



# Great Aycliffe Town Council

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Great Aycliffe Town Council present

## FUN IN THE PARKS 2015



**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!! 11am - 3pm EACH DAY



Town Park



Simpasture Park



Horndale Park

**5th August - Town Centre Park**  
Plus 2 Face Painters, Craft Marquee, Zoo Train Inflatable and Football Competition held by NAYFC

**7th August - Horndale Park**

**12th August - Woodham Park**  
Teddy Bear's Picnic, bring your favourite teddy bear along to join the fun

**14th August - Moore Lane**  
Frozen Theme, Anna, Elsa & Olaf will be visiting, along with a Frozen Bouncy Castle and Hunt, why not get dressed up as your favourite Frozen Character for the day!

**19th August - Oak Leaf Park**

Plus Krafty Kritters and their animals, Zoo Train inflatable and a visit from Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

**21st August - St Oswald's Park**

**26th August - Aycliffe Village Park**

**28th August - Simpasture Park**

Our final venue for this year

Recommended for ages 3 to 8 years. Height and age restrictions apply to inflatables and fairground rides.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE 01325 300600



Byerley Park



West Park



St Oswalds Park



Moore Lane Park



Woodham Park



Aycliffe Village Park

## Summer Countryside Events

### PHOTOGRAPHIC WALK FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesday 22nd July 10am-12 noon

Bring along your cameras and join us for a walk around St Oswald's Park when we will be taking an opportunity to slow down and look for a perfect photograph of one of our most picturesque parks. Meet in the Car park.



### POND DIPPING AT SCHOOL AYCLIFFE

Monday 27th July 1.30pm – 3pm

The ponds at School Aycliffe Wetlands are a little oasis for wildlife at this time of year. Bring your nets and buckets and wellies for this fun event and help discover what creatures make this area home. Meet at the Community Centre car park off Eastfields Road.



### THE HIDDEN BURN

Wednesday 29th July 10am – 12 noon

This informative short walk will walk through part of Woodham Burn and allow you to learn a little about the local areas wildflowers, geology and history. Meet outside the entrance to Woodham Burn Primary school.

### MASK MAKING

Friday 31st July 10am – 12 noon

Visit Moore Lane Eco Centre and spend some time creating an animal mask to take home with you.

### MINIBEASTING AT MOORE LANE ECO CENTRE

Monday 3rd August 11am – 12 noon

Here is your opportunity to visit Moore Lane Park in search of the micro creatures which make this area their home. Why not bring along a picnic and enjoy the surroundings and follow up this event with the creative session in the afternoon. Meet at Moore Lane Eco Centre.

### CLAY MODELLING - Monday 3rd August 1pm-2pm

Come along and test your creative skills by creating some clay models using air drying clay to take home with you. Meet at Moore Lane Eco Centre.

### POND DIPPING AT WEST PARK LAKES

Thursday 6th August 11am – 12.30pm

Bring your nets and buckets for this drop in session and be surprised by the numbers and variety of creatures which live in the lakes. Meet around the bottom lake off Ashfield.

### ARTS SESSION AND STORY TELLING

Friday 14th August 11am – 2pm

Come along to this drop in session at Moore Lane Eco Centre which will be part of the 'Fun in the Parks' series of events. In the morning a professional artist will be on hand to help you to design props and hats which will be used in the afternoon story telling sessions. Meet at Moore Lane Eco Centre.







Sports Complex

**SCHOOL AYCLIFFE LANE  
NEWTON AYCLIFFE**

**01325 300600**

[www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

## SUMMER JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



### MINI ARCHERY

Monday 20th July  
and  
Thursday 28th August  
10am until 11am  
For ages 4 to 7 years

**ARCHERY**  
Tuesday 21st  
& 28th July  
and 11th, 18th &  
25th August  
For ages 8 to 15 years  
9.30am until 11am

**GOLF**  
Wednesday 22nd  
& 29th July  
and 5th, 12th, 19th  
& 26th August  
11am - 12noon for 4-7 years  
12noon - 1pm for 8-15 years  
**£15 for all 6 sessions**

**TEAM GAMES**  
Thursday 23rd July  
For ages 8 to 15 years  
10am until 11am



**MINI ACTIVITY**  
Monday 27th July  
& 24 August  
10am until 11.30am  
For ages 4 to 7 years

**CRAFTY KIDS**  
Thursday 6th August  
1pm - 2.30pm  
Monday 17th August  
10am - 11.30am  
For ages 8 to 15 years

**MINI BALLS OF FUN**  
Tuesday 11th August  
11.30am until 12.30pm  
For ages 4 to 7 years

**BALLS OF FUN**  
Thursday 13th & 27th August  
12noon - 1pm  
For ages 8 to 15 years

**DODGEBALL**  
Thursday 20th August  
11.30am until 12.30pm  
For ages 8 to 15 years



Courses take place during the school 6 weeks holidays, to book your place or for further details please contact us on **01325 300600** - Booking is Essential - Sessions are for ages 8-15 years (except mini sessions)

## MAYOR'S 'AT HOME'

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, held her 'At Home' in the Council Offices on Thursday, 9th July 2015.

