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DISTRICT COUNCIL PROMOTES RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

In reply to the "Front Page Letter" in last weeks 'Newton News', Sedgefield District Council has a policy of promoting responsible dog ownership, with services to help dog owners and protect the environment

Promotion of responsible dog ownership begins with talks to school children. Exhibition stands have been taken at Shows and Fairs. Advice has been given and leaflets

distributed on dog ownership and the dog Warden Service. The District Council has a statutory duty to pick up stray dogs. When they have a name tag, the dogs are then returned to their owners, and in recent years, the District Council has provided dog owners with over 10,000 free name tags. When a dog strays for a second time, or has no name tag, it will be picked up by the Dog Warden Service and taken to Deerness Kennels. This is a licensed kennels used by most district councils in county Durham. The dog is housed at Deerness for at least seven days to enable the owner to collect it. If the owner does not come forward, efforts are made to find the dog a new home. If this fails, the dog would be humanely destroyed, by RSPCA and the British Veterinary Association approved methods. When dogs are found new homes, the District Council will write to the new owner, again giving advice on dog ownership and the benefits of neutering. In 1991, Sedgefield District Council established the Dog Warden Service and since then the number of stray dogs found on the streets has dropped from 1200 per year to around 400 per year. Sedgefield District Council has also introduced a poop scoop scheme which again has been very successful. Complaints about dog fouling have been significantly reduced. The scheme already operates in Spennymoor, Newton Aycliffe, Shildon, Chilton, Sedgefield and Ferryhill and there are plans to extend the scheme to other areas. Approximately 60,000 free poop scoops have been provided by the Council for local dog

owners. The Council also provides a number of services where dogs are injured or sick. I trust that this information clears up any misunderstandings last week's letter may have created and shows that the Council deals with its responsibilities for stray dogs in a caring and humane way.

For further information about the Council's services for dog owners, contact Keith Parkinson at Sedgefield District Council on 01388 816166

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AYCLIFFE JUNIOR THAI BOXERS WIN FIRST FIGHTS



On the 6th of August five juniors travelled to take part in a competition at Oldham in which four were fighting for the first time. Simon Moir, and brothers Lee Makin and Mark Makin who won their fights in convincing style. The children showed a composure beyond their years as they systematically out fought their opponents with the type of skill and controlled aggression usually seen in seasoned fighters. Unfortunately

Nick Herbert received a low blow in the second round, but still managed to get a draw against a very ring wise opponent.

These junior events are an important part of their training. There is the potential for future world champions from the Kings Cobra juniors. But these events cannot take place without support, the support for our Oldham trip came from Grierasons Coaches of Sedgefield.

MUSIC LICENCE EXPLAINED . . .

LICENSING WITHIN the restaurant, hotel and catering trade can be a complex issue to get to grips with, especially the licences that are required for the use of music. To address the confusions that sometimes arise, Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL), the collective licensing body which issues licences on behalf of record companies, are currently running a campaign aimed at making people more aware of the company and the licence that is required by anyone playing commercial sound recordings in their premises.

A great many people do not realise that simply owning a record, tape or compact disc does not give the automatic right to play it in public or broadcast it. Luckily for all concerned, separate applications to hundreds of record companies do not have to be made and one licence from PPL is all that is required.

PPL works on behalf of nearly 1,500 different UK record companies including all multinationals, independents and small specialist producers which means that they control the public performance and broadcasting rights in some 13,000 labels.

The repertoire of these labels covers all areas of music and probably encompasses over 95% of all sound recordings commercially available in the United Kingdom, including imports and compilations.

The licence from PPL is not to be confused with the one issued by the Performing Right Society (PRS). They work on behalf of the music composers who own an entirely separate copyright and their licence is needed in addition to PPL's.

If you play sound recordings in public then you are legally obliged to obtain a licence from PPL; it is rather like needing a drinks licence. Sadly, many restaurant and hotel proprietors do not realise this, or are ill-advised and can end up being faced with legal proceedings for copyright infringement and expensive solicitors' bills. All of which can be avoided by simply contacting PPL who will advise you on exactly which licence you may require.

A private performance of sound recordings is where an event is held strictly within the family or domestic circle. All other use constitutes a public performance and a PPL licence will therefore be required.

