



# Great Aycliffe Town Council NEWSLETTER



13th July 2018

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## Friday 13th July AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE BEARS

St Elizabeth's Church, St  
Elizabeth's Close, Woodham.

**From 2 pm to 4.00 pm - Entry Free**  
Display of bears, mainly knitted.  
Why not bring your own bear and  
tell us his/her story. See inside for  
the form to attach to your bear.

## MUSIC NIGHTS

Newton Aycliffe Working Men's  
Club

**Doors open 7pm to 11.00 pm**

**£2.50 per person (buy in advance at the Club or  
on the door on the night)**

A great night of live music and dancing to the sounds  
of two local bands: The Kent Collective performing  
classic mod, soul, ska and indie hits, supported  
by the fabulous Midnight Rose, a 5 piece female  
fronted rock/pop/blues cover band from the North  
East of England.

## Evening of Jazz

The County, Aycliffe Village.

**7.30 pm - 11 pm - £20 per person (includes a meal)**  
A superb evening of great food, live music and an  
opportunity to help Acl Scout Group raise funds.  
Live Jazz from The 'Jazztones'. Tickets are available  
from the County, Joy Marie's Hair Design or Acl  
Leaders.

## Saturday 14th July

### PCP SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAY

**10 am - 2 pm**

**Pioneering Care Centre Free Admission**

Get ready for a free fun packed family day! Lots of  
free activities including gardening' e.g. grow your  
own and then plant 'pot people' and animals, soft  
play, bouncy castle and garden games. A discovery  
trail leading to the many activities and information  
points.

There will also be a Double Decker Play Bus, Ice  
Cream Van and Police Car, Craft Workshops, e.g.  
Biscuit Decorating and Interactive Story Time  
using art materials. Don't miss two Face Painters  
and a Caricaturist. Visit the Petting Zoo, meet the  
Magician, Punch & Judy, and our Mascots.

Health Trainers will be on hand to provide health  
and wellbeing information and support whilst also  
offering a free healthy snack.

The café will be open and serving a range of drinks  
and snacks too.

The Pioneering Care Centre and its grounds are fully  
accessible.

## Tuesday 17th July

### STEM

Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre

**9 am - 2.30 pm - Entry Free**

A series of science, technology, engineering and  
maths interactive sessions and presentations to  
excite and enthuse the young people into the world  
of engineering as a career.



**Events from Friday 13th July to Saturday 28th July**

**A series of events organised for the people of Aycliffe by the  
people and communities of Aycliffe. Sponsored with grants  
or assistance from Great Aycliffe Town Council.**

**See full details of all events at  
[www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events)**

## Wednesday 18th - 22nd July

### FAIRGROUND

The fairground will open at Moore Lane  
Park with rides for adults and children. The  
Fair will operate during the following hours:  
**Wed-Fri 5:30pm till 8:30pm, Sat 1:30pm till  
8:30pm and Sun 1:30pm till 6:00pm**

Bring this advert for 50p off any ride (not side  
stalls)

## Friday 20th July

### SOCIAL EVENING

Aycliffe Village Hall

**From 7.30pm to 11pm - Tickets £10**

Live music from 'Settha by Golly Wew' with the  
sound of Motown and Soul Classics including  
The Temptations, Lee Gies, Stylistics and Barry  
White. There's also a superb buffet, quiz and  
raffle. Tickets available at £10 each from Mr K  
Johnson, telephone 01325 314735.

## PARTY IN THE PARK & DURHAM BRASS FESTIVAL

Town Park, Burn Lane

**6pm - 9pm - Free admission**

Bring a picnic and chairs and sit back, join in  
or dance, it's up to you! Whatever you choose  
to do, you are guaranteed an amazing evening  
of brass fun. The event is one of the highlights  
of the Festival and enjoyed by hundreds of  
people every year. There will be a marquee  
for children with a competition to design their  
own trombone.

## Saturday 21st July

### OAKLEAF GOLF TOURNAMENT

**A free competition open to all residents  
of Aycliffe with an official handicap, and  
all members of the Oakleaf Golf Club.  
Presentation with buffet afterwards at the  
Oakleaf Sports Complex. Tee off times 9am  
- 11am**

Prizes (vouchers):

- Nearest the pin - £15 • Longest drive - £15
- Seniors, Men and Ladies - First £40, 2nd £30  
and 3rd £20.
- Juniors - First £25, 2nd £15 and 3rd £10.
- Mini Juniors playing 5 holes - First £15,  
2nd £10 and 3rd £5.

