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RETURN OF MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERTS

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Music Society (BAMS) is delighted to announce its 2021 season, which now launches on Friday, 11th June with pianist Florian Mitrea.

Florian gave his debut recital at the Bozar Centre in Brussels in 2020 together with his first solo tour with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

His June concert includes work by Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt.

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On Friday 16th July Jamal Alijev (cello) and Maksim Stsura (piano) are guaranteed to delight whilst performing work by Tchaikovsky and Cesar Franck.

Katherine Bryer (oboe) and Irena Radic (piano) entertain on Friday, 20th August in a concert which includes work by Schumann and Rachmaninoff.

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Ruby and her new horse, Kalli, will compete at the National Equestrian Championships in Hickstead at the end of May.

RUBY SET TO COMPETE AT HICKSTEAD

TALENTED EQUESTRIAN rider, Ruby Sheridan, a Year 9 student at King James I Academy, has qualified for the National Equestrian Championships, which will take place at the end of May in Hickstead.

It follows her recent success in the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) Competition.

Ruby represented the Academy in her first

NSEA Competition at Northallerton Equestrian Centre and placed second in a class of 32 competitors in the Eventer's Challenge.

Ruby is a keen competitive rider, often travelling the country to take part in competitions individually, or for her local pony club.

Now, with the support of King James, she is fully affiliated and can compete at a higher level with Kalli, her new horse, in

NSEA competitions.

Equestrian competitions are one of the few activities in which riders compete as equals, regardless of their age, sex or the size of their horse.

As an Independent Partner of the British Horse Society, the NSEA is the recognised body for equestrianism in schools throughout the UK, providing inter-schools competitions for team and

individual riders at both schools and colleges.

Headteacher, Simon Whitehead said: “King James is proud of the partnerships that it has established which support both student and community participation in sport and the arts.

“Promoting equestrian sport is new for the school and it is hoped that this will allow Ruby and Kalli to reach their full potential in the future.”



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RETURN OF MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERTS

FROM PAGE 1

After studying at the Royal Academy of Music, Katherine appeared with many orchestras including BBC Symphony and the Philharmonica and London Orchestras.

Trio Anima will perform work by Faure, Telemann and Debussy amongst others on Friday, 3rd September. The Trio, which formed at the Guildhall School of Music, have been delighting audiences for over a decade with their distinctive combination of harp, flute and viola.

The series culminates with The Meraki Duo on Friday, 22nd October. Formed in 2013, the Duo enjoys exploring the diversity of repertoire available to the flute-guitar pairing while contributing arrangements of their own. Both share a passion for chamber music that extends to jazz, Latin American and European folk music.

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Florian Mitrea will launch the new Bishop Auckland Music Society Season on Friday, 11th June.

6EN - opposite BA Hospital).

Non-alcoholic light refreshments are available to purchase during the interval.

Season Tickets (£58), which include all five concerts for approximately

the cost of four, together with individual concert tickets are available from Treasurer Brian Varley on 01388 606075.

In addition, individual concert tickets - £14 in advance, £16 on the door - are also available from Brotherton's Music (opposite Morrisons car

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Concert goers may apply to have ticket costs refunded should concerts have to be cancelled because of Covid.

(See the BAMS website for more details by searching Google for Bishop Auckland Music Society.)

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Reel Cinema Auckland will feature a seven-screen complex with large leather seats and extra legroom.

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FROM AUTUMN 2022 film fans in and around Bishop Auckland will have access to a brand new multiplex cinema as part of the new Auckland Retail Park, Bishop Auckland development.

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Bob Howe

Sadly passed away
5th May 2021 in University
of Durham Hospital, aged
80, from heart failure.



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Currently in the final detailed design stage, construction is scheduled to commence in late summer with the cinema due to open in October 2022.

The Reel Cinema Auckland will offer customers access to six Premiere Lounge auditoria, each one boasting large leather seats with extra legroom, to enhance the audience's enjoyment of their fully digital, state-of-the-art audio visual experience.

The venue will also offer customers the ultimate cinemagoing indulgence with the Reel Lounge auditorium.

Featuring plush sofas seats and armchairs, it also offers a personal food & drinks service.

While popcorn will of course be on sale in the foyer, the Sweet Barrel will also offer a wide range of other confectionary treats including their gluten free, sugar free and vegetarian range.

Visitors to the Cream and Cones dessert bar

will be able to choose from waffles, Gelato ice-creams and milkshakes, all in mouth-watering flavours.

Kailash Suri, Managing Director of Reel Cinemas Ltd, said: "We are delighted that work is underway on what will be our seventeenth UK cinema and that we will finally be able to bring Reel Cinemas to the people of Bishop Auckland in the not too distant future.