In terms of the cost, there are broadly speaking two types of licence. The first is where sound recordings are played solely for background music and the annual fee for a licence is just over £1.00 per week. The second type of licence is where the sound recordings are played as a featured attraction to the premises, such as a dance, disco or DJ presentation, and in these instances fees are charged on a sliding scale and depend upon the hours of record use and average attendances.

Market research by Gallup into the use of recorded music in retail and social outlets showed just how beneficial it was for business. For example, four out of five publicans and restaurateurs agreed that recorded music was good for business and three out of five managers in all such outlets said that recorded music made their customers stay longer.

In thousands of restaurants and hotels, recorded music is used to attract customers. Do not undervalue its importance by ignoring the legal requirements in regard to copyright music licensing. For further details you can contact the General Licensing Department at PPL, Ganton House, 14-22 Ganton Street, London, W1V 1LB. Telephone: 0171 437 0311.

Sharp Rise in Dumped Dogs at Rescue Centre

SUMMER HOLIDAYS mean misery for many dogs in County Durham as people prepare to go on holiday but fail to arrange boarding accommodation for their pets. The National Canine Defence League's (NCDL) Rescue Centre at Darlington has experienced a sharp rise in the number of dogs brought in by local authority animal wardens and owners alike. Assistant Rescue Centre Manager, Jane Rose said: "We are completely full and there is no sign of the situation easing up - so many people have been bringing dogs in saying they can no longer keep them because they are going away. There are also many more dogs coming from the animal wardens who are finding them abandoned. To make matters worse, very few visitors are prepared to adopt a dog until later in the year, after their holidays".

Among the new arrivals this week were a mother and 9 week-old black and white male pup, Shep. They were originally handed over to a dog warden in Stockton by their former owner who was unable to keep them and the warden passed the two on to the rescue centre.

Both have very friendly natures and are ready or re-homing. Shep will need normal puppy training and requires a home with owners who are prepared to make a commitment to this. Trixie is 18 months old, house-trained and very friendly towards the staff caring for her.

There are over 110 dogs currently in care at the NCDL's Rescue Centre at Darlington.

Letter to the Editor DISABLED CANNOT PARK IN GREENWELL ROAD

Dear Editor,
I WOULD like through your Newspaper to point out to our motoring public and especially the Disabled Orange Badge Holders That Parking in Greenwell Road at the junction of Dalton Way, is against the Law between 8 am and 6 pm. If people would only read there orange badge, they would not come unstuck with the Law. It states where there is one two or three yellow marks on the kerb they cannot park between the times stated on the Plates mounted on the posts. The other point I would like to make is the Keep Clear area marked in