Contact the Golf Club or the Golf Pro Shop  
(01325) 310820 for further information.

## Sunday 22nd July

### MAGICAL AFTERNOON

Aycliffe Village Hall

**2pm - 4pm - Children £2, Adults  
£3 (to include refreshments)**

Come along and enjoy an afternoon  
of magic and mayhem with Professor  
Nincompoo. Hot dogs for the  
children and scones and tea for the  
adults. A great time guaranteed!

## Tuesday 24th July

### INTRODUCTION TO FOOTBALL

Town Park, 1pm - 3pm Free

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of magic and  
mayhem with Professor Nincompoo. Hot dogs for  
the children and scones and tea for the adults. A  
great time guaranteed!

## Wednesday 25th July

### FUN IN THE PARK

Town Park, Burn Lane

**11 am - 3 pm - Free entry and entertainment**

**Unbelievable!** a family event where all the activities  
are totally free:

- Mr Twister magic show
- Face painting
- Animal train inflatable
- Children's fairground rides
- Punch and Judy
- Climbing wall
- Inflatable bumper cars
- Speed ball football target

## Saturday 28th July

### LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Newton Aycliffe Town Centre

**12noon until 8pm - Free**

Live music festival featuring local talent including  
bands, singers and other entertainers. Showcasing  
the best in local music entertainment with at  
least 12 acts performing on stage throughout the  
day. Competitions and other family entertainment  
available too.

### MAYORESS AT HOME

Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School  
Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

**From 2pm to 4pm - Free Entry**

Meet the Mayoress of Great Aycliffe for afternoon  
tea. Please let us know if you will be coming, so we  
can cater for you. Contact Sharna Stretch on Tel:  
01325 300700.

### CRAFT COMPETITION & DISPLAYS

St Clare's Church

**10am - 2pm** (note the competition area will  
close briefly for judging) - **Entry Free**

Here's your chance to 'get making'! The closing  
date for applications is Friday 20th July. Bring your  
entry to St Clare's on 28th July between 9.15-10 am.  
(See class descriptions and entry form inside.) If you  
don't 'make' but love looking at what others can  
do, come along and see what wonderful exhibits  
talented people have made.

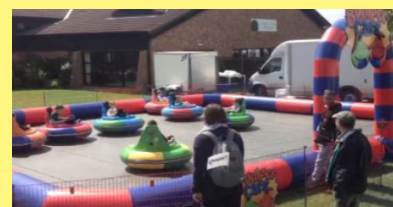
The Women's Institute will also be staging  
demonstrations in various crafts including quilting,  
card making, knitting, embroidery and hooky and  
proggy mat making.

Great Aycliffe Town  
Council present . . . .

# FUN IN THE PARKS 2018

**FREE : Fun Fair : Punch and Judy : Balloon Modelling : Magic Shows : Face Painting**  
and much more to take part in - come along and join the fun!! **11am - 3pm EACH DAY**

DAY	PARK
<b>25th July</b>	<b>TOWN CENTRE PARK - Festival FITP</b> we kick off the event with Two Face Painters, Two Extra Fairground Rides, Bumpy Carz, Climbing Wall and the Zoo Train Inflatable.
<b>27th July</b>	<b>OAK LEAF PARK</b> plus Farmyard Flyer, a visit from Mickey and Minnie Mouse and the RSPB
<b>1st August</b>	<b>WOODHAM PARK</b> Teddy Bears Picnic, bring your favourite teddy bear along to join in the fun
<b>3rd August</b>	<b>ST OSWALD'S PARK</b> A visit from Chase, Skye and Marshall and a Paw Patrol Hunt
<b>8th August</b>	<b>MOORE LANE PARK</b> Dot and Zooky will be teaching Circus Skills Bungee Trampolines, Tattoo Artist and a Bubbologist
<b>10th August</b>	<b>HORNDAL PARK</b> The Minions will be visiting the park and the kids can take part in a Minions Hunt.
<b>15th August</b>	<b>AYCLIFFE VILLAGE PARK</b> With a Train Theme Scavenger Hunt.
<b>17th August</b>	<b>Final Venue SIMPASTURE PARK</b> plus 2 Face Painters, Crazy Cottage and Bumpy Carz
Recommended for ages 3 - 8 years. Height and age restrictions apply to inflatables and fairground rides.	



## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

There will be a full programme of summer environmental events over the summer holidays. Pre booking is recommended by calling 01325 300700 to confirm your place.

### FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY – WOODLAND ART 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Help to bring Cobblers Hall Plantation to life by sculpting temporary clay faces onto some of the trees within this beautiful woodland. Meet at the entrance to the woodland off the Rushyford road.

### FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST – POND DIPPING 1.00pm -3.00pm

Discover the creatures which make the ponds at the Nature Park home. Activity aimed at ages 5 years to 11 years. All equipment will be provided. Wear wellies if you have them. Meet at Clarence Green.

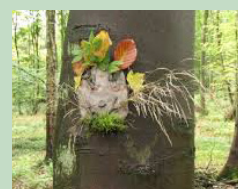
### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – POTTERY PAINTING 10.00am-12.00pm

Here is your opportunity to create your own personalised glazed pottery, ideal as a keep sake or present idea. A professional artist will be on hand to help you through the process. Your pottery will be taken away, glazed and fired before being returned for collection the following week. There will be a fee for every item completed. Event will be taking place at the Eco Centre as part of the Moore Lane Fun in the Park.

### FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – MINIBEASTS OF MOORE LANE 1.00pm – 3pm

Visit Moore Lane Eco Centre for an opportunity to take part in a short bug hunt before returning to make your own bug home to take away with you. Bring your own empty plastic bottle.

Further events will be advertised in the local press, the Town Council website and Facebook page.



## Almost There! - New Play Area

Those who have travelled Burn Lane recently might have seen the development of the new Cobblers Hall play area which is located on the opposite side of the road to the Cobblers Hall shops. This exciting new £150,000 initiative features an extensive play area and a full size Multi User Games Area (MUGA) which will be ready for use in the next few weeks, in time for the school summer holidays.

Watch out for details of the official opening in the local press and on social media.







Aycliffe Youth Council has had a busy year. Our elections in September resulted in 21 youth councillors, some staying on for a second term and some new. The existing young people mentor the new youth councillors and help them settle in. There have been some very interesting and lively debates at our meetings.

We have a new logo that the young people agreed after many options, colours and much discussion. We hope you like it.

We took part in the 'Smalls for All' campaign and asked our friends and relatives to donate old bras. These are then sent to various African countries where they are distributed to women and children who need our 'support'. With the help of Great Aycliffe Town Council staff we managed to donate quite a few items. A simple thing we take for granted can make a huge difference to someone's life.

We painted some of the seats in the Town Park with our Youth Council colours.

We have given over £1300 in grants to a number



of individuals and organisations. These include St. Mary's Mini Police project; Woodham students for a volunteering opportunity in Thailand helping care for elephants, rainforest restoration and cultural preservation; football strips for Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club Under 12 Eagles as well as individual grants to enable young people to take part in sporting or dance opportunities.

This year we have launched our Youth Award for Under 18s who are any or all of the following – inspirational, have good vocational/academic skills, volunteering in the community and making a contribution to society, achieving through adversity or a young carer. The winner for 2018 is Casey Topping. She will be presented with her award by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe at the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 25 July at 7.00pm.

The elections for Youth Councillors take place every September. Our meetings are semi-formal and we have the opportunity to get involved in a number of community events.

**If you are interested in becoming a Youth Councillor please contact Chrissy Walton on 01325 300700 or email her on [christine.walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:christine.walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk).**



## Town Pride Environment Week

The Town's local primary schools will be taking part in the annual Town Pride Environment Week organised by Great

Aycliffe Town Council and Aycliffe Youth Council in mid-July.

Each school will take part in an interactive presentation about the consequences of

litter before being given the opportunity to do a litter pick in the local community.



## Teddy Bear

My bear's name is..... He / she is .....years old.

I belong to .....

My bear's story is.....

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Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

## Aycliffe Festival Craft Competition

### CRAFT COMPETITION CLASSES AND ENTRY FORM

Class 1 - An item of papercraft max size 6" x 4"

Class 2 - An item of sugarcraft max size 4" x 4"

Class 3 - A tote bag - any medium max size 18" x 16"

Class 4 - Child's painting or drawing (age 5 and under)

Class 5 - Child's painting or drawing (age 6 - 10 years)

Name ..... Tel: .....

Address .....

..... Post Code.....

