



## Katie lands charity funds after parachute jump



**Katie Hall raised funds for the Encephalitis Society after receiving a parachute jump as a gift from her boyfriend, Michael.**

Katie Hall, from Bishop Auckland has recently completed a parachute jump to raise funds for the Encephalitis Society.

After admitting she has always wanted to do a parachute jump, her boyfriend Michael surprised her by buying her

a jump with the Peterlee Parachuting from Shotton Airfield.

To make the jump more memorable and worthwhile, Katie decided to raise some money charity at the same time and chose the Encephalitis Society as her dad suffered from the illness a couple of years ago.

Encephalitis is inflammation or swelling of the brain. The inflammation is caused either by an infection invading the brain or through the immune system attacking the brain in error. The illness can be life-threatening and requires urgent treatment in hospital.

Her dad has thankfully recovered back to full health but others often aren't as fortunate.

Katie successfully completed her jump at the end of July, raising over £350. Her mam, Barbara said: "Her dad and I and very proud of her for this achievement in doing the jump and raising money for this worthwhile cause."

## Changes to bin collection days

Households in Shildon are to have their rubbish and recycling collection day changed as part of moves to streamline the service. Durham County Council is writing to around 55,000 properties in the Sedgfield, Teesdale and Wear Valley areas to advise of a change to their rubbish and recycling day from the week beginning Monday 9th October.

Some properties will experience a change in their collection day while others will see the weeks in which their recycling and rubbish bins are emptied reversed. Some properties will see changes to both day and week.

Changes are being made to collection routes to ensure the service is efficient, provides value for money and takes into account new housing developments in the county.

Each affected property will receive a letter and new

collection calendar in the post.

Collection times may also vary due to route changes so bins must be left out by 7am on the relevant days. People who get help to put their bin out through the assisted collection scheme will still receive this service on their new day. Garden waste collection days are unaffected.

Households who accumulate extra waste while the changes are being rolled out should put it in a bag and leave it next to their rubbish bin for collection on their new day. Waste left next to rubbish bins after 20th October will not be collected.

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# Letters

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Dear Editor,

Tradesmen and shops continue to leave Bishop Auckland but suddenly Brighter Bishop Auckland Partnership springs up; high powered personnel who have seen the opportunity to be part of the great scheme of things now that progress can be seen.

However where is the Bishop Auckland Civic Society? Completely ignored by the new Group! The Bishop Auckland Civic Society has been in being since the late 1990's and has a steady membership of over seventy; all local people living and working in the town; many retired professionals who retain an interest in the North East and the world in general but with a committed interest in the town of Bishop Auckland. As the Bishop Auckland Civic Society we have achieved many important victories to keep the town going, such as:

Saving the viaduct from destruction and converting the railway lines to a road - well used now by many;

Fighting to keep the Town Hall in the hands of Durham County Council and renovating it to provide a wonderful venue for the townspeople; Canvassed the population for three years to finally have a Town Council;

There are many more minor incidents where much has been gained by the intervention of Bishop Auckland Civic Society - local people protecting the town in which they live. Looking at the new Partnership there are at least seven members who do not live here.

What do they know?

With all this valuable knowledge and expertise, what a shame the new partnership feel it is not worthwhile to invite or include the Bishop Auckland Civic Society in their consultation.

Unfortunately not only is it their loss but, importantly, the town's loss.

Yours sincerely,  
Name & address supplied.

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank the couple who saw me crash at high speed on my bicycle.

They picked me and my damaged bicycle up and brought me home. After having me ring my wife and speaking to her direct, they left without leaving a contacting address.

I was concussed and unable to function properly. I do not know if I was knocked out but my crash hat was in pieces and I have no memory of how I came to be in their car.

It is heart warming to know there are still good people in the world and go out of their way to lend a hand.

I would like to thank them and find out a bit more of what happened on that day, Thursday 17th August.

I did ask them where they lived and they said Bishop Auckland.

Any help your newspaper can do to help find them would be greatly appreciated.

