

Out and about

Don't forget - all good things must come to an end. School restarts after the break on January 5. Soon be Easter. . .

A Christmas party for under fives and a disco for older children were arranged by staff at the Family Centre and Santa found the time to pop it to say hello to the youngsters.

Aladdin and his lamp will bring some magic to the Community Centre on January 15. Tickets £2 from the centre on 4544403.

Fancy a new hobby in the New Year? Find out about pottery classes at the Community Centre on Monday evenings from 6pm. Beginners or experienced potters welcome.

Residents are reminded that the clean-up team is still working to keep empty properties and gardens clean, tidy and safe! To report any dumping or for help getting rid of any rubbish contact the team on 4277000.



Christine Allen with George Carter (training assessor)

Spot the hazards and win

A safety competition organised by estate co-ordinator Andy Stewart looks set to be wheely popular!

The prizes are two smashing bikes supplied by sponsors of the contest Delta One Security.

Andy popped into Ridgeway School a few weeks ago to explain the safety contest to pupils. The aim is for them to be aware of possible dangers around the estate – and to report them in exchange for valuable points. The contest winners – to be announced in January will be the eagle-eyed children with the most points.

The hazards can be anything from missing manhole covers to uneven pavements people could trip over. Of course anyone caught creating a danger will be disqualified from the competition.

Andy said: "This is a fantastic project which the children love being involved in. It is vital that youngsters are aware of dangers and that they report them so we can act and get and hazards removed immediately."

Dangers can be reported to Andy or to the community wardens. The bikes have been on show in the housing office window and will go to their new owners in the New Year.

Cleadon Park's very own website is up and running. Surfers from around the globe will be able to log on and find out what's new on the estate - check it out at www.cleadonpark.org.uk

Pride in Cleadon Park is the newsletter of Cleadon Park Partnership, which brings together E5 and Bellway, South Tyneside Neighbourhood Services, local Councillors, Community representatives and other Directorates and agencies to work on improving Cleadon Park.



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Pride in Cleadon Park

Oh Christmas Tree

A TREE of life is once again at the centre of community celebrations at Cleadon Park.

The Christmas tree is filled with memorial baubles bought by residents and children from the estate to remember loved ones. The scores of messages are poignant reminders of what the true spirit of Christmas is all about.

Cash raised at a special event on Friday will go to the special care baby unit at South Tyneside Hospital.

The tree, outside of the Residents Association shop, was the focus of attention at a special dedication event held on Friday. Children from the school sang carols and joined a parade to Ridgeway School accompanied by the festive sounds of bagpipers.

Later in the day the tree lights were switched on to set the scene for a wonderful Christmas for Cleadon Park.

And a Merry Christmas is usually followed by a Happy New Year – a phrase more relevant to Cleadon Park this year than ever before – because this truly will be a “new” year.

It will be goodbye to Cleadon Park as we know it and a warm welcome to a new start, a new estate with new homes, new facilities and a new and exciting future.

Inside the newsletter there are some answers to questions residents have been asking – if there are any other queries residents can pick up the phone to any of the partners – or call in at the housing office.



Three year old Aiden McGann and 4 year old Amy Pattinson, both from Ridgeway primary school nursery help unpack the Christmas tree decorations watched by Maureen Hughes (Cleadon park residents association chairman) and Joyce Johnson (CPRA secretary)

Useful numbers: Community Wardens **0191 420 3713** Ridgeway Family Support Centre **0191 456 7751**
Enterprise 5 Cleadon Park Office **0191 454 4711** Bellway Homes **01661 820 200**
South Tyneside Council Housing Services Office Cleadon Park **0191 427 3461**



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Workers hard at work laying block paved pathways

Regen Gen

Rumours may be spread deep and crisp and even but hopefully continuing activity will reassure residents that the regeneration of Cleadon Park is going to plan!

Like Christmas the new look Cleadon is coming – but with the festive holidays looming and the dangers of leaving half dug foundations and drainage systems open it has been agreed to get well and truly stuck in after the break.

