



North Tyneside Council

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN NORTH TYNESIDE

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### JANUARY

<b>SUCKERS WEEK</b>	25th January - 2nd February	Blue Reef Aquarium	In celebration of the amazing Octopus, join us for Suckers Week. Discover how these fascinating creatures have adapted to survive in our oceans.	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>
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### FEBRUARY

<b>UGH! WEEK</b>	14th - 22nd February	Blue Reef Aquarium	This week- long event highlights a selection of gross behaviour ranging from starfish who throw up their stomachs to fish who eat poo!	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>
<b>CARING FOR BIRDS</b>	17th February	Rising Sun Country Park	Spend a fun morning or afternoon at the Country Park learning how to prepare food treats for birds and make your own bird box to take home. Suitable for 5 years and over. Booking is essential	£4.00	Tel: 0191 200 7841
<b>CHILDREN'S CLUE TRAIL WALK</b>	19th February	Rising Sun Country Park	Bring your children along to the Countryside Centre and explore	£1.00	Tel: 0191 200 7841

			the park following a clue trail with the park manager. Suitable for 5-12 year olds.		
<b>FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT</b>	23rd February - 8th March	Rising Sun Country Park	As part of National Fairtrade Fortnight you can visit the Country Park restaurant and enjoy Fairtrade specials. Other products will be on display with free samples to taste.		Tel: 0191 200 7841
<b>MARCH</b>					
<b>NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK</b>	9th - 15th March	Blue Reef Aquarium	National Science Week is an annual event to celebrate science and highlights its importance to our everyday lives. All week Blue Reef is offering the chance to become a marine biologist for the day and to take part in some experiments.	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 www.blureefaquarium.co.uk
<b>DePAUL UK "STEPS FROM THE STREET" WALK</b>	15th March	Rising Sun Country Park	Join in the fun for a spring walk through the park to help raise money for homeless and disadvantaged people in the North East. The walk is for all abilities and ages.		Call Sarah Goddard on tel: 020 7939 1276
<b>HOUSE OF OBJECTS TALK</b>	17th March	Rising Sun Country Park	Take this opportunity to have a sneak preview of the park's latest educational venture, a creative recycling centre. It will include a short presentation and a tour.	FREE entry although a £1 donation to the "Friends of Rising Sun" is appreciated	Tel: 0191 200 7841
<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	22nd March	Blue Reef Aquarium	Celebrate Mother's Day and come along to Blue Reef and find out all about hardworking fishy	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 www.blureefaquarium.co.uk

			mums.		
<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY LUNCH</b>	22nd March	Rising Sun Country Park	Enjoy a Mother's Day lunch at the Rising Sun Country Park Restaurant. Choose one to three courses, a selection of starters, a Sunday roast and a selection of sweets. Booking is essential.		Tel: 0191 200 7841
<b>GREAT OX FESTIVAL WHITLEY BAY</b>	28th March	Whitley Bay Town Centre	A town centre event with fun for all the family celebrating the Ox with which the "Fat Ox" public house was named after.		
<b>APRIL</b>					
<b>SAVE OUR SEA POSTER COMPETITION LAUNCH</b>	1st April	Blue Reef Aquarium	As part of our ongoing commitment to environmental awareness, Blue Reef is running a competition in association with local and national conservation groups to highlight the environmental issues facing our marine world.	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>
<b>CREATIVE RECYCLING EVENT</b>	8th April	Rising Sun Country Park	Come and spend the morning being inspired by the amazing range of materials on offer at the House of Objects creative recycling centre. This is an innovative event for families and young people with opportunities to explore, arrange, create and re-invent using reclaimed and natural materials.	£1.50 per child	Tel: 0191 200 7841
<b>CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT AND EGG</b>	9th April	Rising Sun Country Park	Meet at the Rising Sun Farm and find hidden eggs. Bring 2 boiled eggs, one to decorate for Easter		Tel: 0191 200 7841

<b>DECORATING</b>			and one to race down the Rising Sun hill. Suitable for all ages.		
<b>PREDATORS WEEK</b>	4th - 19th April	Blue Reef Aquarium	From stingrays to sharks, deadly stone fish to piranhas the aquatic world is divided into the hunters and the hunted. Discover the amazing techniques different species have evolved to catch their prey and come face to face with the oceans ultimate predators - sharks!	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 www.blureefaquarium.co.uk
<b>NORTH TYNESIDE 10K ROAD RACE</b>	12th April	Starts at The parks, North Shields	The scenic 10k road race starts in North Shields taking in the Fish Quay, Tynemouth Priory, Cullercoats and Whitley Bay seafronts finishing at St Mary's Lighthouse. The closing date for entries is 27th March or when the limit of 2,000 entries has been reached. Entrants must be over 15 years of age on the day of the race.	£12.00 UK Athletics Club member, £14.00 non club member	Tel: 0191 643 7409 www.northtyneside.gov.uk
<b>WOODLAND FLORA DAY</b>	15th April	Rising Sun Country Park	Help plant young plants and sow seeds in the woodland with Country Park staff. This is an annual project to improve the woodland flora and fauna.		Tel: 0191 200 7841
<b>WALLSEND HARRIERS RISING SUN MULTI-TERRAIN RUN</b>	19th April	Rising Sun Country Park	Visit the park with the family and watch a Senior's Run. The event is being organised by Wallsend Harriers.		Call Chris Robson on tel: 0191 263 4921
<b>BOOK FAIR</b>	19th April	Tynemouth Station	Come along to Tynemouth		

