

The Micron



The staff newsletter of AJ Engineering and NEWCo

EXPANSION FOR CNC



In the past two years AJ Engineering’s CNC division has employed three new members of staff and two new machines have been purchased for the machine shop to ensure the company keeps up with demand and stays ahead of the game.

Lee Binks, Business Development Representative explained: “AJE CNC has always worked in a wide variety of sectors such as energy, subsea, wood production and general engineering, giving our engineers a great variety of projects to turn their hands to.

“The last big investment was in 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic when two new machines were installed. Since then, we have continued with our investments by employing three new team members and purchasing an additional two machines to keep up with demand.”

He added: “One of these machines was the Doosan DNM 150 which we bought

last year and then in April we got the Doosan Lynx 2100LB, both machines have Fanuc control systems which is consistent throughout the machine shop. We now have in total six CNC machines which will allow us to keep up with demand and provide competitive pricing and attractive lead times to our clients as we ramp up production.»

Meanwhile, the company’s Waterford facility is awaiting the imminent arrival of a new piece of kit which will enable AJE to become a key player in the production of electrical transmission towers.

AJE has invested £700K in the equipment which is being imported from America-based firm Peddinghaus who produce some of the most robust steel fabrication machinery in the industry. The Anglemaster HD Angle Line is expected to arrive at AJE any day now. AJE was successful in securing a grant from Energy Transition Zone (ETZ) who have awarded £250K towards the cost of the machine. More to follow.

BLAST OFF FOR NEW PROJECT

AJE is continuing its work in the space industry with the procurement of a new project in a galaxy not so far, far, far away.

The company has already been heavily involved in the fabrication and installation of a new hangar that was built for the new SaxaVord Spaceport on Unst, one of the Shetland Islands.

Now, the firm has secured more work in this industry which is going from strength to strength in Scotland.

The new project will see the team at AJE fabricating a “large piece of kit” which is critical to the launching of the actual rockets!

Coincidentally, it was great to see extensive news coverage of Rocket Factory Augsburg’s hot fire of engines at the SaxaVord Spaceport last month. RFA hot-fired a total of four Helix engines, igniting one by one at four second intervals. The test ran flawlessly.

It really is all systems go over on Unst!

Unst Spaceport



IT'S COME TO BLOWS!

It was quite the surprise for two fabricators at AJ Engineering to discover they'd both signed up for the same charity white-collar boxing event. Even more unexpected... they ended up being scheduled to face off against each other!

Kai Nicoll and Harrison Morland signed up to support Cancer Research UK by participating in the event, which took place at the MacDonald Aviemore Resort on May 4. This event mirrors professional boxing matches, with spectators purchasing tables for the occasion. But there's a twist, the boxers are novices!

Adding to the excitement, Harrison works at AJE's Greshop workshop, while Kai is based at the Waterford site.

Leading up to the event, fabrication manager Craig Johnston fuelled the rivalry by suggesting that each 'fighter' had been 'trash-talking' the other, urging them to intensify their training efforts.

Approximately 20 fights were scheduled for the night, with top billing going to those who raised the most for charity... you guessed it, this AJE pair took centre stage, meaning Kai and Harrison had to wait until late in the evening to settle their dispute.

However, it was Harrison weighing in at 10kg more than Kai who took the honours with a points decision after a gruelling hard fought three round contest. Kai won the prize for the most money raised, with a grand sum of £5,040.00. Well done lads!



Kai Nicoll and Harrison Morland went head to head in a charity boxing match

Community support



AJE gives support to the Forres Highland Games every year

AJE is continuing its community engagement by supporting a number of events which are taking place over the next few months.

The first big summer event that the AJE team will lend a hand to is the Forres Highland Games which will take place on July 6. AJE takes sponsorship of the Throwing the Scots hammer event, but also helps with the set up and take down by lending machinery to help move crucial items such as crowd control barriers and other equipment around the site.

For the first time, AJE has taken sponsorship of the Nairn Show which will be held at Davidson Park, just outside Nairn on July 27 and it's also a sponsor of the one off Grant Park 100 event which is being held in Forres on August 24, to mark 100 years since Sir Alexander Grant gifted the park to the town. Then in September, it has thrown its weight behind the inaugural Kinloss Running Festival, taking place within the Kinloss Barracks Training Area from 31 August to 1 September. The festival will involve 450 runners participating in their choice of a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon or Back Yard Ultra.

AJE AT SHOWCASE EVENT

Later this month, AJE will be attending the Moray Business Showcase – a business to business exhibition.

Being run by Moray Chamber of which AJE is a gold partner and Graham a director, the event will be an opportunity to make new business connections.

The event will take place on Wednesday, 5th June at the Moray Sports Centre in Elgin.

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10AM - 2PM
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**MORAY BUSINESS
SHOWCASE**