

# COMMUNITY

## Bishop Auckland Under-9s

Community coach Gavin Beasley accompanied Falcons forward, Sean Tomes to a session with Bishop Auckland under-9s, after attending the Cross Keys game. Sean joined in with a few of Bishop Auckland under-9s drills and games, passing on any advice he had to improve the players' skills and he even put them through their paces with a number of games of his own.

Making its debut on the road was the community team's new vehicle, kindly supported by Benfield Motor Group, the Ford Ranger. Many Thanks to Bishop Auckland under-9s, good luck for the rest of the season and we hope to see you at Kingston Park again in the near future!

## Tackling Numbers with MBNA Showcase Game

West Jesmond Primary School took on Benton Dene in a showcase game. Both schools took part in the Tackling Number with MBNA programme which aims to use the motivation of rugby to inspire youngsters to look at numeracy in a different way. Congratulations to all who participated.

## Durham University Ladies Development Day

The day after the 52-5 victory over Cross Keys, Falcons star Mark Wilson headed down to Maiden Castle with community coach Dan Simpson to attend Durham University ladies rugby development day. There was a range of experience and abilities on show with participants including students who have played for years, to some that were setting foot on a pitch for the first time. Throughout the day, Mark guided the students through the key points of the game, including elements of the ruck. After a highly successful day, Durham ladies will be at Kingston Park to cheer on the Falcons against Rotherham Titans tonight. Thank you for your continued support!

## Morpeth RDP Back Play

Monday 15 October saw Falcons stars, Alex Crockett and Tane Tu'ipulotu, travel to Morpeth to offer their expertise in a session of back-play. Using the backs from Morpeth Colts, Alex and Tane showed rugby coaches in attendance

different drills and games that can be utilized in order to improve attacking back-play. The extremely tough conditions proved no trouble for the players, with their exceptional running at angles and dummies. We hope that everyone enjoyed the session!



## Congratulations Blyth RFC

A voluntary group from Blyth have been rewarded for 26 years of hard work with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Blyth Youth Rugby is among 112 organisations around the country to get the honour, which is classed as being the equivalent of the MBE for voluntary service.

At a presentation event at Alnwick Castle on Wednesday night, representatives from the club received a certificate signed by the Queen, and an exclusive commemorative crystal.

The club received the award for promoting participation in sporting activities for school children.

Blyth Youth Rugby chairman Max Proud accepted the award on behalf of the club from the Duchess of Northumberland.

On presenting the award the Duchess said: "It is a huge honour for me to present the Queens Award to Blyth Youth Rugby who are a perfect example of great voluntary work, which is a huge benefit to the community."

Melanie Magee, Newcastle Falcons Community Foundation manager, who was also in attendance at the reception, said: "It is very pleasing to see Blyth being rewarded for their hard work over the years and for the fantastic Youth section that they have developed.

"The Foundation very much enjoy working with the volunteers and players to enable them to achieve their aims and ambitions and we look forward to building upon the relationship we have formed. We are delighted that many members of the Club are at the game this evening and I hope you will join me in congratulating them at half time when they are re-presented with this special award.



Group deal prices start from as little as £5 for juniors and £10 for adults. If you have a group of 15+ please get in touch to find out more about how to book and the benefits [melanie.magee@newcastle-falcons.co.uk](mailto:melanie.magee@newcastle-falcons.co.uk)  
0191 214 2810

