



North Tyneside Council

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN NORTH TYNESIDE

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### APRIL

**Plenty of fun Easter events for all the family in North Tyneside's attractions. Come along and cheer the runners on in the North Tyneside 10K Road Race and the last chance to see Segedunum's Tudor Lives exhibition.**

<b>TUDOR LIVES</b>	Until 20th April	Segedunum Roman Fort	In Tudor times the North East was seen as a wild and dangerous place with nearby Scotland often an enemy of England with border reivers roaming the land. The pioneering exhibition shows	Adults £3.95, Conc £2.25, child FREE	Tel: 0191 236 9347 <a href="http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum">www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum</a>
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			what life was like in Tudor times almost 500 years ago.		
<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>SPANISH CITY FUNFAIR</b>	8th - 19th April	The Links, Whitley Bay	Come along to the Links in the Easter holiday with all the fun of the fair with traditional rides and more.		
<b>CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT AND EGG DECORATING</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 and one to race down the Rising Sun hill. Suitable for all ages.		Tel: 0191 200 7841
<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 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>

<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b>	10th April <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	St Mary's Lighthouse	Search St Mary's Island and Lighthouse and follow the secret trail and win a prize.	£2.00 per person including entry to the tower.	Tel: 0191 200 8650
<b>SPRING IS HERE</b>	10th April <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	Stephenson Railway Museum	Paint your own salt-dough Spring themed decoration on a fun day of activities for all ages.		Tel: 0191 200 7146 <a href="http://www.twmusuems.org.uk/stephenson">www.twmusuems.org.uk/stephenson</a>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS</b>	10th April <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	Wallsend	The procession starts at 10.15am at Wallsend Forum then proceeds to Carville Road, Hugh Street, Vine Street, Northumberland Street and The Green before finishing at Richardson Dees Park.		
<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b>	11th April	St Mary's Lighthouse	Search St Mary's Island and Lighthouse and follow the secret trail and win a prize.	£2.00 per person including entry to the tower.	Tel: 0191 200 8650
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES</b>	11th April	Coast Road Library	Easter themed craft activities and a selection of stories. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 10.00 – 11.00am.		Tel:0191 200 5424
<b>NORTH TYNESIDE 10K ROAD RACE</b>	12th April <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	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	£12.00 UK Athletics Club member, £14.00 non club member	Tel: 0191 643 7409 <a href="http://www.northynteside.gov.uk">www.northynteside.gov.uk</a>

			must be over 15 years of age on the day of the race.		
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<b>BRILLIANT BUNNIES! AND BONNETS AND BOWLERS</b>	12th April <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	Stephenson Railway Museum	Brilliant Bunnies – create a clay bunny and join in with Spring themed crafts. Bonnetts and Bowlers – make a wonderful Victorian bonnet, bowler or cap. 11.00am – 3.00pm.		Tel: 0191 200 746 <a href="http://www.twmusuems.org.uk/stephenson">www.twmusuems.org.uk/stephenson</a>
<b>TEDDY BEARS PICNIC</b>	13th April <b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY</b>	St Mary's Lighthouse	Come along and have your lunch on the island, share your Easter eggs with your favourite furry friend and enjoy teddy games and stories. For children under 6 years old. Booking is essential.	£5.00 per child – price includes a St Mary's Lighthouse Teddy Bear	Tel: 0191 200 8650
<b>TUDOR POTATO PIRATES</b>	14th April	Segedunum Roman Fort	Turn the newly discovered potato into a daring pirate of the high seas. Shiver me timbers! 10.00am – noon and 1.00 – 3.00pm.	Adults £3.95, Conc £2.25, child FREE	Tel: 0191 236 9347 <a href="http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum">www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum</a>
<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>LIONS, TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY!</b>	15th April	Segedunum Roman Fort	Make an animal mask and become a fierce beast to enter the arena. 10.00am – noon and	Adults £3.95, Conc £2.25, child FREE	Tel: 0191 236 9347 <a href="http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum">www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum</a>