front of the barrier this applies 24 hours per day. It was put there for EMERGENCY Vehicles to enter and leave the town centre as they also do by Churchill House. I am sure if it was someones family or property that required our Emergency Services they would be the first to complain if access was not available to an inconsiderate motorist. Our traffic warden is quite pleasant and fair to all but she has a job to do, so please be fair and think of others, after all the Law is the Law and ignorance is no excuse. Yours faithfully
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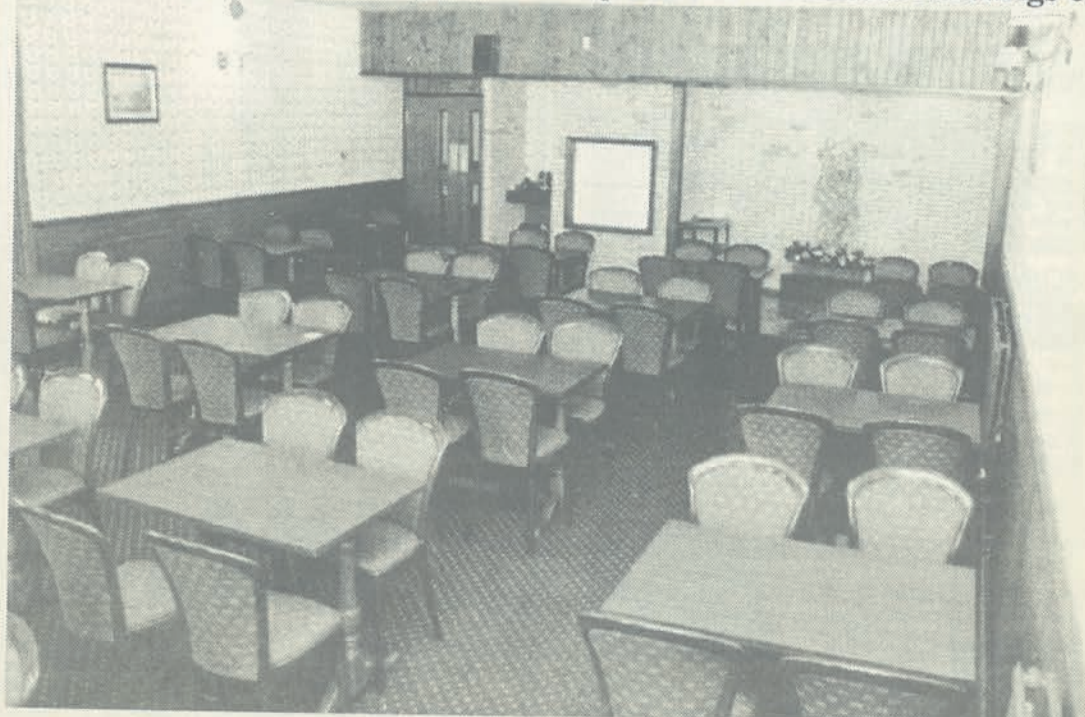
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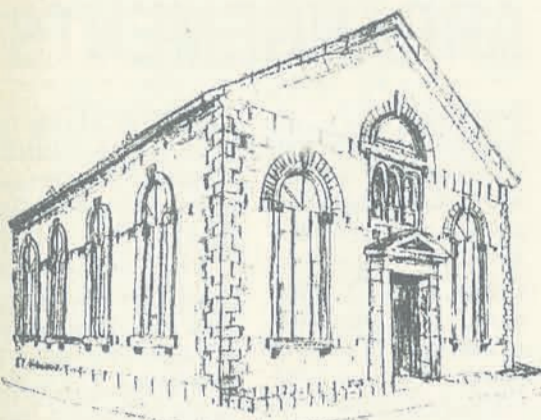
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people and three one bedroom flats for couples. Each flat has its own living room, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Heating is provided by electric storage heaters on Economy 7 and there's a tenants' laundry.

Although most of the flats have been taken, a small number are still available. People on Sedgefield District Council's housing waiting list may be eligible for one of the new flats. Further information and application forms are available from Area Housing, Diane Headley, on (01388) 777425.

HYDRO'S PAINTING COMPETITION

1995 SILVER LONGBOAT ART COMPETITION

Winner of the 1995 Silver Longboat Art Competition, jointly sponsored by Hydro Polymers Limited and Darlington Borough Council is

Bob Armstrong with his painting entitled "No Through Road"

Bob Armstrong, from Nenthead, Cumbria, collects not only the splendid Silver Longboat Trophy but a cheque to the value of £500.

Second prize and a cheque to the value of £250 was awarded to

Paul Morgan Clarke from Fulwell, Sunderland with a painting entitled "Kingscups in Teesdale" Six other paintings were highly commended by the panel of judges.

The competition, open to all local artists, attracted a record equalling last year, of 335 entries.

The theme for the competition was people, places, industry, history, crafts and wildlife in the North. The exhibition of selected works at Darlington Art Gallery runs from 8th August to 2nd September.

Great Aycliffe Town Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST 1995

Please note that in order to accommodate the V.J. Parade on Sunday 20th August, 1995 the car parks at Isherwood Close and opposite the Royal British Legion will be closed for security reasons until 12 noon on that day.

J.D. Farquhar
Town Clerk

Letter to the Editor

WILL THE COUNCILS WIN AGAINST THE CHURCH?

Dear Sir,
I would like, through the media of your newspaper to acquaint the local populace with a recent application by the 'Church Commissioners' to develop land to the north of Aycliffe Village. The area in question is a wildlife haven and currently used for agricultural purposes, and in this respect I feel that any additional housing would severely detract from the regions natural beauty. Having inspected the local plan and contacted Aycliffe

Town Council, Sedgefield District Council and Durham County Council, I am advised by their representatives that they object to any proposed development of the land in question.

However, the Church Commission are a most powerful and influential organisation and it will be interesting to see if their direct supplication to the 'Department of the Environment' will take precedence over the wishes of the local community.