"We are grateful for the patience of our future customers; due to circumstances that no one could have predicted they have had to wait far too long for their own local multiplex, and we are looking forward to finally getting to meet them late next year.

"Reel Cinemas prides itself on offering our audience members great customer service, complete comfort and value for money: the Reel Cinema Auckland will be a family-friendly venue with something for all ages to enjoy."



Serena Longstaff proudly displays her Wow Award.

SERENA WINS WOW AWARD

A YOUNG adult carer from Bishop Auckland received the Wow Award at a recent ceremony held by Durham Youth Council. The awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of outstanding young people.

Serena Longstaff was nominated for the amazing support she provides to her sister and for helping care for her niece who has a number of conditions.

She provides the support while also attending full time education and managing her own barriers and challenges.

Serena was delighted to win. "The award made me feel like I am getting recognising for the work that I do," she said. "I feel

very proud of myself, I love my caring role and I'm proud to be a Young Adult Carer."

Serena was nominated for the award by Linda Corker from Horizon Young Adult Carers.

Linda said: "I am so pleased, Serena really deserved to win, she is a star and so selfless and I feel really proud for her."

Richard Crane, Head of Education Skills for County Durham said: "The Wow Award is for remarkable young people who've done something incredible, whether that's overcoming personal barriers, meeting some specific goals, supporting local communities or generally just going the extra mile."

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Kristy Smith will be on the beat in Coundon and Leeholme.

BISHOP'S NEWEST PCSO

SAY HELLO to Bishop Auckland's newest PCSO!

Kristy Smith joined the beat team after covering Crook and Stanhope for a year.

The 29-year-old got stuck into her first shifts this week and will be responsible for the Coundon, Leeholme, Binchester and Newfield communities.

She said: "It's definitely a faster pace in Bishop Auckland but I love getting stuck in and have already been out on the beat meeting residents and seeing how I can help."

"I'm always here to help with any concerns and do the best job I can to serve my communities."

If you see Kristy feel free to stop and say hello!



The Seeds of Hope display board at Morrisons, Bishop Auckland.

CHAMPIONS PLANT 'SEEDS OF HOPE'

OVER THE past few weeks, Julie Knighton and Laura Ward, Community Champions at Bishop Auckland's Morrisons store, have been taking the store's national Seeds of Hope campaign around local schools.

The campaign originated with a poem written

by a community champion in another store, about the idea of giving hope for a better future. Out of that was born the sunflower as a symbol of 'seeds of hope'.

Last week, Julie and Laura visited four primary schools in Bishop Auckland to donate packets of

sunflower seeds and all the tools needed to grow them.

They received an enthusiastic welcome from Woodhouse, Evergreen, St Andrew's and Etherley Lane primary schools.

More donations and awards will be made in the coming weeks.

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DurhamWorks has secured up to 92 job placements with Durham County Council.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON UNIVERSAL CREDIT

YOUNG PEOPLE aged 16 to 24 on Universal Credit will be able to apply for a number of job vacancies with Durham County Council through an employment scheme.

DurhamWorks has secured up to 92 job placements with Durham County Council for young people who are currently unemployed.

Run by the council, DurhamWorks offers one-to-one tailored support to 16 to 24-year-olds who are unemployed and claiming Universal Credit, to get them into employment.

The placements have been made available under the government's Kickstart Scheme, which provides funding to employers to create six-month job placements

for 16 to 24-year-olds on Universal Credit.

The aim of the scheme is to give young people the chance to build their confidence and skills in the workplace, and to gain experience that will improve their chances of going on to find long-term, sustainable work.

The job placements cover a range of roles in a number of areas including refuse and recycling, administration, gardening, service user support, ICT and welding/fabrication. A finance administration role has already been filled through the scheme.

Young people signed up to Job Centre Plus and DurhamWorks who are claiming Universal Credit will be able to express their interest in the Kick-

start vacancies through their Job Centre Plus work coach and on their Universal Credit journal.

Jim Murray, Durham County Council's head of education and skills, said: "DurhamWorks has up to 92 approved vacancies available for 16 to 24-year-olds on Universal Credit. The vacancies cover a range of service areas within the council and can be applied for through Job Centre Plus."

To sign up to DurhamWorks, call 03000 262 930, text 'Work' to 60777, or visit www.durham-works.info

Employers interested in applying for the Kickstart scheme can email kickstart@durham.gov.uk for more information, or visit Kickstart Scheme - GOV. UK (www.gov.uk)



Neil Lidster has retired as Caretaker at St Anne's Primary School.

SCHOOL CARETAKER RETIRES

NEIL LIDSTER, who has been the caretaker at St Anne's CE Primary School for the past eight years, celebrated his retirement on 30th April.

"In his time at the school, Neil has been more than a caretaker to staff, children and families, always going above and beyond to help," said Assistant Headteacher, Ellen Taylor.

