



# Great Aycliffe Town Council

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22nd July 2011

## VISIT YOUR PARKS THIS SUMMER



**WEST PARK**

Infant and Junior Play Areas and Ornamental Lakes



**ST. OSWALD'S PARK**

Infant and Junior Play Areas, Formal Gardens, Picnic Area and Toilet Facilities



**WOODHAM PARK**

Infant and Junior Play Areas, Multi Use Games Area



**MOORE LANE PARK & ECO CENTRE**

Infant and Junior Play Areas, Home of the Eco Centre



**TOWN PARK**

Infant and Junior Play Areas, Children's Kick-About Area, Skateboarding Facilities, Formal Gardens, Picnic Area and Toilet Facilities



**SIMPASTURE PARK**

Infant and Junior Play Areas, 2 Multi-Use Games Areas and 3 Tennis Courts



**NATURE PARK**

Woodland Walkways, Ponds, Dipping Platforms and Wild Grassland



**HORNDAL PARK**

Infant and Junior Play Areas, Children's Football Kick-about Area

## NEW TODDLERS PLAY AREA AT TOWN PARK

A Toddlers Play Area is to be installed in the Town Park.

The Toddlers Play Area will be for use by children from 1 to 3 years old and will cover a shortfall in play provision in the Town Park for that age group.

The new play area will be enclosed and sited adjacent to the Infant/Junior Play Area. A suitable range of equipment for the 1 to 3 age group has been chosen for the project and includes bucket swings, springers, a playhouse, freestanding slide, mini roundabout and large sand play area.

The project has been jointly funded by Section 106 monies from the Redworth Grange Housing Development (Hamilton Close) and Great Aycliffe Town Council.

Work to construct the play area is due to commence in late July.



## BYERLEY PARK PLAY AREA CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The Town Council received a great response to their recent survey regarding the future of Byerley Park Play Area. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the short questionnaire.

The Town Council have had a rolling programme of updating or replacing their play areas over a number of years. Unfortunately Byerley Park area is one of the last to be reviewed.

The Town Council have set aside **£40,000** to fund improvements at Byerley Park Play Area. Although this is not a huge amount it can still make a difference. A whopping **92%** of the people who responded thought the play area needed updating and overall **83%** thought an infant's area and more equipment was needed.

The Town Council are currently contacting a number of play equipment providers to produce a draft scheme to include the most popular items requested by residents in the survey. Some of which are junior swings, springers, infants climbing frame, roundabout, picnic benches

Unfortunately some of the items requested were either too expensive for the funding available or inappropriate for the proposed site.

## TARMAC RESURFACING WORKS OAKLEAF SPORTS AND GOLF COMPLEX

Tarmac resurfacing works are due to commence at the Oakleaf Sports and Golf Complex on Monday, 5th September. The work will take approximately one week to complete, weather permitting, and will require the temporary closure of the car parks and access roads, however, these closures will be phased to keep disruption to a minimum for customers. Alternative access routes and car parking will be in operation during this period.

The Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

## WILKINSON'S DONATE SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Wilkinson's Store in Newton Aycliffe have provided donations to the Council Park Patrol Service for them to purchase sports equipment for use in the Town Park. The Council wishes to thank Wilkinson's for their continued support.



## TOWN PRIDE ENVIRONMENT WEEK

**11th July- 21st July**

Great Aycliffe Town Council and Aycliffe Youth Council have recently worked together to organise a litter campaign in all 10 Primary schools of Great Aycliffe. As part of the campaign members of Aycliffe Youth Council did a presentation to the pupils of each school on the facts and consequences of littering. This was then followed up with an organised litter pick of public open space near each of the schools to reinforce the message.

During the litterpicks the children were accompanied by their teachers, youth councillors, town councillors and staff from Great Aycliffe Town Council's Town Pride Team.

The Town Council's Environment Officer who helped to organise and pull these events together said "This is a wonderful opportunity to get the children of the town involved in their local environment. Many of the facts about litter clearly shocked some of the children so we hope the message may have been taken on board by them and they grow up to be responsible people who care for their own environment."

If you would like any further information give Steve Cooper a call on 07779090842 or telephone the Town Council on 01325 300700.