D PINKNEY Esq.

TOWN COUNCIL'S V.J. CELEBRATIONS

As part of the 50th Anniversary of the End of the Second World War, Great Aycliffe Town Council has organised a V.J. Dance to be held in the Leisure Centre, Newton Aycliffe, on **Saturday, 19th August, 1995** Commencing at 7.30 P.M.

Entertainment will be provided, which will include performances by the Dearne Big Band which re-creates the Glen Miller Sound.

Tickets for the event, which includes a Pie and Pea Supper, are available at **£2.50** from the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and the event is to be enhanced by many of those attending wearing period costume and military uniforms.

PARADE AND CHURCH SERVICE

To mark the End of the Second World War and as part of the other Celebrations a Parade and Church Service has been organised in Newton Aycliffe for **Sunday, 20th August, 1995.**

The Parade, which will be led by Veterans of the Second World War, will leave the Barnard Armoury at approximately **10.25 A.M.** and proceed to St. Clares Church, Newton Aycliffe, where te two minutes silence and laying of wreaths at the War Memorial will atke place at **11.00 A.M.** There will then follow a short Church Service led by the Rector of Newton Aycliffe, Rev. Peter Baldwin, and there will then be a March past at approximately **11.45 A.M.**

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Veterans from around the region are invited to attend and join the Parade, further details of which can be obtained from Miss C. Ryder on 01325 300700.

BEACON LIT

As part of the Chain of National Beacons being lit across the Country to celebrate the End of the Second World War, the Aycliffe Beacon, situated adjacent to the Sports Fields at the Oak Leaf Leisure Complex, will be lit jointly by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor J.P. Rodwell and the President of the Royal British Legion, Mr T. Jones, at **8.30 P.M. on Tuesday, 15th August, 1995.**

Standards from ex-service organisations and local Youth organisations will be in attendance and will be led by the Standard of the Royal British Legion, Newton Aycliffe.

All are cordially invited to witness this Historical Event.

Letter to the Editor

"A LOT OF LIVES WILL BE PUT AT RISK"

Dear Editor,
I am writing to object to the closure of Bishop Auckland Outpatients Department.

If it is closed a lot of lives would be put at risk. For an instance my mother was sent to hospital one Sunday night, the ambulance was taking her to Darlington hospital, but the driver was told to take my mother to Bishop Auckland as Darlington was too busy. My mother had a burst ulcer, which she nearly died from. If Bishop had been closed that night where would she have gone, she probably would have lost her life.

I can't see why money from The National Lottery did some good for our National Health Service, after all it is the working man that buys the tickets, surely we must have some say in the matter.

The money is given to Covent Garden which is an opera house for the Rich who can afford a £100 ticket, and there was another Rich Gent who bettered himself from the money, to put some new grass on his land. Ironically, the poorest

people in this country rally round gathering money for charity, and send people abroad for operations. What's wrong with our Government? What happens to our National Health Stamp? Where does this money go to? Surely there must be enough to keep Vital Hospitals open. No one uses this National Health Stamp money more than twice a year, as a lot of people are in perfect health and do not use up any of the money paid in. Why should doctors and nurses be under the pressure of who they should treat and who they should not?

Yours Sincerely
SHEILA THOMPSON

Work on Church Roof Starts

WORK HAS now commenced on the repairs to the roof at Neville Parade Methodist Church and to mark this significant time there is to be an evening of celebration led by Delsie Simpson with her music and poetry reading. This will be on **August 16th at 7 p.m.** and we extend an invitation to all our friends and supporters of the Fund to join with us as we thank God for helping us to reach this stage in our Rafter Appeal.

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These leagues have proven to be very popular, with 40 teams and nearly 500 players involved every

Saturday.

In the Junior Cup Quarter-Finals Bombers and Shooting Stars had 1-0 wins over S.D.S. and Aycliffe Hatters whilst the other two matches went to penalties with Heighington Wanderers winning the local derby against Heighington Rangers 3-2

and Agnew defeating Darlington Heat Treatment 2-1.

In the Intermediate Cup Quarter-Finals two matches went to penalties with Heighington F.C. beating Windlestone 2-0 and Middridge Hawks beating league runners up Elm Road 5-4. In the other two

matches Middridge Harriers had a comfortable 3-0 win over S.D.S. and league Winners Card News beat Heighington Hammers 1-0.