I did manage to repair the bike and complete the Great North Bike Ride on my 82nd birthday wearing number 82 and raise a nice sum of money for the child cancer charity.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Nelson

(Contact the Bishop Press in the first instance.)

## Air Cadets visit Holland to remember the fallen



Cadet Corporal, Ellis Rowley from Shildon pays his respects at the graves of the fallen at Oosterbeek War Cemetery in Holland.

Twenty four cadets and staff from 2505 (Bishop Auckland) Squadron of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets returned from four days in Arnhem, Holland, on 2nd September.

The expedition marked 73 years since the allied parachute drop in World War Two as part of operation Market Garden.

The cadets visited Nijmegen bridge, which was captured by US airborne troops, before

moving on to Arnhem, where they toured the local museum and took part in a 15km road march, joining groups from across Europe.

The cadets laid a wreath and held a small service of remembrance at Oosterbeek War Cemetery.

Ft Lt Ian Pepper RAF.VR(T) said; "It is important that we continue to remember such events and the cadets participating in the annual 15km road march is a fan-

tastic way of achieving this".

Fifteen year-old Shildon Cadet Corporal, Ellis Rowley said: "This really makes you think of the sacrifices made by those of similar ages to some of us".

2505 Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets meets on a Monday and Thursday evening from 6.45pm to 9.30pm at the Reserve Force Centre, St Andrews Road, Bishop Auckland.

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## Open call for new volunteers for Kynren '18



**Volunteers are put through their paces ahead of season two of Kynren - an epic tale of England. The show's producers are now looking for volunteers for the third season.**

On the back of a successful second season, Eleven Arches, the production company behind *Kynren - an epic tale of England*, is already planning its third season, and the recruitment of new volunteers begins. Show organisers say that *Kynren*'s phenomenal success is due to the involvement and commitment of members of the community who comprise the cast and crew; individuals who invest their time in the professional training and rehearsals demanded by a world-class production, who in return gain a sense of achievement, new skills, new friends and a community spirit which makes participating in the show such a magical experience.

For 2018, Eleven Arches is organising its recruitment drive through 'Open Call' sessions where anyone interested in joining as a volunteer will learn about all volunteering opportunities and meet members of the cast and crew, including the animal stars, to glean a sense of what being an 'Archer' can offer. The first Open Calls will take place during the day on 9th and 16th September from 10am to 11.30am, and a second session from 12pm to 1.30pm as the team gears up for the final two performances later each evening. These four Open Calls will include the exclusive opportunity to go behind the scenes while the site is still fully functional. There is no need to sign

up, just arrive on site 10 minutes before the session that suits you. You will be able to park on site.

As the Open Calls include outdoor visits, comfortable footwear and outdoor clothing is recommended. The session is open to members of the public of all ages, although to participate in next year's show, children must be five years old by 30th June 2018.

If you are unable to make these dates, Eleven Arches will be hosting other Open Call sessions after the season closes, where you will be able to drop in and chat with existing Archers from each team.

All dates will be published in September on the Eleven Arches website [www.elevenarches.org](http://www.elevenarches.org).

## Changes to bin collection days

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picked up in recycling collections.

Oliver Sherratt, the council's head of direct services, said: "All affected households will be written to directly to explain the change to their collection arrangements."

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, added: "We appreciate bin collection changes may cause some small inconvenience in the short term as residents adapt to new bin days or collection weeks."

"Those who are affected should put their bin out

as usual, by 7am, on their normal collection day until the changes come in on 9th October."

Bin collection calendars can be downloaded electronically. Residents should enter their house number and postcode into the 'My Durham' section of [www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk).

Residents can find out about recycling, ordering of replacement bins, reporting a missed collection or booking to have bulky waste picked up, online at [www.durham.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.durham.gov.uk/recycling).

For locations and opening times of household waste recycling centres, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc) or call 03000 261 000.

