

The Micron

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The staff newsletter of AJ Engineering and NEWCo

BRIDGE TO THE BEN

Forres and Fort William depots work together on Nevis project



Working with our colleagues from the NEWCo depot we recently fabricated and installed a 139-foot long bow-arched pedestrian bridge over the River Nevis.

The new bridge gives access for walkers and tourists, including those with restricted mobility, to Ben Nevis.

The project which was contracted by Fion Construction was handled by Gary Moir and the bridge was so big

it had to be driven down to Fort William from the Forres depot in several sections and was bolted together on site.

Gary said: "This was an amazing project to work on. The big steel arches involved some precision movement to ensure they were formed correctly.

"It was also a challenge to transport it. It had to be done in sections but even then, some of the pieces

were as long as 25 metres. However, everything on the project has gone really well."

He added: "The River Nevis bridge is a community project for Fort William to give both locals and tourists easier access to the mountain.

"To be able to involve our team at NEWCo who came on site meant that for us, there was even more of a community aspect."

Hey look – we're social engineering!

AJ Engineering and NEWCo have been dragged into the 21st century and now have a very active Facebook page and Twitter account. You can find us on both sites by searching for @AJEngScotland.

Please take the time to like and follow the pages and share and retweet the content.

We've also established this newsletter and are keen to hear from all of you about work related news, birthday and family

announcements and also about any achievements outside of work.

If you have any news you'd like to share through *The Micron*, please contact Claire by email on claire@chitchat.scot.

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Star apprentices

Craig Fraser and Bethany Bass being interviewed for a feature during Scottish Apprenticeship Week. Inset: Craig and Bethany appeared on Facebook Live.

Two of our apprentices became stars of the small screen last month, when they were filmed and took part in live Facebook chats about their work with AJ Engineering.

Craig Fraser and Bethany Bass were filmed carrying out their day to day tasks and questioned on what it's like to be an apprentice for Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2017.

Their stories were published on numerous news sites and on social media.

Both apprentices did the company proud and we are pleased we were able to take part in such a proactive campaign.

Jim hangs up his calipers

At the end of this month, we say farewell to Jim Simpson our HSQE Administrator who is retiring.

Jim has worked with AJ Engineering for three years after joining us from 'Civvy Street,' although his primary career was in the RAF where he started off as an apprentice and finished off as a Nimrod crew chief at RAF Kinloss.

Along the way he also played serious golf for the RAF and still holds a keen interest for the sport and aviation and is also an avid photographer.

Jim's interest in apprentices, engineering and his general work ethic has served us well at AJ Engineering as is his ability to develop and support the quality control procedures necessary to allow the company to pass external audits with Jim also fronting up the (sometimes interesting) meetings with the external auditor. This then opened the door to more discerning customers and potentially more rewarding contracts. In his time at AJs he also kept the website up to date.

Jim's talents will certainly be missed at AJ Engineering and we sincerely wish him and Carol a long and happy retirement together.

