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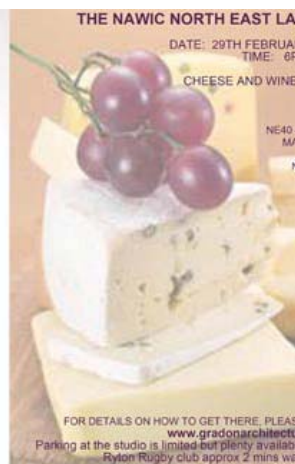
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## JANUARY 2012

### ...40 in 40 is coming

2012 marks the count down for a number of exciting THINGS...Amongst many, The London Olympics, The European Football Championship, Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. Despite continued and poor economic forecasts for 2012 the year will be what you make it...for us it continues to be exciting... THINGSRCHANGING... 40 in 40 is coming.



## FEBRUARY 2012

### ...NAWIC NE Event

NAWIC is an international organisation of women working in the construction industry. Their members include architects, lawyers, engineers, quantity surveyors, project managers and others working or studying in the industry . They organise events such as site visits, legal seminars, workshops and industry related events where members have the opportunity of meeting and forming relationships with other professionals working within the industry.

The North East region of NAWIC is holding an opening night at NE40 Studios on the 29th February, 6-8pm. If you would like to attend please RSVP Denise on 01325 260055 or email [denise@nivenarchitects.co.uk](mailto:denise@nivenarchitects.co.uk) by the 17th February.



## FEBRUARY 2012

### ...Edge Hill Completed

This new five bedroom family home has just been completed on site. The house is located in an exclusive Newcastle suburb and replaces an existing dilapidated bungalow. The scheme combines traditional scale and massing, in response to Planning and Darras Hall Resident Association Guidance, with modern contemporary design. The house is striking for its large interlinked spaces and high ceilings.



## MARCH 2012

### ...NAWIC Launch at NE40 Studios

The North East region of NAWIC, an international organisation of women working in the construction industry, launch at NE40 Studios. The event is supported by Constructing Excellence in the North East Region. For more information on NAWIC visit [www.nawic.co.uk](http://www.nawic.co.uk) or contact Tanja Smith at Ne40 Studios on 0191 413 9981.



### MARCH 2012

#### ...Eastern Promise

GRADONARCHITECTURE join forces with consulting engineers Cundall and Landscape Architect AWP to form The One Design Group, bringing together the experience and expertise of three UK based practices to provide a one stop service for developments in China. Together, The One Design Group brings award winning design which is innovative, sustainable and exceeds expectation. Following a successful launch in Hubei Province and having established relationships with local design institutes, early concepts are emerging for a sustainable Agriculture Valley and a varying approach to an established centre for innovation and technology.

For more information on The One Design Group visit [www.one-designgroup.com](http://www.one-designgroup.com)

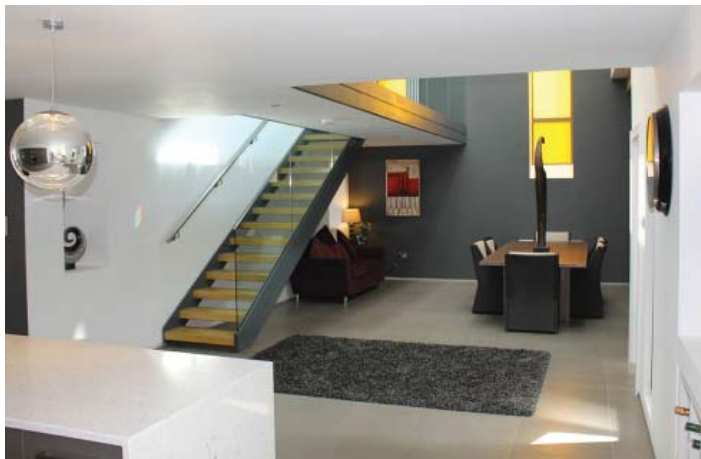


### APRIL 2012

#### ...A £25M scheme submitted for planning

Scheme Designs have been completed and submitted for planning on the site of the former Tyne Tees Television Studios in Newcastle currently owned by Buccleuch Properties. The proposals comprise of 386 student bedrooms, a 139 bed hotel and 30 apartments with associated parking and landscaping. Operator, U-Student propose to start work on site in August 2012 subject to gaining planning permission.

For more information see The Journal website



### APRIL 2012

#### ...The New Old Hall

Following ten months on site GRADON ARCHITECTURE complete the sensitive conversion of the former, locally listed church hall into a contemporary family home providing over 4,500sqft of internal floor space. Retaining the shell and structure of the original building, a new steel frame has been inserted within the internal void to provide living accommodation over three floors which embraces the volume and integrity of the former hall. The central "Miesian" steel and glass stairway provides a focal point to the project which takes you on a journey of discovery and reveals the scale and retained features of the 140 year old structure as you move within the volume.



