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WJ LAUNCHES REBRAND AND NEW WEBSITE



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& JAMES SOUTHWELL



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On May 9th, earlier this year, Richard Fielden raised funds for KEEPTHEBEAT in memory of Harvey Lear by cycling 'Coast2Coast'. The race spanned the 150 miles of mountainous roadways between Seascale, Cumbria on the west coast and Whitby, North Yorkshire in the east. The race completed in one day.

With a big thanks to friends at WJ Groundwater and family, Richard raised a whopping £3288.00. KEEPTHEBEAT is a charity established to provide hope and support for the families affected by congenital heart defects. Harvey Lear was a brave 7 year-old child who died from related causes and the ride was organised in his memory to raise public awareness of heart defects in young children.

keepthebeat.co.uk



Photo by Martyn Rice.

Richard on Hardknott Pass, overtaking England Rugby coach Graham Rowntree on the way to the top.

BERKOFEST

WJ Groundwater was one of the chief sponsors for the annual Berkofest that takes place in Berkhamsted. A number of the staff joined in for an enjoyable afternoon, on 12th September, taking in the sounds of local bands, and partaking in the sampling of ales and foods from the array of choice.

All in all it was a grand day out.

berkofest.com



Ula Markowicz, Paul Beacham, Paul (Ula's Husband with son Leo) and Toby Roberts.



CHECK OUT OUR BRAND NEW BLOG

You can now find company updates on our brand new blog to keep you in-step with new and on-going dewatering projects from around the world. We also report on our sporting and community-based sponsorships; like Dubai's Team Frankie's.

You can read their most recent blog entry here: wjgl.com/team-frankies-excel

Our blog address is: wjgl.com/blog



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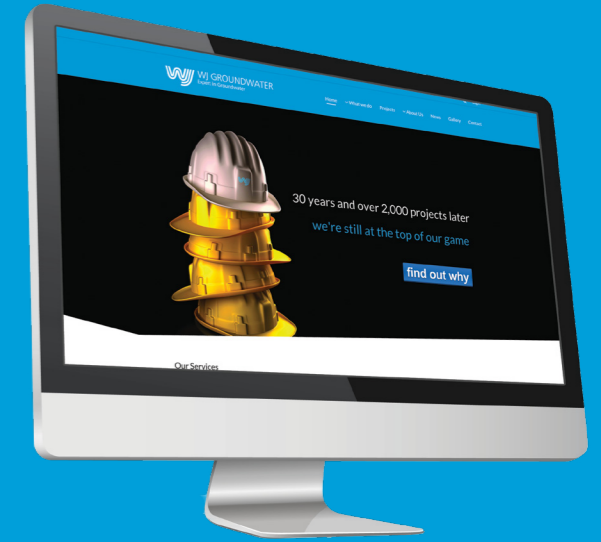
WJ'S GOT A NEW LOOK WEBSITE AND REBRAND!

No matter how well known a brand becomes, there will come a time when it needs a fresh new look.

Square1 Marketing from Amersham was brought in to help us enhance our standing in the global dewatering market with a rebrand. Part of the project is the launch of our shiny new website, built and designed from scratch. The website showcases landmark projects undertaken by WJ Groundwater since the company's establishment in the 1980s, and other useful company information. The user-friendly, pacey and spacious design is major plus for prospective clients and other site visitors - so why not go explore wjgl.com?

In addition, to the new website, the rebrand extends across the company to include livery on our fleet vehicles, buildings and equipment. The new look and revised logo also appears on new stationery and this very issue of The Wet End.

"A rebrand isn't always about changing your name or identity. It often includes updating an organisation's vision, mission, goals, values and culture. And that is exactly what we decided to do with Square1's help," said Managing Director, Richard Fielden. "The results, as you can see, are very pleasing and the site and rebranding will continue to impress for years to come."



