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Council Fail to Complete Work

The Parent Action Group and Governors of Vane Road School, along with parents and staff have undertaken the task of redecorating 14 class rooms, 7 cloakrooms and the hall and corridors within the school during the summer break. Budget permitting, it was intended to continue the rolling programme of decoration this year but as a result of

unfinished remedial work by LEA we have had to take on the enormous task of redecorating almost the whole school in 6 weeks. Since the asbestos contamination in March LEA have put on a hessian paper below dado height to help prevent further knocks which could cause future contaminations. This paper is not however to be put on halls and corridors although

several knocks and scratches needed to be sealed in these areas. The new paper has been emulsified by LEA but upper walls and ceilings throughout the school have had every drawing pin hole and scratch filled with white sealant, we are left with walls which are very patchy and uneven.

When we approached LEA for help we were told the remedial work was finished and any redecoration was the responsibility of the school through its budget. We understand and accept this to be true but this is not normal redecoration but failure by LEA to complete much needed asbestos remedial work.

We have had generous gifts of paint and materials from paint stores and parents but we could always use more to enable us to finish the job. Any unwanted paint anyone has would be gratefully accepted as would any offers of help to paint.

We are open 5pm-9pm every Monday - Thursday and 9am-9pm over the weekend of 8th and 9th August. Please ring 316752 or 310715 for further information or to arrange paint collection. Thank you very much.

TOWN TEENAGER'S MOUNTAINEERING ADVENTURE



Newton Aycliffe teenager, James Brown (15), has braved the wilds of the Highlands to become a fully trained member of the GORE-TEX Fabric High Altitude Crew. James beat thousands of entrants to attend the GORE-TEX Fabric High Altitude Crew, a course aimed at teenagers aged between 14 and 18 years old - sponsored by Gore, manufacturers of GORE-TEX fabric, the world's most durably waterproof and breathable fabric. The team were equipped with full training by highly qualified instructors, covering navigation techniques and climbing skills, before being sent out to test their wits against the great outdoors.

Accompanied by their leaders, James and the other members of the 12 strong team demonstrated their competence in mountaineering and survival skills climbing to 4,286 feet on an overnight expedition. At the end of their once in a lifetime experience the team said they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves learning new skills and making new friends. One of them commented: "We couldn't have asked for better conditions, even the weather held up!"

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Review of Armed Police

Durham's small 'army' of firearms officers is to be dramatically cut - as part of a review designed to add polish to the force's growing reputation as well-drilled armed specialists. The pruning will gradually trim the number of authorised firearms officers (AFO's) to 99 - a reduction of more than 30. Commenting on the restructuring package deputy chief constable Eddy Marchant said: "We have in recent years moved into a different league altogether. The demands of the job now means our firearms officers have to be ever more professional".

Supt. John Guest, who chaired the review, insisted the force's response to spontaneous or planned firearms incidents would not be affected, nor would the ability of traffic's armed response vehicles to provide round-the-clock cover. The changes will not affect the armed teams who protect the Prime Minister's constituency home in Trimdon Colliery. "The changes will reduce training abstractions from the divisions, reduce costs and provide improved instruction for those who remain. But the force, and the public, can be reassured we will make sure we always have enough fully

trained officers to respond to any firearms incident," said Sup Guest, head of the operations division. The review discovered that some basic AFOs of 'many years standing' had undergone continual training but had never been used in an operational firearms incident. "The majority of this work is being carried out by our 49 well-trained and tactically experienced officers" added Supt. Guest. Under the proposals those who will have their firearms authority withdrawn will include inspectors and above; all sergeants who are basic AFOs; officers of any rank

posted to CID; officers posted to the driving school; and territorial divisional constables who are basic AFOs. The force's influential policy advisory group, which endorsed the reviews findings, has also sanctioned a shake-up of the scheme which provides armed 'bodyguards' for venue protection during visits by VIPs. The changes, again sponsored by Supt. Guest, takes responsibility for special protection duties from detectives attached to headquarters CID and hands them to the operations division. Supt. Guest said plain-clothed officers from the Metropolitan Police would continue to provide personal protection for VIPs but Durham's continuing use of specialist detectives to provide venue cover was 'unusual' with most of the country's forces opting for armed operational officers to carry out such duties. The new arrangements would allow venue protection training to be carried out in-force and major savings would follow. It would also mean responsibility for all VIP visit planning, embracing police search teams and explosive dog searches, convoy deployment and the use of uniformed armed protection teams, would all fall to the operations division.