### MAY 2012

#### ...Congratulations to Stu kent

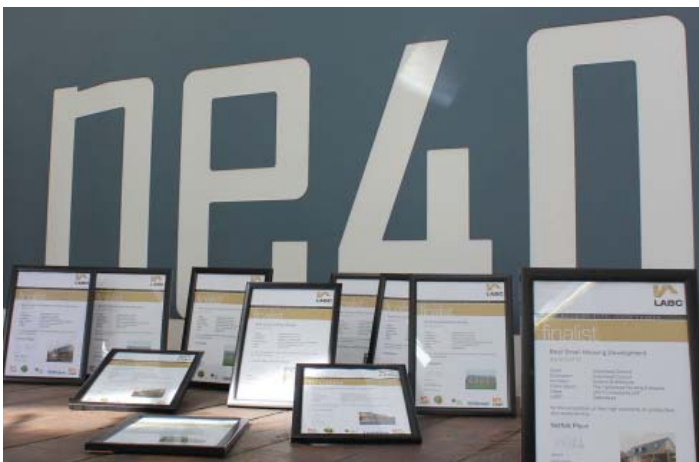
Having played a significant part in the success of GRADONARCHITECTURE to date, we are delighted to announce Stu Kent's successful qualification as an Architect. Completing his studies at Newcastle University, Stu was identified by Design Director Graham McDarby during his lecture series as an exciting prospect for the future. Stu has proved to be both dedicated and talented and is a role model for other students in difficult market conditions. Now acting as Project Architect, Stu's current projects include a £25m mixed use scheme in Newcastle City Centre, a £70m commercial and mixed use plaza project in Kazakhstan and a new 8 court badminton centre in Newcastle.



### JUNE 2012

#### ...£25m project gains planning permission

Work is gearing up to start on site following the successful determination of a detailed planning application submitted in April. Working with Northern Developments and site owners Buccleuch Property, the successful GRADONARCHITECTURE design includes a block of up to nine storeys of student accommodation providing 386 bed spaces and cafe, a hotel of up to 139 bedrooms, and a separate development of 30 apartments. Planners said that the site occupies a "highly prestigious location" conveniently situated to both the city centre's retail, leisure and other commercial activities and the Quayside with elevated views of the River Tyne... The application proposals have three distinct components, the student accommodation, hotel and residential development...



### JUNE 2012

#### ...Building Excellence LABC Finalists

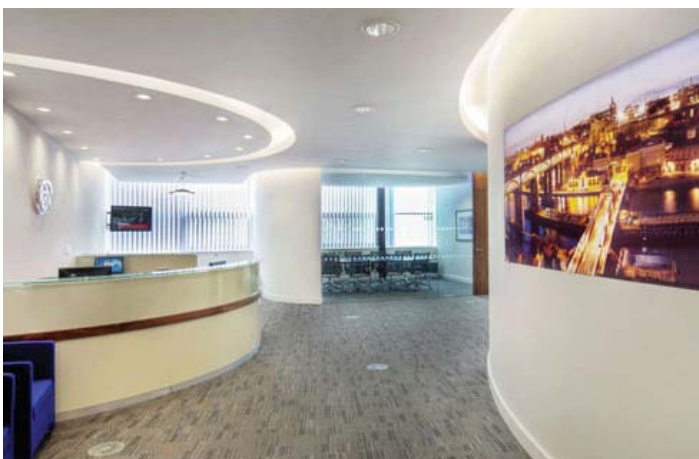
GRADONARCHITECTURE attend the annual LABC Building Excellence Awards with Gateshead Council and CK21 and are Commended as Finalists in the categories of Best Sustainability Design, Best Social and Affordable Housing Development and Best Small Housing Development for their £3M Norfolk Place, Cresthaven, Cranesville and Portobello projects throughout the Gateshead Borough.



### JULY 2012

#### ...Put on your boots in Venice

Committed to the belief that we deliver our architecture through our own Life Experiences, the whole team take time out to visit Venice. Primarily to take in the rich and unique architecture, the visit also gives us an opportunity to take in a varying culture, relax and take stock of what is going on back at Ne40 Studios and recharge us all for the new and exciting challenges which lie ahead.



### AUGUST 2012

#### ...Molly Wood joins our Team

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Architectural and Administration Assistant Molly Wood who joins us direct from St Thomas More RC School. Working closely with NECC and the former school of Directors Graham and Donna McDarby, Molly has been identified as a talented and exciting addition to the team, both in design and in office management. Graham said, "We are all experiencing tough times at the minute but it is vital that we engage in youth and invest in the future of our business and the growth of the country. Molly will strengthen both our design offering and overall service to our clients."