## Flower show

Bishop Auckland Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society are hold an 'Early Dahlia & Chrysanthemum Show' on Sunday 17th September in The Scout Centre, Kingsway, Bishop Auckland. The pres-

entation of trophies will take place at 5pm by John Bailey from Tesco, Bishop Auckland, followed by a raffle and sale of flowers. It is free and open to the public from 3pm.



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## Family Fun Day

Durham Alliance for Community Care, the Community Centre in Cornwall Place, Henknowle, are holding a 'Family Fun Day' on Saturday 16th September from 10am until 2pm. There will be some fantastic stalls, fun fete games, face painting, bouncy castle and a tombola. There will also be a visit

from the police, fire brigade, mountain rescue service and the town mayor. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Great North Air Ambulance, and tickets can be bought prior to the day at the centre or contact them via Facebook. "Everyone is welcome to come along" said a spokesperson.

## Messy Church

St. Mark's Church in Eldon will be holding a *Messy Church* event on Sunday 10th September between 3.30pm and 5pm. A spokesperson said: "Why

not come along and join in the fun, which includes crafts, story telling, prayer and food. "Children are welcome to bring an adult."

## Charity night

Lacey's Bar in Fore Bondgate, Bishop Auckland is holding a Charity Night in aid of Butterwick Hospice Care on Friday 22nd September from 7.30pm. There will be a karaoke and a raffle plus live entertainment from excellent vocalist, Kris Atkins.

The pub held a similar night in March for the same charity, with the same artist, who gave his services for free. The night raised £565.24. "Why not come along and join in the fun, all for a good cause," said a spokesperson.

## Cake decorating competition at Horticultural Show



*The theme of the cake decorating competition is gardening, fruits, flowers and vegetables to tie in with the Horticultural Show.*

On Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th September, Bishop Auckland is hosting its annual Horticultural Show at the Town Hall. Next door, St Anne's Church is hosting *Encounters with Hope*, a free event featuring a photography display, prayer spaces, music, dance and poetry as well as a cupcake stall. There is also a Cake Decorating Competition and residents of Bishop Auckland

are invited to show their artistic and creative cakey flair by decorating a cupcake or a cake in the theme of gardening, fruits, flowers and vegetables to tie in with the Horticultural show. There are three categories for entries to the competition: Primary school aged children should submit four decorated cupcakes; Secondary School and youth can submit four

decorated cupcakes or a decorated cake; The Adults or Families section is taking entries of a decorated cake (no more than 12 x 12 inches). The competition is only £1 for children and youth entries and £2 for adult/family entries. Entries should be booked by 16th September. To book or for more details email Regenerate.BishopAuckland@gmail.com or call 01325 789344.

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## Jam jars of flowers to celebrate harvest



**Bishop Auckland Methodist Church is inviting people to bring a jam jar of flowers to celebrate the Harvest Festival.**

"Last year at harvest, Vanessa and I were visiting in St Peter's and St Paul's Church, Pickering," says Rev John Purdy of the Methodist Church in Cockton Hill Road. "They had a lovely idea; everyone was invited to bring a jam jar of flowers to decorate the church. From the youngest to the oldest, the whole community could participate. Some tied ribbons around the jar or used glass paints to add extra colour, while others stayed away from the shop-bought perfect blooms to fill their jar from the local hedgerows.

"I wonder if we could try this together and invite everyone we know to come to the harvest with their own offering of a simple jam jar of colour," he asks. Groups and individuals can leave their jam jar filled with flowers in the church during the week of Monday 18th September (the church is open Monday to Friday from 10am-12noon) and all are invited to the Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th September at 10.30am. The church will remain open to view the jam jar flowers throughout the week following.

