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TAKING CENTRE STAGE

Residents at the £400million Arena Central development in Birmingham city centre can expect the highest standards of energy efficient comfort and security.

For J S Wright has secured a contract worth almost £3.5million to design and build the M&E services for 323 apartments within two new 17 and 22-storey blocks on the site for Galliford Try Building.

The brief includes supplying and installing a cold water booster set and tank room, water sprinklers, above ground drainage, wet risers and a symphonic rainwater system.

The company will also equip all the apartments with hot water cylinders to provide mains pressure hot water and low-energy mechanical extract

M&E DEAL FOR BIRMINGHAM

ventilation (MEV) for all 'wet' rooms within the £40m private rental sector apartment scheme.

The contract also involves installing whole-house mechanical ventilation (MVHR) for the continuous supply of filtered pre-heated fresh air and purge ventilation to remove pollutants. It also extends to fitting direct expansion (DX) cooling units to directly cool incoming air in a number of the apartments.

J S Wright will also manage the design and installation of the electrical safety and security services for the development in association with its electrical partner JT Hawkes (Electrical Contractors).

The services will include CCTV, internal and

external lighting including individual lighting, small power and electrical heating for each apartment, lightning protection, and cable containment. Fire alarms, smoke ventilation, access control and telephone systems are also part of the commission.

Work on site will begin in August 2017 with completion scheduled for February 2019.

The 18-month project is the tenth that J S Wright has been awarded by Galliford Try Partnerships in the past eight years, the most recent being to design and install the mechanical services for 350 new mixed-tenure homes at Great Eastern Quays in east London's historic Royal Albert Basin.

Managing Director Marcus Aniol said: *"As one of Birmingham's longest established companies, we are delighted to be able to work once again with our longstanding partners in making such a major contribution to the city's ongoing regeneration."*



□ A CGI of what the new apartment blocks at Arena Central in Birmingham city centre will look like

APPOINTMENTS

Head Office has welcomed two new senior members of staff in Kerry Clewes and Kenton Keeling.

Kerry has joined as Finance Manager having previously been in charge of the finance department for a corporate finance consultancy in Birmingham.

She is assisting Finance Director Martin Roberts in monitoring and preparing the accounts for all three of the company's offices in Aston, Bristol and London.

A London Business School graduate currently working towards her professional qualification as a Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), Kerry has replaced Sandra Holmes who has retired as Accounts Manager after 28 years' service.

Kerry, who lives in Bearwood, could be excused for leaping into her new role as she is also a qualified ballet teacher who is looking forward to being able to hold local classes in her spare time.

Meanwhile Kenton Keeling has brought an added spark to



□ Kerry Clewes

the company's rapidly growing electrical services business after his appointment as Senior Electrical Estimator.

With more than 25 years' experience in the industry, he is working with Design and Estimating Director Andrew Smith in costing the electrical element of M&E work projects across the company's hotel, residential, social housing, student accommodation, leisure and commercial sectors.

Kenton, who lives in Lichfield, was previously a senior estimator for a national engineering specialist and prior to that worked at a senior



□ Kenton Keeling

level for over 10 years for other major services companies. His project credits include a major electrical contract for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

He enjoys cycling, tennis and swimming in his spare time.

CONGRATULATIONS

go to four members of staff at Head Office on their promotions.

Karen Lloyd has been promoted to Accounts Manager, Ruth Holmes to Senior Accounts Assistant, Tom Hollywood to Senior Design Engineer, and Ryan Foster to CAD Technician.

SKIPS TIPS

PREPARING FOR HOT WEATHER



By Chris Barnes, Health and Safety Advisor
Summer may spring on us at any moment bringing heat and high humidity to the workplace. Too much can cause sickness or even death, so we all need to know how to recognise and treat heat emergencies.

Normally the body cools itself by sweating. When the outside temperature is equal to or above the temperature of the body, our sweat does not evaporate and the body can become overheated. Heat emergencies fall into three different categories:

HEAT CRAMPS cause painful spasms of the leg and stomach muscles resulting from loss of fluids and salt from sweating. Treatment is simple: massage the cramped muscles and drink fluids.

HEAT EXHAUSTION - the skin will be cold, pale and clammy from perspiration. We may experience fatigue, weakness, headaches and, occasionally, nausea. Treatment - move the victim to a cooler place and lay them down with their feet elevated. Have them drink small amounts of fluids at frequent intervals. Medical follow-up may be advisable.