The day was a huge success with Civic Guests and parishioners making the most of the nice weather at the reception in the garden followed by tea in the Council Offices.

A raffle took place in aid of the Mayor's charities:-

Renal Unit at James Cook Hospital

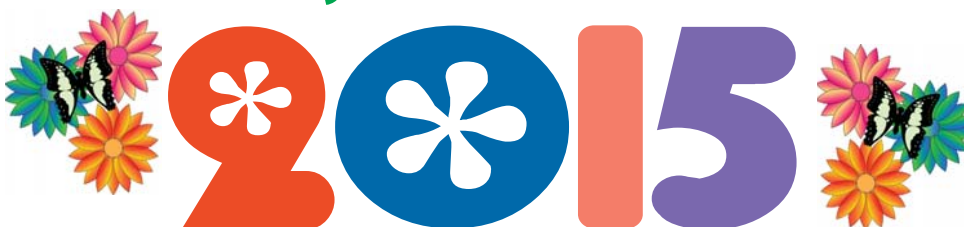
Neville Parade Community Centre and Scouts

and Guides of Great Aycliffe.

An amount of £235 was raised from the event.



## 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, 14th August 2015.

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

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

or Full Street: .....

## SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS

The Senior Citizens' Excursions are one of the most popular events organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council.

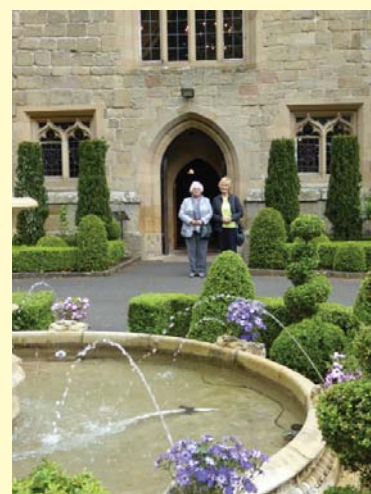
This year they started on Monday 1st June with an excursion to Northumberland and finished on Friday 3rd July with the ever popular Blackpool.

We received 1320 applications this year which meant that there were 27 'trips' altogether including 6 coaches which had a wheelchair hoist to assist passengers who had difficulty with the coach steps or those who were confined to their wheelchair.

Aycliffe residents aged 60 or over had the choice of one excursion to visit the Lake District (Keswick), Northumberland (Hexham), Scottish Borders (Berwick), Scarborough, Blackpool or South Shields for the day.

Everyone was provided with a three course meal and tea or coffee in a variety of settings ranging from a 14th Century Castle in Northumberland to a hotel in Glenridding in the Lake District with magnificent gardens and a private jetty.

All of the excursions offer passengers free time to see the attractions of the nearest neighbouring town. Some of the excursions also provided additional opportunities to enhance your garden or your wardrobe with visits to Heighley Gate Garden Centre in Morpeth and Boundary Mills at Shiremoor.



## MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX &  
OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

**FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2015**

(Tee Off Times between 11.30am and 2.30pm)

**Entry Fee - £100 per team**  
(Includes Meal and Presentation Evening)

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

**Renal Unit at James Cook Hospital, Neville Parade  
Community Centre & Scouts and Guides of Great Aycliffe.**

Further Information and Application Forms from Christine Ryder, Mayor's Secretary, [christine.ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:christine.ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk), 01325 300700 or the Oakleaf Golf Complex.





# GREAT AYCLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan team has been working extremely hard to ensure your views in the first round of consultation have been listened to, addressed where possible or alternatively shared with other organisations.

You ranked retail as your number one priority. You wanted to see improved retail and said we should endeavour to attract national brands, e.g. Next, to our Town. The team agreed the pragmatic approach was to contact retailers directly to determine whether they would be interested in setting up their business in Aycliffe and if not, why not?

