

Press Release

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Knight of the Skies visits Game Engineering before moving to its forever home at the IBCC

Bring your cameras to Game Engineering on Friday 13 October 11.30am Last chance to see the highest valued Knight of the Trail (£15,000 at auction!), owned by GAME Engineering Ltd, before it moves to its 'forever home' at the International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC), opening January 2018.

See for yourself the 'secrets' hidden in the Knight's design...

Last weekend, the Knights (from the recent Knights' Trail through Lincoln) were all auctioned to raise money for local charities, and the 'Knight of the Skies' sold for £15,000, fetching the highest price and breaking the previous record of the sale of the Bomber Baron on the last trail!

It was jointly purchased by GAME Engineering Ltd and Caroline Wood (niece of Sqn Ldr John 'Mitch' Mitchell who was a hero of the first RAF mission, and died aged 98). It will be donated to the IBCC in Memory of Mitch and Edna Graves (Land Army girl and ATS driver). This Knight represents a poignant memorial to many people's relatives and a salute to the heroes of the Bomber Command. The initials of many Bomber Command veterans, who've passed away more recently, are etched into the poppies (including Mitch's), and the sword wielded by the Knight is actually a replica of the IBCC. These are just a couple of the Knight's visual hidden 'secrets'.

It will eventually be on permanent display in the International Bomber Command Centre on Canwick Hill Lincoln, in their Chadwick Centre in its own exhibition! The social media response has been overwhelming, and lots of people are saying they can't wait to go and see it on display up there, so everyone is hoping that helps bring donations in to raise the last £1.3 million needed to finish the centre.

Rosie Ablewhite, a professional artist from Lincoln and daughter of the owner of GAME Engineering Ltd, is the artist behind the 'Knights of the Skies' and she recently met with George 'Johnny' Johnson, the last surviving British Dambuster- and he even signed the Knight! Will you be able to spot his signature?

A spokesman for GAME Engineering Ltd said "The location of our offices in Witham St Hugh's is on part of the old WW11 RAF Swinderby Bomb Store, and we are huge supporters of the IBCC, which is due to open on Canwick Hill later this year. We wrote a brief for the artist, asking for a Bomber Command themed Knight, and the design Rosie suggested won us over. Getting Johnny's signature is the icing on the cake."

This Friday represents the final chance to come along and photograph the Knight, perhaps picking up some of the amazing attention to detail and hidden 'secrets' (like Johnny's signature, the initials etched into the poppies, and the sword's secret meaning...) and meet some of the GAME Engineering team, who are so passionate about this new piece of local heritage. Please join us at 11.30am.

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Notes for editors

For further information, or to book your place at this Friday's photo call please contact:

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