

Classic cars, triathlons and fundraising activities at Nigel Wright...



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Russell McCartney and Chris Dresser from our Newcastle office took part in the Alnwick-Sprint Triathlon in May. This is a popular event for international triathletes who travel to Alnwick for the one day event, which sees participants compete in a 500 meter swim, 23 kilometre bike ride and 5 kilometre run. Russell and Chris began training for the event at Christmas time in 2011 and both ultimately managed to complete the course.



Ian Scott Bell, head of marketing at Nigel Wright, was the event organiser for the Light Dragons Classic Car Run in June. The Light Dragons appeal fund is an organisation set up to provide enduring support to Light Dragons wounded on operations or in regimental service, to their families and to the families of those killed on duty. The event, which started at Cannon Hall near Barnsley, saw a range of pre-1970 vintage, veteran and classic cars follow a route via Northumberland to Thirlestane Castle in Lauder. Almost £30,000 was raised for the appeal.

Nigel Wright attracts top engineering talent to region

Nigel Wright recently placed Jon Dale, former head of Whesoe Oil & Gas and Cleveland Bridge, as Managing Director of IHC Engineering Business, based in Northumberland. IHC Engineering Business is part of the IHC Merwede Group, a global market leader in the specialist maritime sector headquartered in Holland.

The Group were keen to appoint a high profile 'international' leader to the post. Mr. Dale, who's career spans the Far East, Middle East and Europe, has held senior leadership roles in a number of engineering companies covering various disciplines. He has led teams on a number of iconic engineering projects during his 20+ year career including the Copenhagen Metro, Barking Reach Power Station, the Burj Al Arab hotel in Dubai and the world's first offshore LNG terminal.

As MD of IHC EB Mr. Dale will play a key part within the

In April Arnaud Gimonet, a consultant in our Paris office took part in Tour Auto 2012 Optic 2000, one of Europe's most famous competitive classic car rallies. The event started in Paris on the 17th April where participants began a gruelling 1,500 mile course that ended in Nice, on the 21st. Arnaud who was the co-driver of a red Alfa Romeo 1600 CT, hosted clients and contacts of Nigel Wright at each overnight stop, during the five day race. His team completed the course, finishing 48th out of 120 racers.



Since the last issue of Imagine Magazine, the Nigel Wright Community Foundation Fund has donated over £8,000 to local charities and community initiatives. Following the Great North Run in September, the fund contributed £300 each to the charities supported by Nigel Wright employees competing in the race including Marie Curie Cancer Care, Percy Hedley Foundation, Newcastle NHS Charity, Tiny Lives, Beating Bowel Cancer and Cancer Research UK. Other organisations that have received donations over the last six months include Doxford Park Tiddlers, Sixty Eighty Thirty, Community Art, Happy Days Children's Charity, Toby Henderson Trust, Four Seasons Activity Group and Headway Safety Equipment. In November our Newcastle Office also raised £1800 for Children in Need.



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Mr. Dale returns to the North East from Oxford to take up the position. He said that since the start of his career on the Newcastle Metro and his time in Darlington he has had a great affinity with the region and is delighted to be back here leading an ambitious business at the heart of one of the North East's growth sectors.

Over the next few months, Mr. Dale will take advantage of the various networking events hosted by Nigel Wright for its alumni where he will have the opportunity to meet other key figures from the North East business community.

Triple boost from key indicators

Three highly respected industry reports recognise Nigel Wright Recruitment as a leading provider of recruitment and executive search services



The rankings highlight the recruitment industry's ability to flourish in tough conditions

In the 2011 UK Recruiter Hot 100, published in November, Nigel Wright leapt up the rankings of top recruiters from 35th to 19th place. The ranking is based on independently researched data which is filtered by turnover and employee numbers. Since 2008, the business has progressed each year from 99th place to now occupying a top twenty spot - ahead of established names such as Harvey Nash, Hudson and Robert Walters. Nigel Wright is the only Consumer industry specialist on the list and the top performing firm headquartered in the North East.

In the same week, Denmark's Økonomisk Ugebreve (Economics Weekly) published its latest research on search and selection companies operating in the Danish Market. Nigel Wright was placed 10th in a list which consisted mainly of global executive search and recruitment providers including Korn/Ferry, Mercuri Urval, Amrop Hever, Odgers Berndtson, Russell Reynolds and Hays.

Nigel Wright was also featured in the latest rankings of the fastest growing recruitment firms in the UK. The Recruiter Fast 50, published in January 2012, lists the fastest growing private recruitment businesses in the UK according to compound annual sales growth rate over three years. All

Follow the links below to read more:

UK Recruiter Hot 100
<http://www.recruiter.co.uk/Journals/1/Files/2011/11/15/rec-161111.pdf>

Økonomisk Ugebreve A/S: Brancheanalyse: Top-20 Search and Selection
<http://ugebreve.dk/files/pdf/introNr13-SearchAndSelection.pdf>

UK Recruiter Fast 50
<http://www.recruiter.co.uk/Journals/1/Files/2012/1/23/Fas50.pdf>

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