Funding was sought and received to commission an independent commercial agent to carry out this research and market testing, with 156 retailers, including leisure providers (bars and restaurants) being contacted. We are awaiting the full report and will provide residents with the outcome in the coming weeks via Facebook, the local press and in person at community meetings.

We would like to make it clear to residents that the Neighbourhood Plan can only allocate land for development, it cannot influence rents or rates for retail. Please bear this in mind when voting on the options as there are many positive things to take forward including the protection of key green spaces. The Plan is for the next 20 years and not just about 'now'.

We are now moving into the second round of consultation and an issues and options paper is being produced. This is where you can comment and vote on the options that have been developed to address your issues.

It is hoped the document will be ready for circulation in the next few months. To find out more information on the proposed options and how we are trying to address your issues, please download the GANP Newsletter from the Great Aycliffe Town Council Website or alternatively to follow us on Facebook please add the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan group.

I will be leaving Great Aycliffe Town Council on 4th August 2015 to start a new role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council and officers for the opportunity to work on this exciting project and also the continued support throughout my employment. I would also like to thank both the Steering Group and Thematic Groups for all of your hard work and support and most importantly every resident who has supported the plan and taken part in consultation helping steer the future development of the Town. I feel privileged to have worked on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.

As an Aycliffe resident I look forward to taking part in future consultation and to seeing the final document, I also wish the Council and residents a successful outcome.

The Town Council would like to thank Angela Corner for her hard work on the Neighbourhood Plan and wish her every success in her new role as Inclusion Manager for the Thirteen Group. Angela's post as Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer for the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan was for a two year fixed contract and she is now moving on to a permanent post.

Work on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan will continue with Chrissy Walton and Amanda Donald co-ordinating the efforts with assistance from professionals at key stages.

Oakleaf Golf Complex School Aycliffe Lane Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QZ

## Membership Special Offer

### 9 Months for the Price of 7

### Unlimited Golf until 31 March 2016

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| <b>Adult 7 day</b> £195<br><b>Adult 5 day</b> £165<br><b>Over 60 - 7 Day</b> £165<br><b>Over 60 - 5 Day</b> £135 | <b>Junior 18 - 21</b> £100<br><b>Junior 14 - 18</b> £50<br><b>Under 14s</b> £25 |
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**Green Fee Summer Special**  
 Play between 1pm and 5 pm Monday to Friday  
 For a special price of  
 £10 per round (adults) £7.50 per round (concessions)

18-hole course, floodlit driving range, buggy hire, changing facilities and shop.  
 Coaching available from PGA Julie Welch.  
 Bar and catering available at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

Tel: 01325 310820 or see [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk) for further details

## TOWN COUNCIL INTERVEENS ON A167 ROAD LIGHTS REMOVAL

The Town Council are to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Durham County Council to retain 82 of the A167 road lights scheduled for removal by Durham County Council as a cost saving measure.

The lights are located within the Parish boundary of Great Aycliffe. The retaining of 82 lights will cost the Town Council £47,507 over the ten year agreement period. Some of the existing A167 lights are still being retained, such as those at some major junctions, by Durham County Council, the Town Councils decision to provide funding will enable continued provision of road lights up to the Parish boundary, which is to a point approximately adjacent to the Woodham Golf Course, to the west of the A167.



## Town Pride Environment Week

The Town Pride Environment Week took place as part of the Aycliffe Festival from Monday 6th July until Monday 13th July with presentations and litter picks taking place across the whole town.

As usual the Town Council's Environment Officer, Steve Cooper and Aycliffe Youth Council undertook 7 litter picks with 7 schools taking part.

The children as usual had a great time whilst learning about litter and the impact on our environment.







# Aycliffe Festival

## Message from the Chairman of the Recreation Committee, Councillor Brian Hall

This is the first Aycliffe Festival and our confidence in our local community, village hall associations, residents' groups and individuals to organise events for you has been justified. I am sure that the people of Great Aycliffe will join with me to thank all the organisers and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to organise the events listed in this programme. Their contribution is greatly appreciated and helps make Aycliffe a Community, not just a town or village.

*Councillor Brian Hall*

The Festival was opened by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton on Friday 3rd July at the Full STEM Ahead event.

The Aycliffe Festival started with a bang with Aycliffe Youth Council's 'Full STEM Ahead' which was host to a plethora of mathematical, scientific, engineering and technological displays. Just some of the incredible displays and interactive attractions included VEX robots, Batak Wall, 3D printing, competition racing cars and the incredible John Kilcoyne. John amazed hundreds of school children (and adults) with his explosive and extremely loud science show.