Molly looks forward to welcoming you to NE40 Studios in the near future

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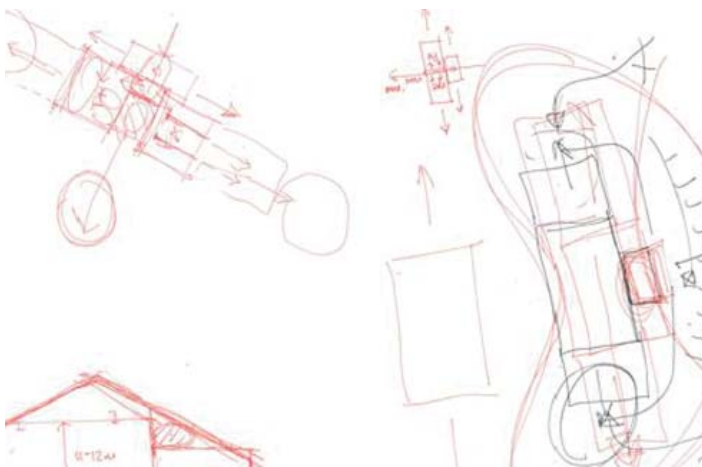
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SEPTEMBER 2012

### ...Put on your boots for sport

Following in the footsteps of our Olympic Summer, GRADONARCHITECTURE participate in a number of sporting events in aid of a number of different charities. The Blaydon Race and Great 10K Newcastle Quayside Run provide gentle warm ups before the 40K Buccleuch Mountain Bike Challenge and then The Great North Run. Our participation assists in raising over £18,000 for Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres, The North East Autism Society, Diabetes Research and Multiple Sclerosis



SEPTEMBER 2012

### ...In the beginning there is a blank canvas

Concept Designs commence on the development of a new £5M facility for a world leading industrial technology company providing unique and specialised detection, diagnostic and measurement solutions. The bespoke facility will provide a mix of physics, processing and testing laboratories supported by office and administrative support areas and will become the company's centre for excellence and demonstration of their products which are sold globally.



OCTOBER 2012

### ...Team strengthening

We are delighted to announce the addition of Graeme Kirkley and Victoria Telford to our team. Graeme brings with him over twenty years of technical experience and is a respected member within the industry having particular expertise in football stadium design, residential industrial and commercial projects. Victoria joins us from Newcastle University following completion of her RIBA Part 2 qualification. Associate Architect Chris Allan comments, "Graeme and Victoria bring yet more strength and depth to our client offering – a mix of experience, talent and potential will stand us in good stead for a number of new and exciting commissions" Victoria will work initially on the regeneration of the former Bates Colliery site, Blyth and Graeme will lead the Phase 3 fit out of Leica Microsystems, Newcastle.



OCTOBER 2012

### ...Trench Hall gains planning permission

Set in the conservation area of Ravensworth Estate, this bespoke family home has been sensitively designed to respect the existing architectural and ecological character of the area while at the same time provide modern contemporary and flexible spaces for a young and growing family. Following several months of consultation with Gateshead Council and Estate stakeholders the scheme gains planning permission. Technical design is in progress and works are planned to start on site in the early part of 2013.

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NOVEMBER 2012

## ...Delivering architecture through quality

Quality of service to our clients is at the forefront of our design ethos. Following an assessment by an independent organisation, GRADONARCHITECTURE has been successful in achieving ISO9001 certification. This award for quality is an international recognised standard in use throughout the world and benchmarks quality in an organisation. Tanja Smith, Associate at GRADONARCHITECTURE. We have always been proud of our investment our team, our training and the service we offer our clients. Now with the award of ISO9001, we have a benchmark to measure this quality which is important to us. The standard gives us yet further strength and depth to develop our UK and overseas markets.



NOVEMBER 2012

## ...Proposals for former Bates Colliery

GRADONARCHITECTURE submit proposals to Wansbeck Council for the redevelopment of the former Bate Colliery Site in Blyth. The scheme proposes in excess of 250 affordable housing units located on remediated land and integrates an existing school and new proposals for extra care provision.



DECEMBER 2012

## ...Scheme Design Completed

Following a three month process of scheme design development with stakeholders and local authorities we are pleased to unveil proposals for the development of a new £7.4M facility for a world leading industrial technology company providing unique and specialised detection, diagnostic and measurement solutions. The bespoke facility will provide a mix of development and testing facilities supported by office and administrative support areas and will become the company centre for excellence and demonstration of their products which are sold globally. Scheme Designs will be submitted for planning approval by GRADONARCHITECTURE in December 2012.



DECEMBER 2012

## ...Merry Christmas 2012

From all of the Team at GRADONARCHITECTURE we wish you the very best of health, happiness and success for Christmas and 2013.

