



Glasto blast for eco-coffin-maker

AN ECO-FRIENDLY coffin-maker is set to get his wellies on and take his product to the legendary Glastonbury Festival.

Steve Ancrum is the owner of Cam-based Sunset Coffins, which creates coffins out of a unique material made from compressed paper.

The idea for the coffin was a shared project between eco-funeral director Jeremy Clutterbuck, from Cam, Sundealer, which creates the hard boards made from paper, and Steve, a plastic and acrylic box producer.

With their heads together they created the innovative product, which is both strong and beautiful to look at, while being completely environmentally friendly.

For the past year, since Sunset Coffins was set up,

Steve and his wife, Alison, have been trying to get people talking about funeral services and raising the profile of green alternatives.

Their project is taking them to the Glastonbury Music Festival next year, famed for its ethical and eco-friendly emphasis.

"We already visited country fairs and Stroud Farmers' Market," said Mr Ancrum. "We weren't sure how people would react but they were incredibly interested."

"People looked at the coffin and asked questions and were very impressed."

The company will also be part of a new display about death and funerals at the Start Living Shop in Cabot Circus, Bristol, which is dedicated to educating people about green issues.

Safety test lab opens

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A SAFETY testing laboratory has opened in Yate.

York EMC Services, which tests electronic equipment for manufacturers, has opened its third facility in Waverley Road, on the Beeches Industrial Estate.

The purpose-built laboratory will offer an extensive range of Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC), safety, radio, telecoms and acoustic compliance services under one roof. All electronic products are legally required to be tested in this way in order to be sold in the European Union.

Managing director Chris Marshman said: "We are very excited about our new lab, which brings state-of-the-art commercial electrical compliance test facilities to Bristol and the South West."

The laboratory was officially opened by Thornbury and



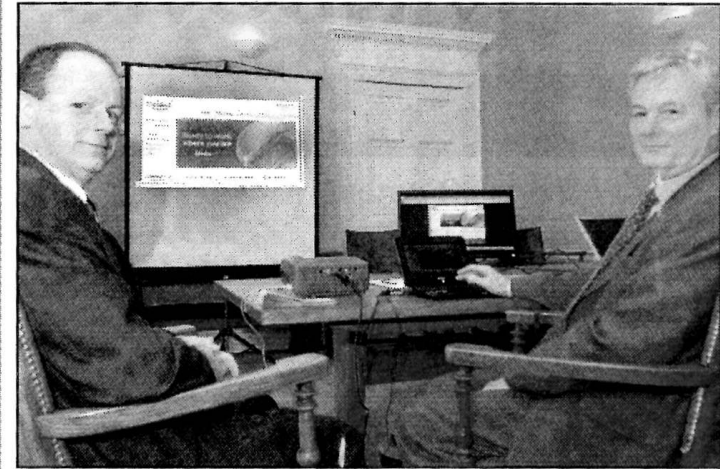
Thornbury and Yate MP Steve Webb with York EMC Services director Professor Andy Marvin, operations director Nick Wainwright and managing director Chris Marshman

Yate MP Steve Webb.

He said: "I am delighted to welcome a new employer to Yate, and especially one that is obviously a leader in its field."

"I am sure that the impressive scientific and engineering work that the company undertakes for local industry will also be of interest to local students and young people and I hope to work with the company to forge strong links with the local community in the coming years."

Life's easier as firm launches web app



Len Miller, right, Business Development Director for Inforoute with Robert Hemper at the Helawi Open Day GSR1612H10

A DURSLEY-based company has launched a web app to make common business tasks quicker and easier.

The business, called Helawi, is a new internet-based firm launched by Len Miller, a Dursley resident.

The name for the app came from the phrase "what the hell-are-we doing?" and seeks to make life easier for businesses to carry out day-to-day admin.

Helawi Web Apps software

automates common tasks many companies and organisations do every day.

It performs a range of tasks including notepad, contacts and sales, holidays and absence, timesheets and much more.

Mr Miller said: "This is a new venture by a small local company, which we hope will spread nationwide."

You can find out more at www.helawi.com

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