The Senior Cup Quarter-Finals proved to be very competitive with Raiders beating Hotspurs 1-0 and all the other three matches

going to a penalty shoot out; Cockfield beat Middridge Hawkes 2-1 (sudden death), N.A.Y.F.C. beat Bocca Juniors 4-3 and Middridge Harriers beat Tornados 2-0. In the Junior Competition Shooting Stars progressed to the final with a 1-0 Semi-Final win over Bombers and Agnew joined them after a 3-1 defeat of Wanderers, Shooting Stars took an early lead in the Final but Agnew came back strongly with two goals in the second half to win the Cup. In the Intermediate Semis Heighington F.C. gave league Winners Card News a fight before finally succumbing 3-1 on penalties and in the local derby Middridge Harriers beat Middridge Hawkes 3-1.

In a match of few chances the final looked as though it was drifting towards a penalty shoot out until with only 30 seconds to go Middridge produced a late winner to win the Cup.

In the Senior Competition Middridge Harriers also progressed to the final with a 1-0 win over Cockfield and N.A. Raiders had a good 1-0 win over league runners up N.A.Y.F.C.

In the final middle of the table Raiders sprung a surprise by defeating the more fancied Middridge team on penalties.

In the presentations that followed Eric Alexander of Sponsors Alexander-le-Skerne and ex Middlesbrough Manager Willie Maddren presented all the League and Cup winners with trophies, footballs and tickets to see the friendly between Darlington and Middlesbrough.

The Junior football leagues will recommence in September at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex with the Indoor 5-a-side leagues. Anyone requiring further information about entering a team should contact the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, (Tel. 01325-300600).

Letter to the Editor LEISURE CENTRE CRITICISED OVER HOLIDAY SWIMMING ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Sir,

As a mother of school children who attend swimming instruction courses at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, I wish to make a strong complaint against the unilateral decision by the Management of the Leisure Centre to commence these swimming courses three weeks after commencement of the school holidays, instead of confining the courses to the school term only, as in the past.

As parents are required to pay for the full course from commencement, this schedule does not allow for their annual vacation (which they cannot all take during the first three weeks), and because of this, they will need to pay for two possibly three lessons for their children whilst they are away on holiday. With more than one child attending, this makes it a costly waste of money. No amount of discussion with the Management at the Leisure Centre has made a difference.

Seemingly, if you want your child to attend these courses, you must be prepared for this loss.

I have been told that if a child is sick, then he can avoid paying for missed lessons by obtaining a sick-note from his doctor, but if you do not work in a factory and do not have the normal 'factory fortnight', you must pay for missed lessons. Apart from this aspect, it seems the general public will again lose out on swimming time during the school holidays. It is not enough for the pool to be closed early during this time, they must now sacrifice more time to these swimming instructions. Surely this is a unilateral decision taken without consideration for clients, some of them quite long-standing. Is there a chance the Management can rethink and either refund money for classes missed through holidays or reschedule these courses for term time only.

Yours Faithfully
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CRIMES TO PROPERTY STILL A BIG PROBLEM AT AYCLIFFE

says Prevention Panel

AS PROPERTY crimes are still proving to be a problem in Aycliffe, especially on the West side of the town, the panel would like to remind residents of practical precautions to take to protect the home particularly at this time of the year which is the main holiday period. To raise awareness the Panel are taking a stall at the Great Aycliffe Show on Sunday 27th August and will be running a tombola.

The prizes will be involved with crime prevention e.g. shed locks, security lights, door viewers and bolts, car steering locks and personal attack alarms. We will also have leaflets on how to prevent home and car crime which will help combat the thief. Please call at the stall when visiting the show both for information and to help us to continue to prevent crime in Newton Aycliffe. If you are unable to visit the stall, or are planning on being away before the show, the following tips should help keep your property safe in your absence. Garden sheds seem to be a particular target. Locks made for sheds are available at approximately £3 from DIY retailers a small price to pay when replacing a lawn mower for example or a

childs bike. Always ensure that gardening equipment, childrens bikes, etc, are securely locked in a shed or garage when not in use. When going on holiday store your garden furniture safely and don't leave tubs of plants at the front of the house. Invest in an automatic time switch for your lights for evenings when you will be out or for when you are on holiday.