HEAT STROKE is the most serious and potentially deadly heat emergency. This is a malfunction in the body's regulating system resulting in lack of sweating. Heat stroke is a medical emergency and requires immediate treatment by a doctor. Symptoms include mental confusion; the victim may stagger or even lapse into unconsciousness. The skin will be dry, hot and flushed. Treatment - call an ambulance or nearest medical responder immediately. Move the victim to a cooler place and lay them down with the head elevated. Sponge with cool water until help arrives.

Here are tips on how to help our bodies cope with heat and humidity: get a good night's sleep, eat moderately on hot days, wear loose-fitting and lightweight clothing, drink plenty of cool water, avoid intake of alcohol and drugs (even some prescription drugs may affect our tolerance to heat).

Never ignore the symptoms of heat-related illness in yourself or a co-worker. Get help immediately!

STARS OF THE MONTH



□ Zeni Canaj (left) with Ben Wright



□ Stephanie Coffey with Martin Roberts



□ Richard Moss (right) with Ryan Quinlan

It was all smiles from the latest members of the company's workforce to be awarded the title of Employee of the Month.

Aftercare Engineer Zeni Canaj, HR Advisor Stephanie Coffey and Foreman Richard Moss received the coveted honour for February, March and April respectively after being nominated by their colleagues.

Their outstanding performance was rewarded with a

framed certificate and a £20 restaurant gift card.

Zeni, Stephanie and Richard received their awards in turn from Quality Engineer Ben Wright, Finance Director Martin Roberts and Senior Contracts Engineer Ryan Quinlan.

IF YOU ONLY KNEW...



Name and job title?

Scott Nash, Site Supervisor/Foreman

What do you like best about your job?

The variety of the work and the people, meaning that no two days are quite the same.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever had?

Live life to the full, and respect and treat others how you would expect to be treated.

Who has been the most influential person in your career, and why?

I'd like to mention three people: Alex Moss, Roy Pikajaago and Dave Donovan. I worked with these guys a lot in my apprenticeship and early fitting days. They taught me so much, but in different ways and from different viewpoints. I may not have got to the position where I am today without their guidance.

What is the most recent photo you have taken?

Not a photo but a short video clip of my daughter learning

how to ride her bike without stabilisers.

Which sports teams do you follow?

Starlands St Anne's U9s football team in Walsall - my sons play for them - and Liverpool Football Club.

What is your biggest sporting achievement?

Recently coming second, and winning the Par-3 contest, on a golf weekend. More historically, finishing second in the 110m hurdles at the English Schools' U16 Athletics Championships.

What is your favourite holiday destination, and why?

Without a doubt, the South West of England. We're keen campers and when the sun's up there's no better place to be. The beaches are fantastic.

How do you keep physically fit?

By footy training once a week... and snowboarding. I took up this sport up in my 30s and it's great. You can't beat chucking yourself down a mountain!.

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

Surfing. Every time we're away, I'm saying I'd love to have a go at that!

PRE-FAB ROUTE TO SAVINGS

J S Wright has reinforced its capacity for completing projects on time and within budget after launching a pre-fabrication unit.



□ Ben Wright

The offsite facility, housed in a warehouse in Birmingham, produces fully loaded modular heat interface (HIU) boards that can be shipped direct to site for installation.

The company has already delivered its first consignment to the Keybridge scheme in London where it is fitting out two brick apartment blocks one of which will be the tallest in the UK.

Pre-fabricating the HIU boards not only reduces the number of trades on site but also cuts man-hours to meet the project programme.

The company's pre-fabrication unit is kitted out with the tools and workbenches to make 'clip-out' boards to which HIU pipework and underfloor heating manifolds are then attached.

The full modules take only days to make and leave the warehouse clean, dust-free and ready to install.

Ben Wright, who manages the unit, said:

"J S Wright is constantly looking to improve and innovate and the aim is for all our projects to benefit from this time-saving facility."



□ A computer generated image of what London Square Caledonian Road will look

A former industrial district of north London is being turned into a vibrant residential community with the help of J S Wright.

The company has started work on site on the stylish new London Square Caledonian Road mixed-use development in Islington.

The contract, valued at more than £7 million, with the developer London Square involves fitting out a mix of 252 new homes, including 82 affordable homes, all within a landmark series of pastel-hued buildings of up to 11 storeys arranged around an attractive courtyard.

The brief includes supplying and installing a central energy centre with a combined heat and power boiler for the one-bed to three-bed apartments.