## SUMMER COUNTRYSIDE EVENTS

### Monsters of the Deep

**Monday 25th July**

**1.30pm – 3pm**

Find out which creatures live in the large pond at Aycliffe Nature Park by joining Environment Officer Steve Cooper for this enjoyable family pond dipping session. Please bring along your nets, buckets and wellies if you have them. Meet at: The entrance to the Nature Park, off Travellers Green



### Mask Making

**Wednesday 27th July**

**1.30pm- 3.30pm**

Spend an afternoon making a selection of nature based face masks to take home to scare your family with! Meet at: Moore Lane Eco Centre.

### Clay Creatures

**Monday 1st August**

**10am – 12 noon**

The event is very relaxing and great fun. Natural air drying clay will be provided to participants to allow them to create a mini masterpiece. A perfect event for the whole family. Meet at Moore lane Eco Centre.

### Den Making

**Wednesday 3rd August**

**10am- 12 noon**

Here is your chance to help build a temporary den in the Woodlands at School Aycliffe using only the natural material which we find on site. Experts will be on hand to guide and assist you. Please wear trousers and old shoes or wellies if you have them. Meet near the Community Centre, off Menville Close in School Aycliffe.

### Welly Hoying

**Tuesday 9th August**

As part of Fun in the Park try your hand at the traditional countryside game of welly throwing and be in with a chance of being crowned 'Aycliffe Welly Hoying Champion 2011'. There will be various age categories so everyone will have a chance of being a champion! Meet on the Oakleaf Sports field.



### Pond Dipping

**Wednesday 10th August**

**10am – 11.30am**

During this ever popular event we will discover the many fascinating creatures which make the pond at School Aycliffe their home. Wellies are a must and bring along your nets and buckets if you have them. Meet near the Community Centre, off Menville Close in School Aycliffe.

### Ultimate Minibeasting

**Monday 15th August**

**10am – 12.30pm**

Spend a few hours at Moore Lane Eco Centre learning all about minibeasts. Coast to Coast Exotics will be bringing along some of their exotic minibeasts to give an interactive informative talk about these creatures; there will be an opportunity to handle the creatures- if you are brave enough!! Environment Officer Steve Cooper will also be leading two minibeasting sessions around the park in search of more local varieties. Booking is essential for this event as places are strictly limited. Please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.

### Environment Marquee at the Great Aycliffe Show

**Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August**

Following last years successful display during the Great Aycliffe Show there will be a marquee full of environmental exhibitors with displays and activities for all the family. Meet at: Oakleaf Sports Complex.

*All events are provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council free of charge and there is no need for booking unless stated in the event details.*

## MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX & OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

**FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2011**

**(Tee Off Times between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)**

**Entry Fee - £100 per team**

(Includes Meal and Presentation Evening)

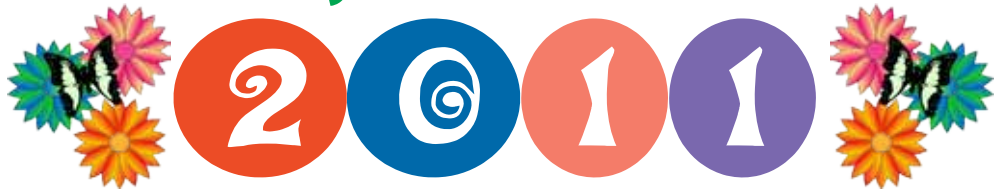
**In Aid of the Mayor's Charities**

**Army Benevolent Fund (North East)**

**and Local Town Organisations**

Further Information and Application Forms from: The Mayor's Secretary  
(Tel 01325 300700) or the Oakleaf Golf Complex.

## Community Enhancement Award



The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Certificates of Merit for individual front gardens, front floral displays or streets that enhance the overall visual appearance of the area.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: [info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk) before the closing date of Friday, 12th August 2011.

I would like to nominate the following for a Certificate of Merit:

House No: ..... Street: .....

or

Full Street:.....



### Bee Orchid Success

Observant visitors to Aycliffe Nature Park have been treated to a rare site this summer with a stunning display of bee orchids during June. This rare orchid which prefers warmer Mediterranean climates has been occasionally seen around the town in ones or twos but this year between 16 and 28 spikes have been recorded on the site- which is believed to be a record for the town.

This striking plant attempts to mimic the appearance of a bumblebee visiting a pink flower. This is to fool bumblebees into trying to mate with what looks like a potential mate and in the process the plant is pollinated.

Watch out for this plant next June in the grassland area at Aycliffe Nature Park.