Make sure the switch is on a light in the living room, no one would under normal circumstances leave only a landing light on for prolonged periods of time! Automatic time switches can also be used for the radio, set to a mainly speech channel, to make it seem as if there is someone at home. With the unusual run of very good weather many of us are spending more time in the back garden either gardening, having a barbecue or just sunbathing. It can be easy pickings for a thief IF you leave the front door open and you could have problems with your insurance company, just to make matters worse, if you need to make a claim ALWAYS ensure that your front door is locked behind you when you come in. It is tempting to leave

windows open when you go out when it is so hot. You may be helping to keep the house cool but you are also inviting the opportunist thief. Most homes have items of sentimental value which can not be replaced by an insurance claim, keep your house secure at all times.

Aycliffe has a growing number of Neighbourhood Watch schemes, when going on holiday make sure that your contact knows the duration of your holiday, a contact phone number for a member of your family should something go wrong and arrange for someone to remove mail, draw curtains and generally make the house seem lived in while you are away.

If you know a two car family ask one of them to park their car at the front of your house each night while you are away, along with security lights etc it will once again make the house looked lived in.

Don't forget, in the hectic few days prior to going away, to cancel your papers and milk. Do not leave messages in the milk bottle or cancel papers when the paper shop is full, take no chances, telephone both suppliers to ensure the details are kept confidential.

Yours sincerely
ANDREA BERGG

ALARMS HELP TO REDUCE THEFTS FROM OUTBUILDINGS

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AFTER SALES of these alarms in the Newton Aycliffe area in recent months thefts from sheds, outbuildings and garages were considerably reduced. However in recent weeks there has been a slight increase in such thefts. Aycliffe Police are again selling these alarms from the Police Station priced at £7.50 per unit. The alarms are battery operated and easily fitted. Batteries are normal PP3 size and again are easily fitted.

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Vehicle owners who display the scheme stickers do so on the understanding that the vehicle is normally driven by persons over 25 years and that persons under that age could be challenged by Police and should carry suitable means of identification.

Membership packs are now available from the enquiry desks at both Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor Police Stations.

PC TONY BROUGHTON
Newton Aycliffe Police

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Dear Sir,
I would like to commend Mary Walton, secretary of MIND, for her letter in July 29th issue.

There is much misunderstanding about MIND's activities. May I speak as one who went along two years ago, having read about it in your paper. I was desperately anxious about a member of

my family at the time. We were in need of fellowship, we found a welcome and rapport with other members.

We and others in various situations, found a great deal of information to our advantage, our rights under the Mental Health Act, explanations of various treatments and therapies and in some cases some were helped to gain

financial help, which they were unaware they were entitled to.

When your self esteem is low you lack confidence to go looking for help for yourself. Anything that can give you that little push back into circulation as a fully functioning member of society is welcome. That is what MIND is all about.

Signed
A MEMBER

Petition Against French Nuclear Tests Organised

PRESIDENT CHIRAC has announced the French Government's decision to break its commitment to an international moratorium and resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific. This decision opens the door for other nuclear powers to begin testing again. It undermines global attempts to limit and ban all nuclear weapons and poses a grave threat to the environment of the South Pacific.

A worldwide campaign is growing to stop the tests from starting in September. Newton Aycliffe residents can help to do something about this by signing the GREENPEACE petition on their stall at Aycliffe Show on Sunday 27th August. In Britain alone the organisation hope to gather over one million signatures to send a powerful message to Mr Chirac.

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HOW TO AVOID FALLING OUT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS

TREES, CAR parking, garden bonfires, boundary fences and noise complaints from neighbours, account for 10% of calls received by General Accident's Legal Helpline at this time every year. To avoid any conflict with neighbours this summer General Accident's Legal Helpline is offering advice on how to keep the peace while getting the most from your garden.

Trees
Keep trees from hanging over your neighbour's property. They have the right to trim back any branches hanging over your boundary line, but they must return any trimmings.

Neighbours can also remove tree roots which spread into their property using the least damaging method available. If the roots cause any damage, you may be asked to pay compensation. Make sure trees on your land are safe. The local authority has the right to make them safe and ask you to pay the costs involved. They can also serve a notice if a tree is in a dangerous condition and is threatening to damage a neighbour's property. You must comply with the notice and if not, the local authority can complete the work and again, recover the costs from you.