Bellway has confirmed it will start foundation work in the New Year – so there's no chance of anyone accidentally spending Christmas in the trenches - a little too full of the festive spirit!

But progress is being made even though there may not be much to see on the ground

E5 is progressing and is on track to allocate the first 44 units early in the New Year.

Demolition within phase II started earlier this month (Dec) with just a handful of

houses left in phase I. Talks are continuing with the remaining owner occupiers and when those negotiations are completed the rest will come down. Disconnections are also progressing according to plan.

Planning applications for the next phases were due to be submitted this month following a public consultation exercise. These include 50 E5 units - and a full explanation of the phasing will be given in the next issue of the newsletter.

South Tyneside Council is progressing well with rehousing tenants from Phase II and with acquiring property from owner occupiers.

Home Zone

The make-up of the road in one of home zone streets have meant that block paving cannot be used as a finish.

Instead imprinted asphalt concrete will be used to give a smart finish in Cedar Grove. The asphalt is the same as is being used on sections of the sea front.

The Home Zone Team explained that the ground works under the street meant it would have been impossible to dig down far enough to lay blocks without causing a problem. However the imprinting concrete is a more than adequate alternative.

In future if the road has to be dug up for utilities or any other reason the surface can just be relaid and imprinted with the decorative finish using the same mould.

Allocations

Work on devising an allocations policy is continuing in co-operation with the residents, following the workshop sessions held on the estate. A firm policy will be agreed in time for the first allocations in the New Year. The Partners fully understand that residents are anxious to know about lettings and will contact all those concerned as soon as possible.

Compound

A works compound is to be set up by Bellway within phase II on The Crescent behind Sunderland Road. It was decided to situate the compound there for ease of access because it is between phase I and phase II.

Top of the class

THE Family Support Centre's after school club and crèche has received its first "report" – and has been confirmed as a star pupil!

Inspectors from the Government's Ofsted department visited the centre and gave it a "good" rating – the highest possible category. The report concluded the school was well-run, offering good resources, safety and stimulation to children. The equal opportunities, anti discrimination and behavioural policies were also praised.

So a big "thank you" to all the staff at the family centre – Melinda, centre co-ordinator; Debè, office administrator; Jaki, after school club leader; assistants Tracy and Sharon; playgroup workers Emma and Kerry. Also Margaret Kirkland, head teacher at Ridgeway Primary School who helped put the policies and procedures together. It is great for parents to know that their children are in such good hands.

The after school club, which celebrated its first anniversary recently runs from 3.15pm to 6pm through the school year at a cost of £5 per session. It also operates during school holidays from

8am to 6pm for £11 a day.

Activities at the centre continue to grow, with more exciting plans in the pipeline for 2005. Reminders of just some of the some current sessions below:

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Keep the excitement at bay with holiday activities planned by the Family Centre. From Monday, Dec 20 to Wed 22 there is play scheme for eight - 11 year olds from 10am to noon; art club for four – seven year olds 1pm to 3pm and crèche play for under fours from 10am to noon. (All sessions 20 pence)

KEEP FIT

A keep fit class for beginners on Thursdays from 9.30am to 10.30am. The classes are free and a crèche facility is available.

FUTURE FOOTIE STARS

Under eights football kicks off each Monday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm on the MUGA.

SPORTS CLUB

The Family Centre's Sports Club for eight to 15-year-olds continues every Tuesday evening 4pm to 5.30pm on the MUGA.

New Team

IT'S hello and goodbye – the new project team to take Cleadon Park forward has been confirmed as Christine Allen, team leader; Amanda Douglass, project officer and Andrea Wood, project assistant.

With the new team in place it means saying goodbye to Rob Jones who is leaving South Tyneside Council to work in Darlington.

"I am really looking forward to working at Cleadon Park and it is both exciting and challenging to be involved in such a vital regeneration scheme.



L to R: Amanda Douglass (Project officer), Andrea Wood (Project assistant), Christine Allen (Project manager).

"From the New Year the team will be based at the Cleadon Park office and we are keen to meet the people and become part of the everyday life of Cleadon Park."



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