			1.00 – 3.00pm.		
<b>PHIL MASON'S NEW ORLEANS STARS</b>	17th April	Saville Exchange	Phil Mason's New Orleans Stars have been described as "probably the best club band in Europe".	Tickets £11.00, £10.00 concessions, £5.00 students	Tel: 0191 643 7093
<b>TUDOR FESTIVAL</b>	18th April	Segedunum Roman Fort	Come along and enjoy falconry displays, Tudor minstrels, storytelling and songs, Tudor food demonstrations, hog roast and craft activities.	Adults £3.95, Conc £2.25, child FREE	Tel: 0191 236 9347 <a href="http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum">www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum</a>
<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>ALVEUS: VERIS</b>	19th April	Segedunum Roman Fort	The reconstructed Roman Bath House will play host to an innovative theatrical experience as Left Luggage Theatre launches it's vibrant new project, Alveus.	Adults £3.95, Conc £2.25, child FREE	Tel: 0191 236 9347 <a href="http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum">www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum</a>
<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.		

## MAY

**Family fun in North Tyneside continues with exciting half-term events including Shark Week at Blue Reef.**

<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	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>
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			crustaceans. Follow the claws trail and quiz to discover all about these amazing creatures.		
<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>HOT ANTIC JAZZ BAND</b>	8th May	Saville Exchange	Possibly the finest small hot band in the world the Hot Antics have toured the world over, even playing New York's legendary Carnegie Hall.	Tickets £11.00, £10.00 concessions, £5.00 students	Tel: 0191 643 7093
<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 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>
<b>CHILDREN'S SPRING WALK</b>	26th May	Rising Sun Country Park	Meet at the Countryside Centre and then explore the park with staff by following a clue trail and enjoy environmental	£1.00	Tel: 0191 200 7841

			activities along the way. The events are aimed for 5-12 year olds. Booking is essential.		
<b>PAINTING FUN!</b>	27th May	Stephenson Railway Museum	Come along and paint a picture of your favourite engine from 11.00am – 3.00pm.		Tel: 0191 200 7146 <a href="http://www.twmusuems.org.uk/stephenson">www.twmusuems.org.uk/stephenson</a>
<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>MR WINDBAGS</b>	29th May	Stephenson Railway Museum	See Mr Windbags perform his marvellous magic shows.		Tel: 0191 200 7146 <a href="http://www.twmusuems.org.uk/stephenson">www.twmusuems.org.uk/stephenson</a>

## JUNE

**The summer is nearly here and there are a number of events celebrating the amazing planet we live on including Conservation Month at Blue Reef and World Ocean Day.**

<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 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>
<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		Tel: 0191 2007841

			children's art and photography exhibitions		
<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 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>
<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 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>
<b>NICK GILL'S BYZANTINES</b>	19th June	Saville Exchange	A talented and emerging young band offering an exhilarating blend of jazz as well as quirky original compositions.	Tickets £11.00, £10.00 concessions, £5.00 students	Tel: 0191 643 7093
<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.		

## JULY

**A busy summer begins with the Wallsend Festival, the Mouth of the Tyne Festival, Jazz Festival, Vintage Bus Rally and much much more. A new exhibition – An Archaeology of Race – opens up at Segedunum.**

<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 <a href="http://www.wallsendfestival.org">www.wallsendfestival.org</a>
<b>AN ARCHAEOLOGY OF RACE: EXPLORING THE NORTH EAST IN ROMAN BRITAIN</b>	4th July – 13th September	Segedunum Roman Fort	Roman rule brought a fascinating mix of races and cultures to the North of England – the soldiers who guarded the frontier came from all around the empire. An Archaeology of Race takes this multicultural context as it's theme and explores the every day life, citizenship and culture of the people living along Hadrian's Wall.	Adults £3.95, Conc £2.25, child FREE	Tel: 0191 236 9347 <a href="http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum">www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum</a>
<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 pirates!	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>
<b>WHITLEY BAY INTERNATIONAL</b>	10th - 12th July	The Village Hotel	The annual Whitley Bay International Jazz Festival will	Weekend tickets £70.00,	Tel:0191 643 7093 <a href="http://www.whitleybayjazzfest.org">www.whitleybayjazzfest.org</a>