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## Henknowle Community Centre has activities for all



**Table tennis is just one of the many activities that all generations take part in at Henknowle Community Centre.**

Henknowle Community Centre was built in the mid 1970s and is based in the heart of the Henknowle Estate in Bishop Auckland. The centre is a hive of activity with something to suit people of all ages. Various groups use the centre including the table tennis who meet on a Monday night from 7pm and Saturday afternoons at 2pm. They welcome people from all ages and of any experience. The Healthy Heart Group meet every Tuesday morning from 10am and is open to anyone who has heart related problems and their carers. They have aromatherapy and relaxation classes, fun days out and social time. WeightWatchers hold weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6pm and Saturday mornings at 9.30am. Trained leaders with personal experience in

weight loss and get support from others just like you. The Sugarcraft and Friends & Leisure groups get together on Wednesday's for a relaxed social session while enjoying a range of gentle activities from kurling to bowling, sugar craft and cake decorating. They also enjoy a cuppa and a natter! If you want to try a go at Line Dancing then join Twinkle every Wednesday night from 8pm, sessions are for beginners and improvers. Crafty Tots is the new fun and educational way to introduce arts and crafts to children aged 0 - 5 years. Sessions take place on Thursday afternoons at 1pm. They offer a variety of messy activities for you and your child to enjoy

together. SAS Taekwondo offer both children and adults the opportunity to learn self defence and self discipline in a professional but relaxed environment by a qualified instructor. Sessions take place on Fridays and Sundays at 6pm. The Shildon Jubilee Jazz Band meet on a Sunday morning and have been running for over 10 years and are always looking for new members. The sessions are open to anyone aged five years and over. The centre offers a large sports hall, kitchen, lounge and meeting rooms. Residents can book the centre for birthday parties and special occasions. For more information visit <http://henknowlecommunitycentre.weebly.com>.

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## Local languages teacher says oui to new business venture



**Local teacher, Joanna Bruce is set to introduce children from South Durham to the world of modern languages with her Lingotots language venture.**

A local teacher is opening up the world of modern languages to young children with the launch of a new language venture in South Durham, covering Bishop Auckland, Crook, Newton Aycliffe, Wolsingham and surrounding areas.

Joanna Bruce, who lives in Stanley with her partner and two children, has recently launched her own children's languages business, in a bid to share her passion and engage more youngsters in the joy of learning foreign languages.

Lingotot is a multi-award winning languages program being delivered to over 12,000 children across the UK each week. They run fun, interactive classes through community groups, nurseries and schools, teaching languages such as French, Spanish, German, Mandarin, ESL and even Arabic!

Joanna studied Modern Foreign Languages at Bradford University and spent time living abroad in Germany, France and Holland, before returning to the UK to complete her

PGCE in French and German and embark on a successful teaching career.

Joanna says: "I've always loved languages, from a very young age. When we were on camping holidays in France, my older sister would teach me words in French so I could order for myself and I thought it was amazing! I have been in-creasingly disheartened by the declining uptake in languages among our youngsters and think it's important that we try to inject interest and enthusiasm at a younger age."

She continues: "Lingotot is the perfect platform to introduce languages to young children and I am really excited about bringing it to South Durham. To play

a part in helping young children and their families discover the joy of language learning is wonderful and I can't wait to get started!"

Joanna will be delivering French, German and Spanish classes within community groups, nursery settings and primary schools - both through MFL PPA teaching and as after school clubs.

If you would like to see what all the fuss is about, join Joanna at her launch party at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland at 11am on Tuesday 26th September. There will be a free taster class in French as well as games, prizes and more. Visit [www.lingotot.com/classes/south-durham](http://www.lingotot.com/classes/south-durham) to book your free place.

## Mayor serves up funds to table tennis club



**Town Mayor, Cllr Adam Zair, delivers a cheque for £500 to Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club.**

Bishop Auckland Town Mayor, Cllr Adam Zair, visited Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club recently to present them with a cheque for £500 from the town's Community Fund Grants Programme.

Bishop Auckland Town Council's Community Fund budgets an amount each year which is to be used to support organisations working for the benefit of the people of Bishop Auckland.

"The grant from the Town Council has allowed us to

replace one of the club's table tennis tables," said club chairman, Matt Porter. "The tables get a lot of use with us being open for 30 hours each week."

The club runs sessions every night of the week for all ages and abilities and new players are always welcome.

