

THE FUTURE OF ILLUMINATED CRANE SIGNS

Over the past 6 months, Falcon, in conjunction with Haynes Eaton Signs Ltd, have developed 2 new LED digital signs which can be displayed on any of our Jaso tower cranes.

A 3m x 1m and a 2m x 1m option can be installed on the counterjib, with multiple interchangeable designs. The first prototype was unveiled at Vertikal Days in May

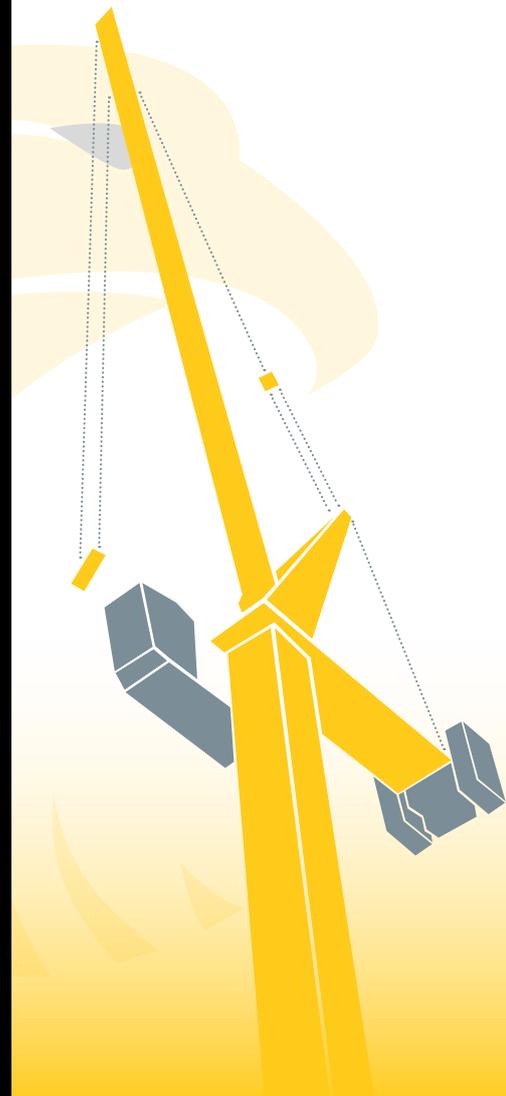
of this year, with the final, full size version, available to hire from September.

Unlike traditional displays, you can change the digital content as much as you like, whether that be a customer's logo, accreditation or even a message to support the local sports team. The displays can show static, rolling, phased or even video content.



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A WORD FROM THE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR



There is no doubt that the past few months at Falcon have been the toughest that I personally have ever experienced as we have gone through some of the darkest days the company will ever see. Since our last newsletter in the spring, we have lost four incredible employees, friends and work colleagues. Three to the tragic accident in Crewe and one young lad in Shipdham who passed away whilst living at home.

Whilst the cause of the accident in Crewe is known, the investigation is on-going as we continue to work with the authorities to determine how such an accident of this magnitude can happen and what lessons can be learnt from every party involved. Rhys Barker, David Newall and David Webb were highly regarded as popular members of staff and the whole of the company express its deepest and sincere condolences to their family and friends.

Jordan (Jordie) Rae was a talented shot blaster who worked in our Shipdham depot for over 2 years Jordie's life ended prematurely and our thoughts go out to all his family and friends especially, George Rae, his father, and Danny Rae, his brother, who both work for the company in Shipdham.

Despite the tragic events in June and July the message to the whole of the company is to remain vigilant, to work safely and efficiently and most importantly to look after friends and work colleagues. We all work in a dangerous industry and as always, we encourage all employees to never "walk by". Health and safety remains of paramount importance to all aspects of the business and we will continue, in the same way as always, to improve systems, processes and equipment. Over the years this has made us one of the safest companies in the industry, but there is still work to be done.

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Charity

With recent tragic events in mind, we believe it is more important than ever to back, donate and pledge to our chosen partners in order to give those affected the best support possible in this difficult time.