OPPORTUNITY FOR TOWN'S GIRL LEARNER GOLFERS

Durham County Ladies Golf Association have organised a Fun Day (Thursday 20th August) for girls who have participated on Great Aycliffe Town Council's Coaching Courses. The day is for girls who do not already have a handicap or those under 16 years of age. There will be coaching in the morning with Brian Ridley followed by a sandwich lunch and 9 holes on the par 3 course. Don't worry if you do not have your own clubs as the Association can lend

you a set to go round with. You do, however have to have the correct footwear. Fees for the day, £6 includes coaching, use of golf facilities and lunch. Application forms are available from Miss M Bates, telephone 0191 388 6375 or from Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council offices 01325 300700.

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OPEN GOLF DAY

A Golf Day, open to all players, has been organised by the NGBF at Washington Hotel golf Course on Wednesday 21st October. Teams of 4 are invited to book a tee time with Peter Beaty on 313924. The fee is £25 per player including high tea.

Success in Music

The following pupils of Terence Lawson, School Aycliffe, have been successful in the recent Associated Board Examinations:

- Andrew Burge (piano) Grade 1
- Robert Land (piano) Grade 5
- Fiona Page (singing) Grade 5 with Merit
- Judy Hill (theory) Grade 5 with Distinction.

On T.V. with the Gladiators

Would you like to go to see a T.V. Recording of the Gladiators on Wednesday 12th August, live at Birmingham? If so ring - 313924 to book your place. Pick up points are: Byerley Park School, St. Clare's Church, Aycliffe Village and Heighington. Coach fare is: Adults £15 & Children £12.

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ABSEILING DOWN TYNE BRIDGE FOR CHARITY

Later this month, at the North East's most famous landmark, hundreds of brave locals are expected to jump off the Tyne Bridge in a breath-taking attempt to defeat lung cancer.

The Tyne Bridge has for many years been a welcome sight for Geordies returning home, but on Sunday 23rd August first-time abseilers will be seeing the bridge from a different angle! Whilst contemplating the 120ft distance between them and the ground beneath, the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation will be on hand to give them all the encouragement they need!

Michael D Reay, Fundraising Officer, said "Newcastle is my home, so to be able to fulfill a lifetime's ambition whilst supporting Roy's charity is superb. Roy Castle

travelled over the Tyne Bridge on his "Tour of Hope", which included Newcastle, in 1994. Four years on, I want to keep Roy's memory alive and beat the cancer that killed him."

Full training will be on-hand by qualified instructors, so first-time abseilers should have no fear and give this excellent opportunity a go. Each abseiler will receive a Roy Castle T-shirt and be asked to raised £25 in sponsorship to fund the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse to be based at the Northern Centre for Cancer Treatment at Newcastle General Hospital.

Application forms are available by contacting Michael D Reay on 0191 233 2332.

HOSPICE APPOINTS FUNDRAISERS



St Teresa's Hospice has announced the appointment of two new fund raising assistants. David Jones, a former member of the RAF and Julia Whiteley, a media systems graduate will help organise and run fund raising campaigns for the Hospice.

David spent over 20 years in the Royal Air Force where he gained experience of supervising and planning exercises as a First Aid and Weapons Instructor. He also worked for over two years as an Employment & Training Officer with the County Durham Careers Service. David lives in Bishop Middleham and is married with two children.