If you fancy learning or getting back into the sport, check out the club's webpage [www.bishopaucklandttc.co.uk](http://www.bishopaucklandttc.co.uk) or call Matt on 07411 018856.

## Residents EGM

The next meeting of the Henknowle Residents Association, which will include an Extraordinary Meeting,

will be held on Monday 18th September at 2pm in the Dorset Place Community Centre.

## Historical Society

Etherley & Toft Hill Historical Society's next meeting will be held at Etherley Methodist Church on Tuesday 12th September from 7pm. John

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# Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...



## Rugby Club U16s train with Royal Marines



Bishop Auckland Rugby Club U16s aboard HMS Calliope at Gateshead, where they were put through their paces by the Royal Marines.

Wednesday 6th September's training session for Bishop Auckland Rugby club u16s took place at HMS Calliope in Gateshead.

The team were introduced to Major Dave Hill RM who organised the session. Then they were put

through their paces by a Royal Marine PTI who spared no mercy.

Following the physical training, the team were given a hands on introduction to some of the weapons the marines use in the field.

To end what was truly a fantastic experience, the players were all fed in the mess and team captain, Luke Redfearn presented Major Dave Hill RM with a BARFU club tie and polo shirts in gratitude of the evening.

## St Mary's prepare for new season

St Mary's is getting ready for the big kick off this weekend as the new season gets underway.

"On Sunday (10th September) we have 19 teams playing with 11 teams at home and a great one to start the season with a local derby Aces V Kings in the U13 age group," said club chairman, Steve Coulthard.

"Good luck also to our two new teams, the U7 Aces and Kings when they play their first league games.

"We have also the first games for our U23 team who play Consett on Thursday (7th September) and then have a local derby against West Auckland on Sunday.

"We had a few teams at tournaments," added Steve, "with a couple of mini tournaments at our fields last Saturday and the U15's winning theirs.

"The U8 Aces were over at the Stockton Tournament and were unbeaten in all the group stages but lost in the semi finals to a very good Boro Rangers side.

"Remember too that Linda has her Sports Night next Friday 15th September with ex-Newcastle player, Micky Quinn and a very good comedian.

"Please support it for her U16 Kings Barcelona funds, as your Barcelona tournament will come round at some date and you too will want support."

## Two Blues rock West in derby

Bishop Auckland FC rocked title favourites and league leaders West Auckland with a sensational 4-3 win at Heritage Park in the

midweek Auckland derby on Wednesday 6th September. First half goals from Alex Francis, who converted Andy Johnson's saved

penalty and a second from Johnson gave the Two Blues a 2-0 lead which was pegged back by Anth Bell just before the break.

But a second penalty on 63 minutes saw Dan Parker receive his marching orders before being converted by Priestley Griffiths.

Ten man West staged a late comeback, levelling the game through Nathan Fisher and Daz Richardson, but a Francis goal at the death saw Bishop snatch the win in a pulsating game viewed by a 750 crowd.

After 14 hard weeks, Bishop Auckland Golf Club are once again Champions of the top league of the Teesside Union.

Starting with a narrow 14-10 defeat at Cleveland Golf Club (Redcar) at the start of May, Bishop soon rocketed to the top after three weeks with a home 17-7 win against Castle Eden and an emphatic 20-4 win away at Billingham.

Week 7 saw them suffer a rare home 13-11 defeat at the hands of fellow title challengers Eaglescliffe, although they remained top after the setback.

The response from the team was fantastic, winning the next four games including two away wins at Castle Eden and Hartlepool.

However, Eaglescliffe kept the pressure on and going into the final week, Bishop led by a mere two points setting up a final game shootout at Eaglescliffe.

A 13-11 defeat was required to win the league on away points but still looked a tall order.

However, team manager, Alan Barker had all 12 players revved up and after a quality performance, a 12-12 draw was enough to see Bishop once again crowned champions. Alan said: "It has been a fantastic effort from every single player in the squad, the caddies, supporters and everybody else linked with club who have worked extremely hard this year in securing our 3rd title in the last 6 years."

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