**The closing date for entries is Friday 20th July**, send to Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 6QF or e-mail to [info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)  
Bring your entry to St Clare's Church on Saturday 28th July between 9.15 am and 10 am.

**Use one entry form for each person entering a class please.**

Class No.	Description	No. of Entries in Class

## NOMINATE A GARDEN THAT MAKES YOU SMILE

Residents are being asked to nominate local gardens around the parish for an award. Applicants will be considered for best garden (must be front garden), best hanging basket display and best commercial property.

The gardens can be nominated throughout the summer with the deadline being Friday 7th September. Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Co. Durham DL5 6QF or email to: [info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

I would like to nominate:

House No. / Name:.....

Commercial Property:.....

Street: .....

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# St Oswald's Pre-School

We have had a fun few months at pre-school.

The Tots in the Park and our preschoolers joined together to do a 'onesie walk' to raise awareness for autism.

A great big well done to everyone who took part.

In May we celebrated the royal wedding by holding our very own high tea party of pizza, cheese and cucumber sandwiches, fries, cakes and sweeties.

Once again, all the children joined together to take part in the party. The children enjoyed this and a number of the girls were extremely keen to watch the royal wedding.

We have had lots of different activities going on in both the pre-school and in our Tots in the Park, twos room. Some of which include baking, painting with animals, making tasty recipes in our mud kitchen, puppet shows, sensory play with shaving foam, nature hunts in the park and many, many, more.

We also held our stay and play sessions which gave parents an opportunity to see what their child gets up to at preschool and also explore and take part in our wonderful activities. All children are eligible to receive 15 hours free funding from the term after their third birthday, we also offer the 30 hours to parents who are eligible.

Children can start at St Oswald's from two years old at our lovely Tots in the Park facility, an hourly rate of £4.50 will apply, with one session costing £13.50.

**We still have places available for September in both  
Tots in the Park and our Pre School.  
Please phone Julie Gale, Pre School Manager on 07968 379009 to arrange a visit.**



**Fencing**  
9.30am - 10.30am  
**Monday 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**Monday 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>,  
20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
8 - 15 years  
£3.20 members  
£3.70 non members

**SQUASH**  
10am - 11am  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
£2.40 members  
£2.90 non members

**MINI  
ACTIVITY**  
Team Games & Crafts  
9.30am - 11am  
**TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
4 - 7 years  
£2.40 members

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**Oak Leaf**  
Sports Complex

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**TABLE TENNIS**  
10am - 11am  
**Tuesday 31<sup>ST</sup> July**  
8 - 15 years  
£2.40 members  
£2.90 non members

**MINI ARROWS**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
12.15-13.15  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
10.00-11.00  
4 - 7 years  
£2.40 members £2.90 non members

**TWO MEALS for only £10.00**  
From our specials board  
**Stella 4%**  
**John Smith's Smooth**  
**Stella Cidre - Boddingtons**  
**Budweiser**

**Rackets & Bats**  
10.45am - 11.45am  
**MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
8 - 15 years  
£2.40 members £2.90 non members

**SPORTING FUN**  
11am - 12pm  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**  
8 - 15 years  
£2.40 members  
£2.90 non members  
**ARCHERY**  
9.30am - 10.30am  
**Monday 30<sup>TH</sup> July**  
**Monday 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> August**  
8 - 15 years  
£3.20 members

**DODGEBALL**  
9am - 10am  
**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST**  
**THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
ALSO  
12.15am - 1.15am  
**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
8 - 15 years - £2.40 members

**SUPER SPORTS SKILLS  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**Adult Archery**  
10am - 11am Tuesday 31<sup>ST</sup> July  
8 - 15 years | £2.40 members £2.90 non members

**Sports Facilities**  
Main Sports Hall  
with lined markings for: 1 x 5 a-side Pitch, 6 x Badminton  
Courts, 4 Squash Courts, Indoor Bowls Hall - 4 rinks

**Exercise Classes**  
Monday - Rackets and Bats (50+) 2-3pm  
Tuesday - Pound Class 6-7pm | Thursday - Oaklife (50+) 9.30-11.30am  
Sunday - Pilates 6-7pm

**Summer Sports Offers**  
5-A-Side - £20.00 per court | Badminton - £4.00 per court  
Squash - £4.00 per court | Table Tennis - £4.00 per table  
Available Weekends 12.00 to 4pm  
(usual booking/hire charge rules apply) ALL AGE GROUPS