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HEALTH & SAFETY WITH STEVE COOKE: SAFE USE OF VEHICLES ON SITE

A perennial Health & Safety issue is one of responsible use of vehicles on construction sites. In our daily working lives at WJ Groundwater a good percentage of us work on site, where vehicles are commonplace.

Being mindful of our surroundings is key to working responsibly. Hundreds of people are killed or injured each year in on site construction vehicle related accidents.

Risk assessment and the implementation of safe working practices are an essential part of effective vehicle related Health & Safety management and involves five stages:

1. Identify the hazards.
2. Decide who might be harmed and how.
3. Evaluate the risks and decide on precautions.
4. Record the findings and implement them.
5. Review the risk assessment and update if necessary.

WJ Groundwater recommends a very informative book called *The Safe Use of Vehicles on Construction Sites* published by the Health & Safety Executive. It's available to buy in both printed and downloadable versions at: hseni.gov.uk

Thanks for reading,

STEVE



LEAVERS

WJ Groundwater said goodbye to two company stalwarts in the Summer.

RICK WITHEY – DEWATERING SUPERVISOR

Rick Withey has been with the company since June 1998 and ever since he started there's never been a dull moment. Due for a well deserved retirement he's famous for getting the job done come hell or high water!

"I cannot emphasise enough the huge contribution Rick has made to WJ in his 17 years of loyal service. If there was ever a dark, wet, deep hole to dewater, Rick would be there," said Richard Fielden. "I've lost count of the number of wellpoints he has installed by tube, hand, hammer and JCB. He's a great guy and he will be missed by all of us."

A favourite memory of Rick was when he was once showing a project manager of Laing O'Rourke around a site and he fell down a massive hole he had dug a short time before. We think he was alright though.

JAMES SOUTHWELL – ASSISTANT DESIGN ENGINEER

After a successful WJ internship in 2013, James officially joined the company in June 2014. He cut his teeth on the Crossrail Package: C310 Thames Tunnel main works going on to win his own projects like Brighton i360 and Kingshouse in Reading.

"James is a vibrant and important member of the WJ Groundwater team. He is always enthusiastic and I will miss hearing about his latest crazy invention or his bonkers idea to take the world by storm with his Green Goddess Fire Engine Wedding Service," said Neil Coulter. "I for one will miss him a lot."

WJ celebrated with James and Rick at the King Stag in Bushey back in September. We think we gave them a brilliant and memorable send off. Everybody wholeheartedly wishes the pair of them the best for the future.



James Southwell (left) Rick Withey (Right)



Rick Withey, Urszula Markowicz, Mike Sutton, Mark Pickett, Dan Carpenter and Tom Rendall

In the Middle East we're sad to be losing **Michael Kennedy (Project Manager for Doha Metro)** who is returning to Ireland to focus on his family farm by setting up a dairy. His leaving present was a 6" Oasis diesel pump! We wish him luck with his new venture.

NEW STARTER CORNER: SEAN BAILLIE, DEWATERING SUPERVISOR / ELECTRICIAN

Sean started working for WJ Groundwater back in July. He will be based at our new office in Glasgow. Initially, Sean will be working on the Provost Driver Court project, helping dewatering supervisor Ian Evans to get an ejector system fully operational and tested.

WJ Groundwater would also like to welcome **Jennifer Visaya (Secretary to the Operations Manager)** and **Mohammed Irfan Musalman (Public Relations Officer)** at our Doha office. **We all wish them success in their new roles.**

APPRENTICE UPDATE: JOSH SOMMA

Josh Somma started with WJ last spring as a Clipstone-based trainee dewatering operative. So far he's been deployed on some great projects like the Buffalo Court shaft and the Eccles shaft, both for contractor GCA JV, as well as jobs in Knowsley and the Crewe Green Link Road for Jakto.

"Josh has come on leaps and bounds since he joined WJ. He has quickly become an effective team member under the watchful eye and training of his mentor Lennie Lenton! He has now completed 8 months out of the 1 year training course, we're confident he'll continue to do well," said contract manager, Neil Coulter.