Acorn, Horndale, WASPS and Lakes and Dales Residents' Association organised and hosted Friday night's Music event at Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club. Star attraction was Micky Rich who wowed the audience with sounds of the 60's and 70'. Micky had the audience singing along and dancing enthusiastically to many favourites such as Runaround Sue and Alice. Micky Rich was followed by Ocean who had the audience 'rocking all over the world' with popular songs from Status Quo, the Beatles and many others. Well done to Alan Lowe and the residents who organised the event.

Saturday was a very busy day and brought a series of events ranging from a Coffee Morning at St Clare's Church, a Pipe Band Concert at Simpasture Court, Summer Fayres at Woodham Academy and Rose Lodge Care Home and an Open Day at the Army Reserve Centre. There was 'Kid's Flicks' at St Clare's Church, the Community Fair in the Recreation Centre as well as the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) event which was hosted by Star Radio and offered people the chance to ride a Rodeo Bull and take part in competitions.

Sunday brought us a Brass Band Concert at Simpasture Court gardens and the intergenerational Showcase from Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre which was so well attended that they sold out of hamburgers!

Monday events included Djembe Drumming which attracted 33 participants who banged and slapped the drums with enthusiasm. There certainly was 'Tea and Time to Enjoy' with MIND not to mention cakes galore!

St Clare's Church was well worth a visit where St Clare's Angels – made by local school groups, brownies, craft groups and church members - have been on display throughout the Festival. They truly are a credit to the children and adults who must be so proud of them.

Wednesday was the day for an 'Easy Great Aycliffe Way Walk' on Wednesday. It was a lovely day for a nice easy stroll around the scenic route of 'The Way'. Thursday saw over 150 runners taking part in the 5k Trail Race around the Oakleaf Golf Course. Thanks for this well organised event go to Jane, Nat and Jo and the marshals as well as Vicky and Bob. This is an event which is sure to 'run' again!

The Funfair at Moore Lane started on Thursday and ran through to Sunday, much to the delight of the many visitors to the Fairground.

Also on Thursday was the Mayor at Home, a chance for the residents of the Parish to have afternoon tea

with the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton. Guests enjoyed a refreshing fruity glass of Pimm's cocktail in the garden sunshine before having sandwiches and cakes in the Council Chamber.

Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club was the venue for the Aycliffe Young Talent Project's Live Acoustic Music Night on Friday. The event was very popular and hosted a number of local artistes – and the whole occasion was rounded off with a buffet for all attending. Aycliffe Dance Academy's 'I Believe' my Dreams are Real was a total success with parents and grandparents thrilled by the young performers – up to 160 dancers took part in the production.

Saturday was the busiest day of the whole Festival with 12 events taking place throughout the day and night. The main attractions were Fun Day at Agnew Community Centre when children and adults enjoyed making craft items, getting their nails painted as well as trying to get a table tennis ball in a bottle, sounds easier that it was!

There was a Heartbeat Day at Woodham Community Centre with fun trips on the Heartbeat Bus, fancy dress and free cakes!

Another Town Centre Event was held in the Beveridge Way precinct with Star Radio which offered the opportunity to win a holiday in America.

Aycliffe Dance Academy's second performance of 'I Believe my Dreams are Real' was also a huge success. The Pioneering Care Centre hosted a Community Summer Fayre. Children were given balloon dogs by Professor Nincompoop as they arrived and then were able to go through the premises and gardens taking part in crafts and potting vegetables to take home. Visitors also enjoyed a variety of free health and well-being themed activities as well as a magician and information and advice

Two evening events were held. Aycliffe Young Talent Project hosted a Rock Band Music Evening at Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club and Aycliffe Village Hall was the venue for an evening of live soul music featuring the 'Smokin Spitfires' as well as a buffet and quiz.

The sun shone for the final day of the Festival (Sunday), which brought the Family Fun Day at Simpasture Court Garden when visitors were treated to a magic show, balloon modelling and bouncy castles.

Many families arrived with their picnic baskets and blankets to enjoy a Picnic in the Park at the Town Park. The on-site entertainment included performances of modern 'pop' brass bands Las Trans Savat and New York Brass, Tommy Bungle's Circus, Brian and Marilyn Llewellyn with Punch and Judy and face painting as well as walkabout entertainers Sally and Hodman who were hilarious as they wandered around looking for somewhere to live.

To see a list of all the Festival events which took place please see our website.

The first Festival was a great success, thanks to a lot of hard work and organisation from members of the community. However, there is always room for more, so if you think you would like to organise something for next year, please get in touch with the Festival Coordinator on 01325 300700 or Festival@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