Firstly, we would like to thank all those who donated to last year's charity, helping to raise a brilliant £663.00 for the **Priscilla Bacon Lodge** and we wish them all the best for the future. Falcon would like to introduce our new charity partner for this year, **Nelson's Journey**. Based



in Norwich, Nelsons Journey helps support children and young people

who have suffered bereavement up to the age of 18. They offer a range of services and support including one to one appointments to family and group activities, enabling the children to meet others in a similar situation and all of Nelson's Journey services are free of charge. **To aid us in reaching the £5000 target**, we



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welcome donations to this worthy cause either from the 'Charity Fundraising' page on our website or via the following link (<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/falcontowercraneservices>).



We would also like to share our support of the **North West Air Ambulance** service for their swiftness and efficiency after the incident in Crewe. Their responsiveness when aiding David Webb should be commended and we wish to thank them for their efforts. We would like to welcome you to donate to this fantastic service via their website (<https://nwaa.net/donate-now/>).

We would like to share our appreciation towards Rhys' local boxing club. **The Airedale Boxing Club in Castleford** has held a raffle of sporting memorabilia and all proceeds will be donated towards Rhys' mother for her to distribute.

Finally, we would like to remind workers, family and friend alike about the charity **Mind**. We encourage those who are silently suffering from a mental health problem to seek support and advice by phoning the helpline, accessing the Mind website or by visiting your local Mind.



Mind can offer support on any kind of mental health issue and it is important to stress that no issue is too small and no problem is too insignificant so please get in touch. Don't suffer alone.

Nelson's Journey

Telephone: 01603 431788
www.nelsonsjourney.org.uk

North West Air Ambulance

Telephone: 0800 587 4570
Website: www.nwaa.net

Mind Charity

Mind helpline: 0300 123 3393
Mind Website: www.mind.org.uk



**Vertical
days
2017**

THE FIRST VERTIKAL DAYS AT SILVERSTONE WAS A FANTASTIC DISPLAY OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT AND AERIAL LIFTS.

With the sun and very hot weather throughout the week, it helped with enticing a record number of visitors to the event. The show was the biggest Vertical Days to date, covering a much larger area and with more exhibitors than ever before. This was Falcon's first appearance at the show, and we took the opportunity to show off areas of the company which may not have been seen before.

1. The JASO J118HPA TOWER CRANE (pictured right) was first introduced in the UK in 2016, but 27 models of this now grace the UK skyline. Its 45m hydraulic luffing jib, standing on 1.2m tower together with low power requirements (73 Amps Per Phase running current), makes this crane the perfect crane for city centre contracts.

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2. A return of the old favourite, the **POTAIN IGO50** (left). Although this model has now been superseded by the Potain HUP-40, the IGO50 remains as popular as ever. With 40m of jib standing at 23.2m height, the crane displayed at the show was one of the last models ever produced by Potain.



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4. The newly purchased **GAPO** machine, branded in Falcon livery, takes the number of machines to 3. This Italian manufactured machine, complete with site axles for each of our self-erecting cranes, acts as a trolley to enable cranes to be manoeuvred to the desired location.



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WHO'S NEW AT FALCON

During April we welcomed **Taylor Jordan** below, (Trainee Erector), **Phil Dunham** (Northern Sales Manager), and **Camilla Stone** (HR Assistant).



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May introduced **Steve Connelly** (Stores Assistant) and **Amanda Thompson** (Receptionist).



June saw the arrivals of **Matthew Hill** left, (Administrator) and **Daniel Ogden** (Lorry Driver).



July presented us with **Mark Wardle** left, (Assistant Yard Manager), **Paul Andrew** (Sprayer), **Shaun Mitchell** (Sprayer), **Connor Eagle** (Yard Operative), **Damon Cresswell** (Trainee Yard Technician) and we welcome back **Joe Askew** (Trainee Erector) and **Keith Askew** (Site Inspector).

30 YEARS AND COUNTING



Tim Henson joined Falcon 30 years ago back in 1987, commencing his employment as a crane painter when he was 20 years old.

Following on from this he spent a number of years on the road erecting and dismantling cranes all over the country before eventually becoming an Erection Supervisor.

Currently enjoying life as the companies longest serving Yard Manager, he describes his role as just "a way of life" and the cranes are "all I know" which could maybe suggest that the secret to his longevity is just sheer crane obsession! On behalf on Falcon Tower Cranes and all his colleagues past and present we wish to thank Tim for his contribution and hope for many more happy but challenging years ahead.