Julia, 23, finished her Certificate in Media Systems at Sunderland University in 1997 before taking up a position at an Environmental Services company in County Durham. She lives in Lanchester and enjoys horse riding and travelling to experience new cultures. The appointment coincides with the Hospice's imminent move to their new home in The Woodlands, Woodland Road in Darlington. The Hospice's new base in a converted Georgian House will see a dramatic increase in the amount of Hospice care offered by St Teresa's.

Hospice care is a philosophy that can be taken into hospitals, nursing homes, hospice buildings or the patient's own home. The Hospice offers free care to people from any background aged 16 and above, with terminal illnesses as well as a counselling service to people who have lost relatives.

Jane Bradshaw, Hospice Director said, "I am delighted that David and Julia have joined us. Fundraising is an integral part of our organisation especially as we prepare to move to our new home in The Woodlands."

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND EVENT AT AUCKLAND CASTLE

Come and join Save the Children for a Bank Holiday Weekend experience at Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland (just off the Market Place) for a 'Journey through time in Weardale' - where exhibitions reflecting the history of beautiful Weardale will be found both inside and outside the Castle.

In the Chapel there will be a Flower Festival and all around the rest of the rooms there will be displays of lead mining, local mining, the railways, traditional

crafts (proggy mats and the like), farming - and much more. Outside, see the elegant vintage cars of the Northern Vintage Transport Association's members or play traditional children's games - or take a guided walk with one of our experts who knows all about the castle.

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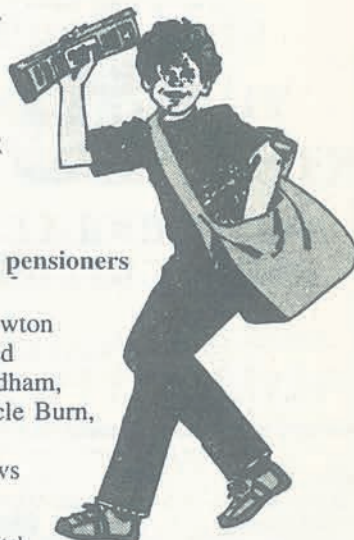
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NOTICE OF AUDIT

Local Government Finance Act 1982 (The Act)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS and related documents for the year ended 31st MARCH 1998 of GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL will commence at 10.00am on MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 1998 at the offices of GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL situated at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

THE ACCOUNTS and related documents will be available at the offices of great Aycliffe Town Council for inspection by any person interested during office hours from the 24th August 1998.

THE AUDITOR will be Mrs. L. Hunt of District Audit whose address is Suite c, 2nd Floor, Nickalls House, Metro Centre, Gateshead NE11 9NH.

THE AUDITOR will give to any local government elector for the area of Great Aycliffe on the 14th September, 1998 at the offices of great Aycliffe Town Council and subsequently until such time as the Auditor certifies the completion of the audit, an opportunity to question the Auditor about the accounts.

Any such elector or his representative may attend before the Auditor and make objections:

- as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under Section 19 or 20 of the Act
- as to any other matter unless the Auditor could make a report in the public interest under Section 15(3) of the Act.

No such objection may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the objection and the grounds on which it is made, and a copy of such notice has been sent to Great Aycliffe Town Council

MICHAEL RICE
Chief Executive

Dated this 7th Day of August 1998

NEW JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOR AYCLIFFE PROPOSED

Parents have got together to give their children a new interest and promote a youth football league in the town.

Football teams are required to join Wednesday and Saturday Leagues. There will be two age groups - Under 12's and Under 15's.

All games are to be played on Horndale Park and to be refereed by Durham F.A. Regulation Refs.

Ten teams are required per League - and will be given places on a first come, first served basis. So, if you want to form a team get in touch quickly. All enquiries to 189 Tindale Green or Tel: 315075 - Anyone wishing to help please contact the above telephone number.

New Red Cross Shop

BOB JOHNSON the Tyne Tees Celebrity Weatherman has agreed to open a new Red Cross Shop at 85 Skinnergate, Darlington on Monday 10th August 1998 at 11am.