<b>JAZZ FESTIVAL</b>			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.	Day tickets from £15.00	
<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 <a href="http://www.mouthofthetynefestival.com">www.mouthofthetynefestival.com</a>
<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	FREE to spectators - teams need to register to participate	Tel: 0191 643 7409 <a href="http://www.ntyouthsoccer.com">www.ntyouthsoccer.com</a>

			with local teams taking on the best from overseas.		
<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 pirates!	Normal admission charges apply	Tel: 0191 258 1031 <a href="http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk">www.blureefaquarium.co.uk</a>

## AUGUST

**The 25<sup>th</sup> International Youth Football Tournament reaches its climax. Come to the coast and see some amazing kites at the Kite Festival. Take part in the Great North Bike Ride for the Chris Lucas Trust.**

<b>CULLERCOATS HARBOUR DAY</b>	1st August	Cullercoats Bay	A fun day for all the family with live music, entertainment and more to raise funds for a worthwhile cause – Cullercoats RNLi.		
<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>NEWCASTLE FALCONS TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT</b>	8th & 9th August	Tynemouth Longsands	A fun touch rugby tournament on Tynemouth Longsands with the Newcastle Falcons Rugby Union stars.		
<b>VIEW OF AN EMPEROR – HADRIAN PORTRAIT</b>	14th August – 4th October	Segedunum Roman Fort	A striking marble bust of Hadrian from his villa in Tivoli. The bust was part of last year's British Museum exhibition Hadrian: Empire and conflict.	Adults £3.95, Conc £2.25, child FREE	Tel: 0191 236 9347 <a href="http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum">www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum</a>

<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>GREAT NORTH BIKE RIDE</b>	30th August	From Seahouses in Northumberland to Tynemouth	A cycle ride of 54 miles down the stunning North East coastline in aid of the Chris Lucas Trust. Registration fee includes a t-shirt and a medal.	Registration £10.00	Tel: 0191 263 2884 <a href="http://www.greatnorthbikeride.com">www.greatnorthbikeride.com</a>
<b>MAXIMUMS THE CENTURION</b>	31st August <b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY</b>	Segedunum Roman Fort	Meet Maximus the Centurion and find out about life in the Roman army.	Adults £3.95, Conc £2.25, child FREE	Tel: 0191 236 9347 <a href="http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum">www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum</a>

## SEPTEMBER

**Heritage Open Days return with historic buildings opening up to the public revealing a fascinating history.**

<b>HERITAGE OPEN DAYS</b>	10th – 13th September	Various locations	Historic properties and buildings of interest open their doors free of charge to visitors over Heritage Open Days weekend. Details of participating venues to be confirmed.		
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## OCTOBER

**A fun and exciting programme of events for the over 50s in the Age Takes Centre Stage Festival. Xperience09 will be an exhilarating and action packed weekend of extreme sports.**

<b>AGE TAKES</b>	Throughout	Various locations	A festival for the over 50s. The		<a href="http://www.agetakescentrestage.org.uk">www.agetakescentrestage.org.uk</a>
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<b>CENTRE STAGE FESTIVAL</b>	October		programme contains fun and 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 <a href="http://www.xperience09.com">www.xperience09.com</a>

## NOVEMBER

**Bonfire night will go with a bang with a fantastic display of fireworks on the Links in Whitley Bay.**

<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
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## DECEMBER

**The Christmas programme is as packed as ever with the St Nicholas Festival, the popular Victorian Christmas Market in North Shields and the traditional Boxing Day Pudding Run.**

<b>ST NICHOLAS FESTIVAL</b>	4th & 5th 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		Tel 0191 643 6419
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			Feast of St Nicholas. All happening in Whitley Bay town centre with the calling of St Nicholas the festival highlight of Friday afternoon.		
<b>NORTH SHIELDS VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET</b>	12th & 13th December	Northumberland Square, North Shields	Northumberland Square is 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.	FREE - stall holders need to register	Tel: 0191 643 6419 <a href="http://www.victorianmarket.co.uk">www.victorianmarket.co.uk</a>
<b>BOXING DAY PUDDING RUN</b>	26th December <b>BOXING DAY</b>	The Links, Whitley Bay	A fun run for all the family on Boxing Day on the Links in Whitley Bay. Organised by Woodlawn School.		