1000 Companies to INSPIRE BRITAIN

For the second year running Falcon has been recognised in the London Stock exchange '1000 companies to inspire Britain' report.

Xavier Rolet, Chief Executive of the London Stock Exchange Group said:

"Four years on, LSEG's '1000

Companies to Inspire Britain' report continues to highlight the dynamic, entrepreneurial and ambitious businesses across the country that are boosting UK productivity, driving economic growth and creating jobs. The strength and diversity of these companies is

readily apparent with a broad mix of UK regions and sectors represented. These companies are the very

heart of an 'anti-fragile' economy: more robust; more flexible and less prone to boom and bust. We must ensure we continue doing all we can to support high growth potential businesses like these.

"London Stock Exchange Group is fully committed to supporting and implementing initiatives which improve access to and cut the cost of finance for growing companies. We welcome the Government's focus on supporting SMEs as part of its Industrial Strategy and await the outcome of its review into long-term patient capital."

Pictured left are Managing Director, Barbara Brown with Commercial Director, Andy Brown, who attended the event and collected the associated award from Business Secretary Greg Clarke (far right).



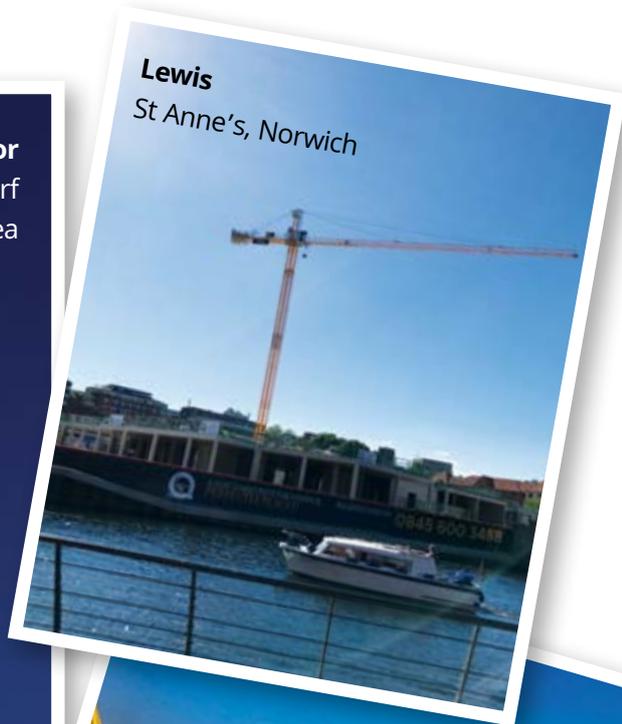
Your images

Firstly, thank you to those who have submitted your pictures for us to use. Here are a few of them.

We are still looking for your images for us to use for the website and general marketing, as well as having a few hung around the office. We will continue to pay £50 for any of the pictures used. As a general tip, we are looking for high resolution pictures from current or previous projects and where possible including a famous landmark.

Please forward all images to marketing@falconcranes.co.uk, with your name and the location.

Also from this issue onwards, we will be running a 'Snap Shot Challenge' where each edition will feature an outstanding image chosen from those sent in. As previously mentioned, all images used will received £50!





Falcon Stories Jim McGill

I started with Falcon 13 years ago in 2004, operating a variety of tower cranes, predominantly in the London area.

During my time at Falcon, I have relished the challenges that the job has had to offer and meeting the many different people including Seamus, Keith, Gary & Fred Beckwith (who still owes me breakfast) has been a pleasure and I hope to continue the friendships I have made during my time.

On the 13th July 2017, I had the opportunity to visit Falcon's Shipdham Depot, where I met the operator manager, Ben Green, whom I had only previously spoken to on the telephone. It was an enjoyable visit and I was surprised by the sheer scale of the facilities there.

Overall, I have treasured my time at Falcon and it is a shame to be retiring after a 30 year career in the crane industry, but I can now look forward to sitting in a chair that isn't 85m in the air (I'll leave that to the younger generation) and getting my handicap down on the golf course.

Very best, Jim

Have your say!

If you wish to be in the next edition of the Falcon Newsletter, **then send your stories to marketing@falconcranes.co.uk**

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