



Great Aycliffe Town Council NEWSLETTER

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Summer Fun in the Parks 2022

Wednesday 27th July 2022 - Town Centre Park - Mr Twister, Magician Marvin, two face painters, face glitter art, funhouse, small ferris wheel, teacups, bumpy carz, inflatable playbed and slide. Larger equipment includes bungee trampolines and climbing wall. Paw Patrol characters and big bubbles fun.

Friday 29th July 2022 - St Oswald's Park - Mr Twister, Magician Marvin, face painter, 2 x small fairground rides, clown around inflatable. Bring any poorly teddy bears along to our teddy bear surgery, we will also be receiving a visit from Oakey bear, who will be taking part in our bear hunt. Bring along a picnic to enjoy with your teddy bears!

Wednesday 3rd August 2022 - Woodham Park - This is our adventure park, aimed at children 8 to 14 years. We will have a large inflatable assault course, bungee trampolines, unclimbable ladder, cave bus and climbing wall.

Friday 5th August 2022 - Oak Leaf Sports Complex Park - This is our animal themed park, Mr Twister, Circus Sideshows will be bringing along their racing giraffes, 2 x face painters, 2 x small fairground rides, the animal flyer will be popping along with their llama, goats, pony and many more creatures. There will be donkey rides and Mickey &

Minnie Mouse.

Wednesday 10th August 2022 - Moore Lane Park - This is our circus themed park, Mr Twister, a Flea Circus, children will have the opportunity to learn circus skills. A face painter, big bubbles, two small fairground rides, bungee trampolines and the clown around inflatable.

Friday 12th August 2022 - Horndale Park - Mr Twister, Magician Marvin, a face painter, 2 x small fairground rides and the playbed inflatable. We will be receiving a visit from Anna and Elsa and a Frozen themed hunt!

Wednesday 17th August 2022 - Aycliffe Village Park - Mr Twister, Eileen and Joe with their ventriloquist show. A face painter, 2 small fairground rides, a large inflatable slide, and a fun hunt to take part in.

Friday 19th August 2022 - Simpasture Park - Mr Twister, a Pirate Puppet Show, there will be 2 x face painters, 2 x small fairground rides, bumpy carz and a large inflatable slide.

Please note:

Height and age restrictions apply to inflatables, fairground rides, cave bus, climbing wall and bungee trampolines.





St Oswald's Pre-school raised £915.50 for the Angels Trust by doing a jubilee jog. The children jogged around the park twice a day for one week. Both Pre-school and Tots in the Park took part in Mud Day where the children had the opportunity to explore this new texture and make memories. We jumped in puddles, slid down the slide into our mud pit and made mud pies. The children have also been looking at healthy eating this term and the Pre-school made pizzas using vegetable

items. We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a huge party and a visit from the Queen! The Pre-school have been taking part in the Ready, Set, Go programme which involves carrying out different exercises on a daily basis. We are filling up fast for September and have limited spaces in both the Pre-School and Tots in the park. For further information, please ring Julie Gale, Pre-School Manager on 07968 379009.



Wildflower Meadows

Since the 1930's wildflower meadows in the UK have declined by 97% resulting in a massive reduction in the diversity of wildflowers, pollinators that feed on the flowers and many other associated species, resulting in many species being at risk of extinction if nothing is done. Great Aycliffe Town Council are doing their bit by managing over 10 acres of wildflower meadows in a traditional manner to hopefully reverse this decline. Many people will have driven past the railway station in Newton Aycliffe and seen the large orchid sculpture within the grassland with a common blue butterfly on it. This was installed in 2008 and depicts one of the many flowers and insects which can be seen in this diverse habitat. Recently the Town Council hosted a training session for other local Councils who are interested in doing more to protect the environment and improve biodiversity. During the session, people were shown the host of native wildflowers and some of the insects which make these habitats their home. The meadows are allowed to grow through the summer and the wildflowers allowed to set seed before being harvested in late summer. By removing the cuttings after seeding this encourages the wildflowers to develop and become richer in number year on year.



Big Brass Bash

The Big Brass Bash was a huge success, with over 1500 people in attendance at the Town Park on Friday 15th July 2022. Those who came along enjoyed FREE live music and epic sets from not so traditional brass bands, the line-up included Bandakadabra, Bollywood, Artistas Del Gremio, Back Chat Brass and Loud Noises. This event was funded by Great Aycliffe Town Council and thank you to Durham County Council for organising an enjoyable show!

Newton Aycliffe's 75th Birthday

Newton Aycliffe will be 75 years old next year



The Town Council is planning a display of photographs and memorabilia as part of the birthday celebrations and would like your help.

Do you have any old photographs or memorabilia depicting events on the town - such as royal visits, Silver Jubilee street party celebrations, the carnival, community events, construction or opening of buildings or shops? Anything of nostalgic or historic interest.

If you have anything at all that you would like to donate, or memories to share, please contact:

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In Search of Community Heroes

Do you know a Local Hero? Do you know someone who dedicates their time to improving the welfare of residents of Great Aycliffe or raising the profile of the parish through charity work, fundraising, environmental work, outstanding sport, art or cultural contributions?

Great Aycliffe Town Council is launching its new Community Recognition and Awards Scheme, which aims to recognise the often-unsung heroes of the local community. Parish residents are invited to nominate individuals whom they feel are deserving of this award. Nominations will be considered by the Council and successful nominees will be invited to a Council meeting and presented with a Community Recognition Scheme Certificate and Local Hero Medal by the Mayor.

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Ken Robson, said "There are many people doing great work in our local community - it is time we gave them the recognition and thanks they deserve, and the Town Council looks forward to receiving your nominations."

Nominations may be made at any time throughout the year and will be reported to the next available meeting of the Council for consideration.

Full details of the scheme, nomination criteria and a nomination form are available on request to info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or via the Council's website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk



Mayoress - At Home



The Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, Mrs. Elaine Robson, welcomed Civic dignitaries from around the region and guests to her 'At Home' on Thursday 7th July at the Council Offices. Guests enjoyed sandwiches, scones and cakes with some great raffle prizes which raised a fantastic £370 for the Mayor's chosen charities for this year, Together 21 and Wishing Well. The Mayor and Mayoress thanked everyone who came along and helped to make it such a great event.

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