			Station and browse through fact and fiction books on all genres and subject matters.		
<b>MAY</b>					
<b>CLAWS WEEKEND</b>	2nd - 4th May	Blue Reef Aquarium	From comical hermit crabs and fashion conscious decorator crabs to giant lobsters and crayfish, discover the fascinating world of crustaceans. Follow the claws trail and quiz to discover all about these amazing creatures.	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 www.blureefaquarium.co.uk
<b>VOLUNTEERS FARM WORK</b>	6th May	Rising Sun Country Park	An event for the adult members of the community to plant vegetables in the poly-tunnels and work with livestock alongside the Land Officer and Farm Manager. Booking is essential.		Tel: 0191 200 7841
<b>FRIENDS OF THE RISING SUN "PONDS IN THE PARK"</b>	20th May	Rising Sun Country Park	Enjoy a short walk in the park explaining the history, the management and the wildlife of our ponds.		Tel: 0191 200 7841
<b>SHARK WEEK</b>	23rd - 31st May	Blue Reef Aquarium	Despite their reputation as man-eaters, sharks worldwide are under increasing threat from man. Learn all about the secret world of these amazing creatures and what we can do to help protect them in the wild. Regular talks and feeding demonstrations throughout the week.	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 www.blureefaquarium.co.uk
<b>CHILDREN'S SPRING WALK</b>	26th May	Rising Sun Country Park	Meet at the Countryside Centre and then explore the park with	£1.00	Tel: 0191 200 7841

			staff by following a clue trail and enjoy environmental activities along the way. The events is aimed for 5-12 year olds. Booking is essential.		
<b>POND DIP &amp; MINI BEASTS</b>	28th May	Rising Sun Country Park	Meet at the Countryside Centre then set off with staff to explore the woodland in search of small creatures and find out what lives in our ponds Suitable for 3 years and over. Booking is essential.	£2.00	Tel: 0191 200 7841
<b>JUNE</b>					
<b>CONSERVATION MONTH</b>	throughout June	Blue Reef Aquarium	Learn about the different programmes that Blue Reef is involved in and how you can do your bit to help protect our seas.	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 www.blureefaquarium.co.uk
<b>NEWCASTLE RSPB BIRD AND WILDLIFE EVENT</b>	6th June	Rising Sun Country Park	The Newcastle RSPB group is celebrating its 40th anniversary at the Rising Sun. Activities will include guided bird watching, wildflower walks, pond-dipping, a demonstration of dry stone walling, talks by local naturalists, practical digital photography sessions and children's art and photography exhibitions		Tel: 0191 2007841
<b>WORLD OCEAN DAY</b>	8th June	Blue Reef Aquarium	World Ocean Day is an annual event aimed at raising awareness of the marine environment. Come and join Blue Reefs day of activities and be part of a worldwide celebration of the planet's seas and oceans.	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 www.blureefaquarium.co.uk

<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	14th June	Blue Reef Aquarium	A selection of sea-going super dads take centre stage at Blue Reef. Along with talks and a special guided tour focusing on the aquarium's hard working fathers, Blue Reef is also showcasing some real fishy father figures including clownfish, banggai cardinal fish and the famous seahorse.	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 www.blureefaquarium.co.uk
<b>STRIDE TO THE LIGHTHOUSE</b>	27th June	From The Parks, North Shields to St Mary's Lighthouse	A guided walk over a distance of 10k taking in the Fish Quay and the spectacular North Tyneside coastline.	Application forms available closer to the date	Tel: 0191 643 7442
<b>BOOK FAIR</b>	28th June	Tynemouth Station	Come along to Tynemouth Station and browse through fact and fiction books on all genres and subject matters.		
<b>JULY</b>					
<b>WALLSEND FESTIVAL</b>	4th July	Wallsend Town Centre	The culmination of a week of community celebration; Festival Saturday, 4th July will see street entertainment, craft stalls, live music, fairground rides and much more all in the centre of Wallsend.		Tel: 0191 643 6419 or visit www.wallsendfestival.org for the latest news
<b>PIRATES WEEKEND</b>	4th & 5th July	Blue Reef Aquarium	Swashbuckling fun for younger visitors. Discover all about pirates, privateers and buccaneers. There's storytelling sessions, workshops, flag designing classes and even special talks about some real life	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 www.blureefaquarium.co.uk

