



SUMMER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

The Town Council has some great events scheduled for Summer together with local organisations and groups who have been awarded funding to assist with the cost of organising their events. The following is a list of dates for the Summer events programme, however, there may be others added so check our website for up to date information (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny	Oakleaf Sports Complex	Sunday 17th April	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9.30am or 11.00am	£5.00 Child £8.00 Adult
Senior Citizens Excursions	Various Destinations	From Monday 6th June	Coach Trips & Luncheon	Free
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Oakleaf Sports Complex Field	Thursday 2nd June	Fairground rides, brass band, singer, beacon lighting, competitions	Free
Fun in the Parks	Town Park 11.00am - 3.00pm	Wednesday 27th July	Fairground rides, bungee trampoline For younger families 3-8 years	Free
Fun in the Parks	St Oswalds Park 11.00am - 3.00pm	Friday 29th July	Teddy Bear's Picnic For younger families 3-8yrs	Free
Fun in the Parks	Woodham Park 11.00am - 3.00pm	Wednesday 3rd August	Adventure Park for 8-14yrs Climbing wall, cave bus	Free
Fun in the Parks	Oakleaf Sports Complex 11.00am - 3.00pm	Friday 5th August	Animal Theme For younger families 3-8yrs	Free
Fun in the Parks	Moore Lane Park 11.00am - 3.00pm	Wednesday 10th August	Circus Themed Event For younger families 3-8yrs	Free
Fun in the Parks	Horndale Park 11.00am - 3.00pm	Friday 12th August	A Visit from Anna & Elsa For younger families 3-8yrs	Free
Fun in the Parks	Aycliffe Village Park 11.00am - 3.00pm	Wednesday 17th August	Face Painter and Inflatable For younger families 3-8yrs	Free
Fun in the Parks	Simpasture Park 11.00am - 3.00pm	Friday 19th August	Pirate Puppet Show For younger families 3-8yrs	Free



Breakfast or Brunch with the

EASTER BUNNY

Sunday 17th April

Breakfast 9:30am - 11:00am

Brunch 11:30am - 1:00pm

ADULTS £6.00 CHILDREN £5.00

Bookings Only, Payment Required Upon Booking.
To book call 01325 300600



School Aycliffe Lane
Newton Aycliffe
Co Durham
DL5 6QZ

Platinum Jubilee Best Dressed Residential Window

The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Best Dressed Residential Window, celebrate the 70's years of the Queen's reign.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

Closing date for applications: Friday 27th May 2022

I would like to nominate the house below for the Best Dressed Residential Window celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.

Address

Householder Name (if known)

This information will be held and used for administrative purposes only. Under the provisions of GDPR, your personal data will be treated in a secure and confidential manner and will not be kept for longer than necessary.

A Crown Fit for the Queen Competition

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is a once in a lifetime event, Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to give the children of Newton Aycliffe the opportunity to commemorate this special occasion by creating a crown fit for the Queen.

There will be four age categories and 1st prize winners from each will be given the opportunity to escort the Mayor, when lighting the beacon on Thursday 2nd June 2022 at the town's celebration. Winners and runners up will also receive a Platinum Jubilee medal.

The theme is the Queen's 70 years on the throne.

Age Categories:

- **Preschool/Reception (Ages 3 to 5)**
- **Year 1/2 (Ages 5 to 7)**
- **Year 3/4 (Ages 7 to 9)**
- **Year 5/6 (Ages 9 to 11)**

Closing date is Tuesday 10th May 2022

Mayor to judge the competition on Thursday 12th May 2022. Please return entries to Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

Entries from home: make sure the child's name, age, address or contact telephone number is written inside the crown.

Entries from schools: make sure the child's name, year group and school are written inside the crown.

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BACK TO THE FUTURE

PRE-COVID OPENING TIMES RETURNING FROM MONDAY 4TH APRIL

<u>Sports</u>	
Football, Squash, Table Tennis, Badminton, Sports Hall Hire	
7 Days a week	9am - 10pm
<u>Bowls</u>	
7 days a week	9am - 10.30pm
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<u>Bar</u>	
Monday - Saturday	11.30am - 11pm
Sunday	12pm - 10.30pm
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<u>Catering</u>	
Monday - Friday	12pm - 2.30 pm 5pm - 8.30pm
Saturday	12pm - 8.30pm
Sunday	12pm - 6.30pm



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

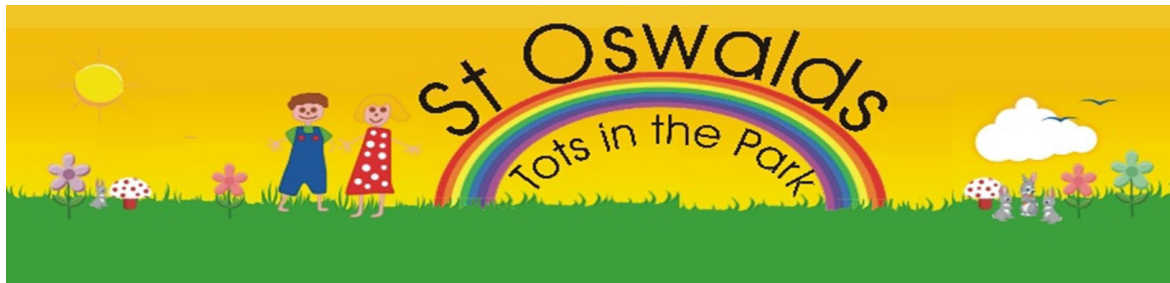
SUNDAY 27TH MARCH

TREAT YOUR MUM TO A 2 COURSE CARVERY IN OUR FUNCTION ROOM BETWEEN 12NOON AND 2PM

£10.00 PER ADULT
£6.50 PER CHILD
(under 12's)

ALL MOTHERS WILL RECIEVE A FREE GLASS OF WINE WITH THEIR MEAL.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. PAYMENT REQUIRED AT TIME OF BOOKING.



