising Trainee Civil Engineer (Graduate); **Gemma Roebuck**

•Most Promising Trainee Civil Engineer (Graduate); **Rhodri Jones**

Dawnus People

Once again we have been celebrating the commitment and dedication of our employees through the long service awards, which reward employees at each 5 year milestone.

Congratulations all those listed below for their fantastic achievement and thank you to all employees for your continued hard work.

15 years

Darryl Perry
Gareth Evans
John Hughes
Rob Kelly

10 years

Andrew Roberts
Claire John
Darren O'Donnell
David Main
Dean Mitchell
Eric Owen
Gary Davies
Gordon Davies
Huw Smith
Huw Thomas
James Bolter
John Lewis
John Morris
Jon Benton
Judith Figgins
Matthew Frewer
Matthew McDonald
Neil Cunningham
Paul Atkinson
Peter Nagle
Samantha Davies
Sam Bain
Steff Picton
Tim Main

5 years

Ashleigh Hopkins
Daniel Morgan
Darren Beard
David Evans
Elfyn Pritchard
Gabi Owen
Gareth Hughes
Gareth Vernau
Garry Blades
Glyn Rowlands
Huw Roberts
Ian Gordon
John Beynon
John Finnegan
Josh Leatherbarrow
Kevin Jones
Michael O'Brien
Mike Thomas
Richard Nixon
Richard Williams
Robert Morgan
Sandra Miles
Shane Forrester
Steffan Probert
Thomas Burke

Congratulations to the Arborfield Team for achieving a Bronze CCS Award



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