Each apartment will also be equipped with a heating interface unit to deliver low pressure hot water heating and boosted cold water. Underfloor heating, dry risers and building management system controls will also be provided throughout the scheme.

J S Wright will also team up with its electrical partner Wilton Electrics to install an automatic opening ventilator (AOV) system for car park fire and smoke detection and protection at the scheme, which will also have business and community units.

Work began on site in March 2017 and completion is scheduled for May 2019.

SOLDERING IN STYLE

Health and Safety Advisor Chris Barnes was so impressed by the company's safe working practices at Nine Elms Point in London that he decided to give some of the action special focus.

Using an application on his phone called Prisma, he was able to give a painting-like effect to a soldering process being carried out as part of the mechanical service installations for the 645-apartment scheme.

The stunning image, entitled 'Soldering in Style' (pictured right), won Chris the £50 winner's prize in the J S Wright Photography Competition for the second time in a row.

"While I was undertaking a health and safety site visit to Nine Elms, I watched some soldering being carried out to the strictest standards," said Chris. *"As a dramatic piece of action, I thought it would also provide a great snippet of the works we undertake."*

He added: *"The image may give the impression that I was close to the flame but I took the precaution of standing a great distance back and using the zoom function just a tiny bit!"*



RUNNERS WIN THE CHALLENGE



Head Office staff and directors have been celebrating a double triumph after pounding their way to success in the Simplyhealth Great Birmingham 10K.

From a mixed team of 13 runners, the four fastest men Martin Roberts, Ryan Quinlan, Dave Dimmick and Joe Stone fought off competition from a host of other local companies to win the Medium Business section of the Business Challenge, with a collective time of three hours, 25 minutes and one second.

But it was winners all as the efforts of every runner and the support of

every sponsor resulted in the company raising a staggering £1,000 for its nominated charity Prostate Cancer UK.

The J S Wright team were among a record 8,000 that took part in this year's run, which set off from Millennium Point along a new circular route that included Digbeth and Cannon Hill Park before returning along Pershore Road and finishing near the start point.

Angie Swann said: "It was a great day. The thousands of people lining the streets in the sun cheered us all on and kept us going to the finish. A big thank you goes to everyone who supported us."

The other members of the team were Phil Leech, Stephanie Coffey, Gillan Stone, Simon Bevin, Ryan Foster, Martin Adams, Anthony Willmott and Zain Qasim.



Some of the J S Wright runners celebrating success at the Great Birmingham 10K



Sandra Holmes

RETIRING AFTER LOYAL SERVICE

Friends and colleagues wished a long and happy retirement to two popular members of staff that had completed more than 50 years' service between them.

Sandra Holmes and June Rheeston had both worked in the company's finance department from the time when J S Wright was operating in Bartholomew Road.

Sandra, who retired as Accounts Manager after 28 years, was given the VIP treatment on her last day when Director Andrew Smith drove her to work in full chauffeur's uniform. After work, she was entertained by directors and staff at Birmingham's Rectory Bar.

June, who retired a few weeks later as Senior Accounts Assistant after 26 years' service, celebrated her big day in the office with a lunchtime buffet and presentations, including a flower-filled send off from Director Martin Roberts



June Rheeston



TEAM BOOST

Two of J S Wright's biggest site teams have been boosted with four new recruits.

Minel Torozan and William McGrath have both joined the workforce at the 645-home landmark Nine Elms Point development as plumbers.

At Keybridge, where the company is working on Britain's tallest brick apartment block, Nitu Lon has come on board as a plumber and David Harrison as a labourer.

ARRIVALS



Congratulations go to two employees and their partners who are celebrating new arrivals:

- Abbie Davies, Health, Safety and Quality Administrator, and her partner Alex, on the birth of their son, Zephaniah Frankie (pictured), on March 9, weighing 9lb 9oz.
- Vincenzo Palmieri, a Plumber currently working at Nine Elms, and his partner Honey, who gave birth to their son Riccardo on March 5, weighing 6lb 11oz.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dave Donovan, Foreman at the company's Harbour Central site in London's Docklands, was the winner of the Foremen's League for the First Quarter of 2017.

Dave is pictured with his certificate, having achieved a 98% score over the three months.



BIG ACHIEVERS

Health and Safety Advisor Chris Barnes and Quality Engineer Rob Sawyer are celebrating after acquiring the skills to perform even better.

They are pictured, left to right, with their certificates after graduating in the Dale Carnegie course in Effective Communications and Human Relations.

Chris and Rob are the latest employees to complete the world-leading course aimed at creating strong leaders.



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