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<b>WHITLEY BAY INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL</b>	10th - 12th July	The Village Hotel	The annual Whitley Bay International Jazz Festival will feature as always the very best in classic jazz, from Ragtime to Swing. This year it will feature no less than 29 hot bands made up of more than 140 musicians from nine different countries.	Weekend tickets £70.00, Day tickets from £15.00	Tel:0191 643 7093 www.whitleybayjazzfest.org
<b>MOUTH OF THE TYNE FESTIVAL</b>	11th & 12th July	Tynemouth	A spectacular weekend of street entertainment, live music and unique one off performances in and around Tynemouth Front Street. The highlight is a Saturday evening picnic style concert in the grounds of Tynemouth Priory with a top name from the world of music.	FREE (Saturday evening concert is ticket only - prices tbc)	Tel: 0191 643 7409 www.mouthofthetynefestival.com
<b>WHITLEY BAY VINTAGE BUS RALLY</b>	19th July	Whitley Bay	Located at the Bournemouth Gardens car park on Whitley Bay seafront we expect up to 50 vintage and veteran buses for the 7th staging of this annual rally. There'll be free seafront rides and the chance to visit the Stephenson Railway Museum where we hope to be able to offer free steam train rides.		Tel: 0191 643 6419
<b>INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT</b>	29th July - 2nd August	Whitley Bay	The Whitley Bay International Football Tournament celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2009. 3,000 boys and girls will compete in various age groups with local	FREE to spectators - teams need to register to participate	Tel: 0191 643 7409 www.ntyouthsoccer.com

			teams taking on the best from overseas.		
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<b>AUGUST</b>					
<b>WHITLEY BAY INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL</b>	8th & 9th August	The Links, Whitley Bay	A spectacular showpiece of kite flying on the Links in Whitley Bay with kites of all shapes, sizes and colours.	FREE	Tel: 0191 643 7409
<b>BOOK FAIR</b>	16th August	Tynemouth Station	Come along to Tynemouth Station and browse through fact and fiction books on all genres and subject matters.		
<b>GROWING IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH &amp; HORTICULTURE SHOW</b>	22nd – 23rd August	The Parks, North Shields	The annual show returns with the opportunity to display their homegrown produce in a range of categories.		Tel: 0191 643 7459
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
<b>UNCLE SAMS AMERICAN CIRCUS</b>	22nd – 27th September	Beaconsfield, Tynemouth	The family circus returns to Tynemouth for another series of live shows with fun for all the family.		
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
<b>AGE TAKES CENTRE STAGE</b>	Throughout October	Various locations	A festival for the over 50s. The programme contains fun and		www.agetakescentrestage.org.uk

<b>FESTIVAL</b>			exciting events and activities from days out, tea dances, ten-pin bowling, craft days, computer taster sessions and much more.		
<b>BOOK FAIR</b>	11th October	Tynemouth Station	Come along to Tynemouth Station and browse through fact and fiction books on all genres and subject matters.		
<b>XPERIENCE 09</b>	24th & 25th October	Tynemouth Longsands and Beaconsfield	A weekend of extreme sports action at the coast featuring BMX, skating, surfing, snow sports and live music from local bands.	FREE	Tel: 0191 643 7409
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
<b>NORTH TYNESIDE FIREWORKS DISPLAY</b>	1st November	The Links, Whitley Bay	The annual fireworks display returns to the Links. The spectacular organised display is a family favourite and there will also be food available and fairground rides.	FREE DISPLAY	Tel: 0191 643 7409
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
<b>ST NICHOLAS FESTIVAL</b>	4th & 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Whitley Bay town centre	Once again French and Northumbrian stallholders will be offering a wide range of foodstuffs to complement the traditional celebration of the Feast of St Nicholas. All happening in Whitley Bay town centre with the calling of St Nicholas the festival highlight of Friday afternoon.		Tel 0191 643 6419
<b>NORTH SHIELDS</b>	12th & 13th	Northumberland	Northumberland Square is	FREE - stall	Tel: 0191 643 6419

<b>VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET</b>	December	Square, North Shields	transformed into a winter wonderland with a seasonal market featuring around 100 stalls selling seasonal produce, crafts, gifts and more. The market also features traditional music, brass bands, street entertainment and fairground rides.	holders need to register	<a href="http://www.victorianmarket.co.uk">www.victorianmarket.co.uk</a>
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