# Great Aycliffe Town Council present

## FUN IN THE PARKS 2011



**FREE : Fun Fair : Punch and Judy : Balloon Modelling Magic Shows : Face Painting**  
**Plus FREE games and much more to take part in — come along and join the fun!!**

### TUESDAYS 11am - 3pm

2nd August	Town Centre Park
9th August	Oak Leaf Sports Complex With Welly Hoyoing Competition
16th August	Simpasture Park
23rd August	Horndale Park
30th August	West Park

### FRIDAYS 11am - 3pm

5th August	Moore Lane Park With clay modelling
12th August	Woodham Park With nature Picture Trail
19th August	Aycliffe Village With Nature Games
26th August	St Oswald's Park With Mini Beasting
2nd September	Town Centre Park

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE 01325 300600**

### COURSES AVAILABLE

#### TABLE TENNIS

for 8-15 years - 10am-11.30am

**Monday 25th July**

Members £1.60 - Non members £1.85

#### BADMINTON

for 8-15 years - 10am-11.30am

**Wednesday 17th August**

Members £1.60 - Non members £1.85

#### BOWLS

for 8-15 years - 10am-11.30am

**Monday 22nd August**

Members £1.60 - Non members £1.85

#### SQUASH

for 8-15 years - 10am-11.30am

**Wednesday 10th August**

Members £1.60 - Non members £1.85

#### ARCHERY

Fun Guaranteed

for 8-15 years - 9.30am-11.30am

**Thursdays**

**28th July - 11th August**

**18th August - 25th August**

**1st September**

Members £3.20 - Non members £3.75

#### DANCE MATS

for 8-15 years - 12noon-1pm

**Thursday 4th August**

Members £1.60 - Non members £1.85

#### MINI DANCE MATS

for 4-7 years - 12noon-1pm

**Monday 15th August**

Members £1.60 - Non members £1.85



**SCHOOL AYCLIFFE LANE  
NEWTON AYCLIFFE**

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#### ACTIVITY DAY

A Fun Packed Day

for 8-15 years - 9.30am-3.30pm

**Wednesday 3rd August**

**Wednesday 31st August**

(Don't forget your packed lunch)

£11 per child

#### CRAFTY KIDS

Get creative and make  
something to take home!

for 8-15 years - 10am-11.30am

**Thursday 4th August**

**Monday 15th August**

Members £3.20 - Non members £3.75

#### MINI ACTIVITY SESSION

Big Fun for Little People

for 4-7 years - 9.30am-11am

**Wednesday 27th July**

**Wednesday 24th August**

Members £2.40 - Non members £2.75

**Oak Leaf Sports Complex**  
Tel No. 01325 300600

**Relax in our Beer  
Garden with friends  
and family while the  
children have fun in  
our enclosed play area.**



#### SPORTS FACILITIES

Squash Courts

9.15am-10.00pm

Sports Hall

9.00am-10.00pm

Indoor Bowls Arena

9.00am-10.30pm

**FUNCTION ROOM**

9.00am - 10.30pm

Functions as Negotiated

**BAR**

Mon-Sat

11.00am-11.00pm

Sun 12.00noon-10.30pm

#### FOOD AVAILABLE

Mon-Fri 12.00 noon-2.30pm

& 5.00pm-9.30pm

Sandwiches and Hot Meat

**Buns only available**

2.30pm-5.00pm

Sat & Sun

12.00noon-9.30pm

**Traditional Sunday Lunch**

served every Sunday

Adult £6.10 Child £4.10

12.00noon-2.00pm

Main Menu & Specials Board are not  
available during this service

### PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRES

The Pre-school Learning Centres have had yet another successful year this includes the extension of the opening hours at St. Oswald's Pre-School and the recent Ofsted inspection at Woodham Burn Pre-School.

#### St. Oswald's Pre-School



The opening hours at St. Oswald's Pre-School were extended in September 2010, this has been very successful and has enabled us to provide both full and part time places.

The extended hours have also enabled us to be more flexible to the needs of parents.

The Pre-School is open 8.45am to 3.30pm each weekday day during school term time.

#### Woodham Burn Pre-School

The children and staff of Woodham Burn Pre-School are celebrating after their recent Ofsted inspection

The inspectors stated that "overall the quality of the provision is good. Staff's very good understanding of children's individual needs creates a highly inclusive environment. This promotes children's welfare and supports the very good progress they make in their learning and development. High quality and readily available resources give children good opportunities to initiate spontaneous activities in many areas of learning. Partnership working is excellent and self evaluation is effective. Consequently, the capacity for continuous improvement is good".



For further information on the Pre-Schools please contact  
Jackie Swainston on 01325 319880