Paddy Chapman, Director, of Durham Red Cross said "We are all looking forward to meeting, Bob, and we are really grateful to him".



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Letter to the Editor Sponsored Sculpture

Sir,
In reply to Mr. Leugh's letter in last week's 'News' when he referred to some of the sculptures which have been erected along the route of the Great Aycliffe Way, the flowers are one of a number of structures which have been placed around the route. Great Aycliffe Town Council, Sedgfield Borough Council and Durham County Council worked together to commission artists to

design and build them and, as Mr. Catleugh has read the previous week's article, he will see that the works have been nominated for a regional arts award. The works were sponsored by firms on the Town and by Northumbria Water and the Council is grateful for their support and assistance in making the week's celebrations such a success. Yours sincerely
Coun. W. M. Blenkinsopp
Chairman, Recreation Committee.

The Great Aycliffe Way - Revisited

We walked the Aycliffe Way again and spent a lot of time gazing at those works of art. They're really quite sublime. The fawn sleeps soundly in the shade. The newt's beside the Burn. Those giant flowers (near the bridge) whose names I've yet to learn. Those metal mushrooms in the grass shine brightly in the sun. That huge mosquito - eleven feet long must surely weigh a ton. At looking closely I perceive (for doth mine eye play tricks?) that mighty mozzie stands upon eight legs instead of six!

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CASH AWARDS FOR NEW PROJECTS AND IDEAS FROM SENIOR CITIZENS

A band taking music to villages around the county and a club celebrating its Golden Jubilee are the latest winners of Help the Aged Millennium Awards in Co Durham. As it announced 98 new Award winners, Help the Aged encouraged more older people in rural areas of the county to put their own ideas forward.

The Modern Music Band has been awarded £4,063. The band will be based in Durham, but they will travel to rural areas around the county each month to play dance music from the 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s. The band comprises Stephen Telford (66), Raymond Newton (53), and John Denton (60). 'This is music from a bygone age for the young at heart. At moment many older people in rural areas don't have live music, dancing and singing', said Mr Telford.

The Mary Sanders Over Sixties Club, in Birtley, will use their Award of £1,953 to make their 50th anniversary year next year go with a swing. New activities will include concerts and musical entertainment, and trips to the coast and the theatre. Everyone enjoyed the last party we had. Its my ambition to see the 50th anniversary party', said Sarah Keenan. Together with 86 year old Mrs Keenan, the club is run by Mrs Clare McCormich (81), and Mrs Ellen Scurfield (72).

The Help the Aged Millennium Awards are funded by the Millennium Commission. The Help the Aged scheme offer grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 for a huge variety of projects, but to be eligible you must be:

- * Aged 60 or over
- * An individual or an informal group of up to 5 people
- * In a rural community
- * Starting a new project that uses your skills and experience to benefit others

Other winning projects announced this month include the creation of gardens, excursion clubs, newsletters, bowls clubs, restoring a village pond, Oral history projects, silk banner making, handbell ringing, opening an arboretum and exercise classes.

Two Co Durham projects were announced in January this year. The Dean Bank Millennium Project was awarded £6,648 for four embroideries for the village, and Cornforth Fitness for the Aged won an Award of £7,950 for exercise sessions for elderly and disabled people.

"These Awards are a chance for older people to use their experience and energy to start new projects. Congratulations to the new winners. I'm sure their success will inspire many more older people in Co Durham to put their own ideas forward," said Kate MacGregor of Help the Aged.

For further information and an application form ring 0171 250 4477 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday

HIGH STANDARD AT WOODHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

Woodham Burn Junior School provides a 'supportive and caring environment' for its 'polite, respectful and enthusiastic pupils' say O.F.S.T.E.D. Inspectors. Children made good progress across the Key Stage, with the best lessons 'creating a vivid context for learning'.