St. Oswald's Pre School



This term we have welcomed back our children and also welcomed our new starters to the Pre -school and Tots in the Park.

We have had a busy month of activities which the children have taken part in. These include sensory play in both our art studio and wonderful sensory room. The children also took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, this saw the children set off with their binoculars and explore the great outdoors in the hope of spotting a variety of birds in which we had been learning about at pre-school.

This term has also seen many baking activities with the children learning new skills and creating new dishes to enhance those taste buds and share what they have made with their peers.

We recently shared with the children,

new cultures and celebrations which happen around the world, such as Chinese New Year, the children made a huge dragon and we did a dragon dance around the park, tried new foods and practised writing Chinese symbols.

We have also recently been exploring songs, stories and rhymes from other cultures.

Children can start at St Oswald's from two years old at our lovely 'Tots in the Park' facility, an hourly rate of £4.75 will apply with one session costing £14.25.

Two year Funding is available for children who are in receipt of a golden ticket and parents can claim up to 15 hours.

We currently have space available in Tots in the park and our waiting list is open for Pre School for the new term.



PLEASE CONTACT:
Julie Gale (Pre-School Manager)
on 07968 379009 for further information

Improvements to Aycliffe Village play area

Great Aycliffe Town Council has recently completed a footpath project to improve access to the children's play area at Aycliffe Village, at the request of Aycliffe Village Residents Association. The new access footpaths will allow greater use of the facilities throughout the year and also provide disabled access. The project was completed with £24,600 funding provided by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (AAP).

The tarmac paths have been designed to allow access from the three corners of the site from Millfield, Monks End and the rear of Atkinson Gardens to the play area and the basketball area.

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe commented 'The site is in a natural hollow and tends to get very waterlogged during wet weather which resulted in the play area being inaccessible to some. The new paths will allow access throughout the year and means the play area which was redeveloped a few years ago at considerable expense by the Town Council can be used to its full potential'.

Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership spokesman, Brian Riley (GAMP Coordinator) confirmed, "This is an excellent



project which was identified by the local community and is a fantastic example of a project which GAMP has funded to improve the lives of local residents in partnership with Great Aycliffe Town Council".

2022/23 Town Council Budget

The Town Council has recently set its Revenue and Capital Budget for the 2022/23 financial year.

Clearly the budget that we set is important to our local community, both in terms of how our spending plans may impact on the provision of services and investment in assets for the benefit of the town, and in terms of the level of Council Tax that we need to raise from local taxpayers in order to fund these plans.

The Council has set a 2022/23 Revenue Budget that protects and maintains all services to current standards next year, whilst putting additional resources in place to support the development of new and improved community events.

The Council is also maintaining some surplus resources within the budget which will allow it to continue to replenish its balances and reserves. This will help ensure that we can continue to make capital investment

in community assets such as our cemeteries, allotments, parks and play areas, for the benefit of the community, in the coming years.

The Council has agreed a 2022/23 Capital Programme Budget of £280,600, with the budget focused on essential investment linked to the delivery of the Council's Asset Management Plan.

Planned investment includes building maintenance works, replacement works machinery including electrical alternatives, replacement works vehicles, drainage and repair of West Park Lakes, play area surfacing replacement, footpath repairs and Ash Die Back Disease tree removal works. In approving the 2022/23 Revenue and Capital Budget, the Council has agreed to raise the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax bill by 1.99% next year. This would increase the Town Council element of the Council Tax bill by £3.32 per year for the vast majority of local



taxpayers i.e. those living in Band A properties.

The Council appreciates that any increase in the monthly outgoings of our local taxpayers will not be popular. However, we hope taxpayers will agree that a monthly increase of 28p is a small price to pay to ensure that all the services provided by the Town Council can be protected for another year, and that reserves can continue to be replenished, with the added benefit of further investment in new and improved community events next year.



GOLF MEMBERSHIP

FROM 1ST APRIL 2022 UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2023

18-HOLE COURSE, DRIVING RANGE

FULLY STOCKED PRO SHOP WITH CUSTOM FITTING AVAILABLE

DRIVING RANGE

£3

SMALL
BASKET
£5 LARGE

RANGE CARD £40

ADULT 7 DAY	£415
ADULT 5 DAY *	£370
OVER 60 7 DAY	£370
OVER 60 5 DAY *	£320
19 - 25	£260
15 - 18	£50
JUNIOR UP TO 14	£15

4 MONTH INSTALMENT PLAN
AVAILABLE

WEEKDAY £15

£18 WEEKEND
& BANK HOLIDAY

NON MEMBERS BUGGY HIRE	£20 + £25 Deposit
MEMBERS BUGGY HIRE	£13

FOR BOOKING AND MORE INFORMATION PLEASE RING US AT 01325 310820

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