Parking
If your vehicle blocks the access to a driveway, the police or local authority have the power under the Road Traffic Regulations Act of 1984 to remove the illegally parked car, and in some cases you may be sent a solicitor's letter. You cannot ask a neighbour to move their car because it is parked in front of your property, as you have no automatic right to park there.

Garden Bonfires
You may be stopped from making a bonfire by clauses in the title deeds/lease, by local bye-laws or by any smokeless zone restrictions. A legal nuisance may occur if a bonfire is particularly smoky - or smelly.

Make sure the bonfire does not become dangerous - if it does, a neighbour has the right to enter the premises and control the bonfire. You can also be prevented from lighting bonfires close to roads as it can cause a hazard to road users.

Boundary Fences
Boundary fences often cause disputes. If you are not the legal owner and don't have permission, you have no right to use the fence in any way, even to the extent of fixing wires or trellises etc. But if the fence is owned jointly between neighbours, then it can be used for support, providing it's not made unsafe. Repairs should be financed jointly.

If you fail to maintain the fence, you may be held liable in a civil action for damage if the fence causes personal injury or damage to another's property.

If you plan to repair a fence which is not legally yours, without permission from the owner, entry onto your neighbour's land could be considered as trespassing and legal action taken.

Noise
Try to keep noise to a minimum. You can be reported to the Environmental Health Department which has the power to deal with the noise nuisance.

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TAYLOR Angeline and Shaun would like to thank all family and friends for the beautiful cards and presents they received on their wedding day.
SHAUN & Angeline would like to thank Marie, Lou, Lee and Kelly for being brilliant bridesmaids and for all their help. Also Gavin, Tomy, Darren, Thomas, Andrew and Harrison. Thank you all for making our wedding day so special
HYMAS Thanks to all family and friends for cards and gifts received on the safe arrival of Anthony James 27-7-95, from Marie, Craig and big brother Daniel
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LES CANNON 8-8-93. A loving grandad, gone but not forgotten, miss you always Tony and Amanda
LES CANNON 8-8-93. You are always in our thoughts, Grandad, sadly missed by Karen, Russell and Great Granddaughter Danielle

Lost & Found

LOST African grey parrot (grey body, red tail), lost in St Clares area, Sunday - reward for return Tel 317468
LOST on Thursday 3rd August around 10.00 a red diary was lost at the rear of Simpature shops, would the finder please, please return it to Simpature School of Motoring, 30 Moule Close, Newton Aycliffe or tel 321804. This diary is very important to my business and without it I am total snookered. A small reward will be given on its return - thank you Brian Poole DOT, ADI

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AFTER Experiencing the challenging Woodham Golf Club Course last year, Mrs Pat Landers, a 12 handicap member of Whitby Golf Club was determined to take part in this year's Ladies Open, and after a round which she described as like "walking on water" she was winner of the silver division and best gross awards, beating off strong opposition from an entry of 155 from all parts of the North-East.

She is pictured here (second left) with the ladies

captain of the Woodham Club Mrs Margaret Marshall (third left), and Mrs Christine Quinn, of Woodham (first left) who was winner of the Bronze Division, along with some of the other prizewinners.

Celebration of 18th Nov. 1970

WERE YOU born on the 18th November 1970, or perhaps it was the day you married and you will be celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary this year?

If the answer to either of these questions is 'YES' Iceland Frozen Foods would like to hear from you. Iceland will also be celebrating 25 years of remarkable growth and success on the 18th November and would like YOU to share in its Silver Jubilee - with a mystery surprise!

Initially we would need a letter with a simple confirmation of your date of birth or wedding (a photocopy of your birth or wedding certificate would be helpful but not essential at this time).

Don't delay, send your name, address, brief details and name of newspaper (by 25 August) to: Iceland, (Silver Jubilee), Second Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside, Clwyd, CH5 2NW.

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J & C Coaches have run Theatre Tours for many years with great success, taking in local Theatre, Sunderland Empire, Newcastle Theatre Royal and Tyne Theatre, Bradford Alhambra, Blackpool Opera House/Wintergards, Manchester Palace Theatre and The Opera House, Scarborough Futurist Theatre, Edinburgh Playhouse, Sheffield Arena, as well as all the London Theatres, with some having overnight accommodation at the London Metropole Hotel or a 3 Star central Hotel.