Attainment in story writing, number, religious education and swimming were strengths, and art and display standards were high. Very good sporting opportunities were provided. Pupils receive a sound preparation for the next stage of education.

Good use was made of adult helpers and the contribution of parents to school life was recognised. Further improvements were suggested in provision for science and dissemination of good or very good classroom practice throughout the school. Ways of effectively communicating the schools ideals and targets for progress were also suggested.

The school governors approach was found to be open and supportive and there have been encouraging developments in links with industry, commerce and parents.

The Headteacher, Mr. Martin Bennett, commented that the report recognised the hard work and dedication of the staff, involvement of parents and the commitment of the Governing Body.

He was particularly pleased that the mutual respect evident between adults and children had been recognised.

Suggestions for further improvement have to a large extent been already recognised by the school and will be acted upon in the future.

Safety Reminder on Driving Abroad

Thousands of drivers will be taking their cars abroad in the next few months or hiring one at their destination. Many of them will never have driven on foreign roads before, and even if they have, driving on the right will probably seem strange at first. Motoring can be an enjoyable part of the holiday, but an accident can ruin the best holiday into a disaster.

Road traffic laws in other countries often differs from that in the UK. Always make sure you know the rules of the road in the country you are visiting and obey them. AA, RAC and other recognised motoring organisations will advise you. If you are hiring a car, even from a reputable company, make sure the car is roadworthy. Look particularly for worn tyres, defective brakes and faulty electrics. If you are in doubt, do not accept the car and insist on a replacement.

Drinking and driving don't mix, even on holiday. Limits vary from country to country, and really, it's not worth the risk. If you are driving, do not drink. If there's another driver, take it in turns to drive.

Watch out for cyclists, especially in some countries where cycle tracks cross the road and their users have priority.

Remember that roundabouts are not as common in many countries as they are here and sometimes layouts and priority requirements can be confusing. Saying 'Think right - look left' to yourself will put you in the right place on the road and travelling in the direction of the traffic flow. It will also get you looking in the direction from where the first danger is most likely to come. Say, "Think right - look left" at roundabouts and road junctions and at the start of every drive especially when leaving your hotel or a garage forecourt.

IAM Chief Examiner Bryan Lunn says: "Even though you are on holiday and enjoying yourself, you must still concentrate on your driving. Your safety is your responsibility!"

Great Aycliffe Way Sponsored Walk



Peter Beaty

Local Charity worker, Peter Beaty chalked up another success with his Sponsored Walk along the new Great Aycliffe Way on 5th July.

Over £600 was raised to share between "Help the Aged" and Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre's Appeal to improve facilities for disabled people.

"I was delighted with the number of people who turned up for the walk and even more delighted with the money raised for two deserving charities" said Peter.

"I am certain this could now become an annual event as the Great Aycliffe Way provides a lovely walk for people to enjoy." he added.

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Golf Day Raised £514

Geoff Miller and Alistair Sim would like to thank the following for their contributions towards the Captains Golf Day and raffle held 18th July which raised £514 to go to the Children's Ward of the R.V.I.

Atochem, Advanced Elastomer Systems, Bayer, Briggs & Stratton, Capro, Caja-Vdl, D.S.M., Du Pont, Frans Maas, FHP-AEG, Golf Addiction, Goffland, Hydro Polymers, John Haykin, Members and Committee of Hydro Golf Club, TY, McGurk Sports, Ralph Martindale Group, Rexam, Kevin & Anne Richardson, Dave Robison, Silverscreen, David Stephens, Tecumseh UK, Wolverhampton Pressings, T R Fastenings.

HEALTH AUTHORITY SPONSOR MAJOR INNOVATION FAIR AT COUNTY HALL

A unique international business event covering the medical devices, scientific innovations and electronics fields has attracted sponsorship from County Durham Health Authority. The event, which is organised by Co. Durham Development Company takes place in County Hall, Durham City on 12 and 13 October 1998, has two facets:

The Medical Devices and Scientific Innovation Fair (MDSIF) builds upon a highly successful pilot event held in 1996. It will allow companies to view the latest medical devices and scientific innovations not yet available on the market and give them the opportunity to discuss marketing or manufacturing

agreements.

Electronics and Medical Devices Interprise 98 is part of the European Interprise initiative which allows small to medium sized enterprises to network and discuss business opportunities with companies across Europe.

County Durham Health Authority is sponsoring the event as part of its commitment to the local infrastructure and its desire to see health care play a major part in making County Durham and Darlington an attractive place to live and work.

Chief executive Ken Jarrold is keen to see development of the two-way relationship between the NHS and business. He said: "We are very glad to be associated with this important initiative. The NHS is very much part of life in County Durham and Darlington and we welcome the opportunity to strengthen our links with business and suppliers."

County Durham Health Authority works on behalf of the 607,000 people who live in County Durham and Darlington and has an annual budget in the region of £400 million.

The Authority joins the events other supporters which includes Durham County Council, the European Union, BTG, Northern Electric and NatWest Bank.

School Aycliffe Girl Weds



Photo by Andrew Banks

Jackie Wall and Gary Croker were married on 11th July at St. Augustine's Church in Darlington, with the reception held at the Blackwell Grange.

Jackie, who now lives in Henly in Arden, Worcestershire, lived in Aycliffe until 1992. She is a former student of Woodham Comprehensive and now works as a Product Manager at Cadburys. Her parents live in School Aycliffe.

Gary is a Logistics Manager with Group 4 Security and comes from Coventry. Pictured are the Bride and Groom with the Brides twin sisters as Bridesmaids.

WHIZZ KIDZ CHARITY EVENT

Greenacres Residential Home in Craghead, Stanley will be staging a summer fair in aid of the national children's charity Whizz-Kidz on Saturday 8th August.

From 2pm until 4.30pm the home and its impressive gardens will be opened up to the general public and turned over to a variety of interesting and inexpensive stalls and a bouncy castle. Refreshments will also be available as will a warm welcome from all the residents. A local child, called Daniel, who has been funded by Whizz-Kidz has been invited and will attend as the guest of honour!

Whizz-Kidz provides wheelchairs, trikes and walking aids to disabled children under 18 years of age, giving them the confidence, freedom, and independence of movement that able bodied children take for granted. Whizz-Kidz has provided mobility aids for over 2,000 disabled children since 1990 and is hoping to raise £4 million this year which will fund a further 1,200.

CRICKET TEAM FACE RELEGATION

Ten man Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club dropped back into the A Division relegation zone after suffering a straightforward defeat at fellow strugglers Rockcliffe Park in a game sponsored by Great Lakes Chemicals.

Batting first Rockcliffe rattled up an impressive 192 for 8 from their 35 overs with opener John Pybus continuing his amazing run of good scores against Aycliffe with a typical hard hitting 89. Special mention must go to Aycliffe Captain John Gledhill who bowled a superb 18 over spell to finish with a seasons best of 7 for 70.

In reply Aycliffe lost early

wickets and were never really in the match, but Stuart Mitchie with 47 and John Williams 29 helped push the total to a respectable 146 for 7 at the close, still 47 runs short of their target.

Aycliffe seconds virtually removed the threat of relegation from the C Division with a comprehensive 68 run victory over Yarm thirds. Glyn Neasham top scored for the home side with an excellent 91 in his sides formidable 193 all out. In reply Yarm were restricted to just 125 for 7 in their 35 overs with debutante Neil Utting taking 6 for 21 from 11.5 overs for Aycliffe.

JOB CENTRE VACANCIES

Exp. T/S Plater, £6.30 8am-4.30pm, 13 weeks - longer, fully exp. T/S Plater required for local factory. Must have exp. of fabrication in b & fire walls. Urgent Vacancy NEU12408.