All our Tours are bonded and our executive coaches are second to none in this area. Listed below are our Theatre Tours, with allocations of best seats (front stalls on most shows):-

Sept. 16th The Everley Brothers, £25.00. 29th Don Williams, £24.00.

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14th Miss Saigon, £95.00 overnight. 19th Danny La Rue, £25.50.

31st Gene Pitney, £18.00 Nov. 13th Jim Davison, £17.50. 15th Foster & Allan, £14.50. 23rd Barnum, £19.50 Adult, £17.50 OAP/Child. 25th Barnum, £14.50 All seats.

30th Joe Longthorne, £20.50. 30th Phantom of the Opera with the Russian All Stars (on Ice), £23.50.

Dec. 9th Grease, £40.00. 28th Sleeping Beauty, £16.00 Adults, £10.50 Child.

Jan. 13th Phantom of the Opera, £36.00. 18th & 10th Feb., Copacabana, £28.50.

We do advise clients to book early to avoid any disappointments. If you require any further information on any of the above, or have any other travel enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us on Aycliffe 312705 (office hours) or Hilary on 321632 who will be pleased to help clients old and new at anytime.

REFURBISHED FUNCTION ROOM AT SPORTS COMPLEX NOW AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE

THE MANAGEMENT of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex are pleased to announce that their newly refurbished Function room is now available for hire.

"People who have used our Function room in the past will remember that the room was always clean and tidy but that the decoration was plain and the size of the Furniture meant the room was a little cramped," commented the Sports Complex Manager Richard Vitty. "The Town Council have now invested in some new furniture and the room has been decorated to a very high standard."

Due to the provision of better quality furniture and an increase to the size of the room, Functions can now be taken for up to 90 people. "We have already had a Christening, a Wedding Reception, a Retirement Function and a Business Conference," added Mr Vitty, "and they all agreed that the atmosphere in the room was excellent."

The Function room at the Sports Complex is available at only £18.00 per four hour session and customers can arrange their own catering. Anyone requiring further details should contact the Sports Complex, (Tel. 01325 - 300600), or call at Reception anytime.

BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS AT BISHOP AUCKLAND COLLEGE

REGARDLESS of whether you want to improve your job prospects, learn a new hobby, converse on the Internet Super Highway in Russian, or simply broaden your horizons and meet new friends, Bishop Auckland College can make it happen.

One of the most forward thinking colleges in the region, which has recently made a substantial investment in state of the art computer technology, Bishop Auckland College offers a truly warm welcome to all-comers regardless of age or educational background, and aims to provide courses where and when people want them.

It has hundreds of courses available in its part time prospectus including many that are being introduced for the first time, and topics covered range from Health & Beauty to Computer Aided Engineering Design, Fashion and Food Nutrition to Psychology and Sociology, Basic Education and Return to Learn.

New courses starting in September include Modern Cookery, Royal Yachting Association Day Skipper and Crechewok courses and a range of NVQs for Accounting Technicians, Management and

Child Care. There are also diploma courses for Medical Secretarial Studies, Health Services' Reception, and Child Care Education.

Joanne Tait, chief executive, says: "We want as many people as possible to enjoy the huge range of part time courses lined up to start in September. Learning and further education is for everyone and at Bishop Auckland College our courses are designed to be fun and informative as well as educational".

She added: "We know that people lead busy lives and have numerous commitments which is why we have opened Out Reach Centres in places such as Wolsingham, Spennymoor and Newton Aycliffe and are also working in partnership with the Teesdale Training Centre at Barnard Castle to provide for those who find it

inconvenient to travel to the college. We are also extending our opening times, offering more flexible ways of studying and easier ways to pay".

To help you decide which course you really want to pursue why not call in or telephone the college's Admissions and Guidance Centre where there is lots of friendly and helpful advice on hand. They will also be able to tell you if you are one of the many prospective students who qualifies for free courses. The college is enrolling now, and throughout the summer, on a first come first served basis Monday to Thursday 9 am - 4.30 pm, Friday 10 am - 4 pm and Saturday 9.30 am - 12 noon. To get your copy of the new part time prospectus call at the college or telephone 01388 603052.

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