P/T Forecourt Attendant £2.75ph while training, rising to £3ph, approx 26hrs p/w. TBA. 25yrs+ pref., honest, reliable person required to serve customers, handle cash, start pumps at a local garage. exp. pref. but employer willing to train. Employer stresses this is an Urgent Vacancy which start immediately. Non-Smoker. pref. Working 4 shifts which will also include weekends. NEU12416.

Skilled Plater/Welder, W neg., Mon-Thurs 8am-4.30pm, Fri 8am-3.30pm. 18yrs+, fully exp. Plater/Welder required with the ability to work from engineering drawings. Exp. MIG Welding is essential, must also be able to work on own initiative. CCDL is an advantage. Must be flexible to work overtime & weekends required. Urgent Vacancy NEU12235.

Exp. Paint Plant Operator wage neg., Mon-Thurs 8am-4.30pm, Fri 8am-3.30pm. Exp. Paint Plant operator required to work in a new unit using Devillbiss spray gun. Must be flexible to work overtime & weekends. Age 18+. Employers request due to level of exp. required. Applicants must have spray gun experience. Urgent Vacancy. NEU12375.

P/T General Assistant, £3.00 neg., for 21+, hrs tba 10-15 hrs. P/T General Assistant required for local Fish & Chip shop. Duties involve serving customers both over counter in cafe area, cash handling, preparation of food & general cleaning prev. experience advantageous. Urgent Vacancy NEU11970.

P/T Assist. Manager, £4.09ph, 25hrs pw, tba. Must be responsible person req'd for local shop. Duties: opening, closing shop, day to day running, banking, supervision of staff, etc. To take responsibility for shop manager's absence. Must be willing to work F/T w req'd. Must have previous retail experience preferable similar environment. Previous Supervisory experience advantageous. NEU12372.

Temp. 1st Fix Joiners, £7.8-9 hrs + Poss. O/T, min 2 weeks. Agency requires T/S 1st Fix Joiner to work on new building (Care Centre) a min of 2 weeks. Work will mainly 1st Fix. Imm. Start. NEU12375.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Tuesday 25th August - Learning Centre - 7.15pm
Wednesday 26th August - D.L.O. Sub - 7.15pm
Tuesday 1st September - Recreation - 7.15pm
Wednesday 2nd September - Environment - 7.15pm

The General Public are invited to attend all meetings

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COLLEGE ABSEIL

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Always Wear Seat Belts

Back seat car passengers are to be told to belt up - for everyone's sake. A campaign targeting rear seat passengers is launched today (July 8) in a bid to get them to use seat belts and cut the death toll. Although it is the law, less than half of people travelling in the back of cars wear a seat belt. Durham County Council, which is taking part in the national campaign, is issuing nearly 38,000 leaflets and posters to firms and organisations throughout the county to try to reverse the trend. In County Durham, 258 back seat passengers were injured in 1997 - four of them fatally.

And since 1990, rear seat casualties in the county have averaged around 250 a year. The main targets for the campaign are adults and young people, who, once they reach about 14, tend to stop wearing rear seat belts. Nationally, the campaign will involve powerful new TV and Radio advertisements to motivate them to do so. "Latest national research shows that in a 30mph crash, an unrestrained back seat passenger is thrown forward with the force of three and a half tonnes. That's equal to the weight of an elephant," said David Holland, Durham County Council's Senior Road Safety Officer.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEWTON AYCLIFFE

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Residents of Great Aycliffe are invited to nominate persons, who through the activities have brought recognition to the town, shown bravery or given valuable selfless service. The person may have achieved success in sport and education, attained a high level in visual and performing arts, completed successful commercial endeavours, worked hard for the community or a charity or triumphed over adversity. If you know someone please complete the form below.

Nominee.....

Address.....

Reason for nomination.....

Proposer's Name.....

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Nominations will be considered and a person selected in time for an Award Ceremony at the Town's Annual Christmas Community Concert to be held in the Leisure Centre on Sunday 20th December.

Please send this form, when complete, to The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, c/o Newton Press, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe or hand in at Stevens Newsagents in the Town Centre. PLEASE DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.