"Nothing was ever a problem, from putting up a shelf to starting staff cars when they had broken down," she added.

"Neil built our nursery furniture from scratch and created play equipment ready for opening in 2017 using upcycled materials.

"In his last year as

caretaker he has worked especially hard during the pandemic, keeping staff and children safe in school.

"Neil knew all of our 240 children who grew very fond of him and took the time to visit each and every one of them when it was time to say goodbye.

"This could be seen in the cards, pictures and messages that were presented to him by children from nursery to Year 6.

"Neil has been a valued member of the St Anne's staff and will be missed by all.

"We wish him health and happiness in his retirement and would like him to know that he will always be part of our St Anne's family."

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Home testing kits can also be ordered for residents who would prefer to take a test from home.

These can be delivered to home or collected from the nearest Community Collect site.

There are several regis-

tered Community Collect sites in Bishop Auckland, including the library and local pharmacies.

Residents can book an LFD test online at bookwhen.com/dcc_testing or by contacting County Durham Together Community Hub on 03000 260 260.

To find your nearest Community Collect site for a home kit, visit maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk and enter your postcode or home town.

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MUSIC TEACHER IN SPONSORED WALK FUNDRAISER FOR ALZHEIMER'S

LOCALLY BASED Durham Music Service Woodwind Teacher, Andy Jakob, a keen hill walker and Chairman of Aycliffe Fell Walking Club, is looking forward to taking on the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge to raise funds and awareness for the Alzheimer's Society.

Andy will be joined by younger brother Pete, from Hampshire, and together they aim to complete the 25-mile circular walk and climb the three mountains *Penyghent* (694m), *Whernside* (736m) and *Ingleborough* (724m) in under 12 hours.

Their mother is herself diagnosed with dementia, so they are motivated to raise funds so that one day a cure will be found.

"Alzheimer's Society is transforming the landscape of dementia forever," said Andy. "Until the day we find a cure, we will help create a society where those affected by dementia are supported



Andy Jakob and his brother, Pete, will take on the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society.

and accepted, able to live in their country without fear or prejudice."

The walk will be attempted on June 18th, starting at Horton in Ribblesdale.

A Just Giving page has been set up for anyone

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Over forty young footballers took part in the Tommy Andrew TASC Soccer Coaching.

BUSY WEEK FOR ST MARY'S JUNIORS

IT'S BEEN a busy few weeks back at St Mary's Juniors FC, writes club chairman, Steve Coulthard.

No more so than our younger groups of Little Dribblers (Nursery), Little Stars (Reception) and U6's (Year 1) every Saturday morning under the guidance of Tommy Andrew TASC Soccer Coaching.

Tommy had over 40 young footballers coming along and enjoying mixing outdoors again having fun and learning new skills.

Any one interested in more details can message Steve on 07968 426817.

All the other 18 teams were also back playing league games, with the league now extended until June to get all the games played before they move up to their next age group on July 1st.

The U7 Aces had a terrific win over Guisborough but then lost out to Marton FC by the odd goal.

The U7 Bishops played Stockton Town in a close game.

The U7 Kings played Darlington Spraire Lads with Leo Raine scoring four goals.

They then played away at Kader with goals from Teddie Craddock, A Leo Raine hat-trick, a Hugo Turner double and Reuben Hoyle.

The U8 Aces and Kings played some fantastic close games.

The U9 Kings had a great game against Richmond with goals from Albie Wilson and Jack Sparke.

The U9 Aces played Hartlepool in another great game.

The U10 Kings played away at Whitby with goals from Jack Liddle and Harry Martin then last weekend played away at Seaton Carew with Zac Tabberer scoring and Matthew Wolfe starring.

The U11 Aces lost out by the odd goal with Finley Bowman outstanding in goal.

The U11 Kings had a great couple of wins with goals from Hardin Raine, Jack Johnson, Joe Petch, Olly Howe and Cooper Batley.

The U12 Aces won away at Stockton Town but then lost out to Boro Rangers with Ben Lowerson scoring. The U13 game was cancelled.

The U14s won 5-3 away at Guisborough with goals from Clark Taylor (2), Jake Pinkney (2) and Cobie Woods and good luck to them this weekend in the County Cup semi final.

The U15 had a good win over Marton.

The U16 Aces won 3-2 at home and the U16 Kings performed well.

The U18s won 4-1 away at Redcar with goals from Luke Brownless (3) and Charlie Ord.

The U23s also won away at Redcar with Billy Harland (2), Danny Malcolm, Regan Nixon, Brad Bird and Matthew Wilson contributing to a 6-0 result.



Cockton Hill Bowling Club is inviting new members to join.

BOWLING CLUB UPDATE

COCKTON HILL Bowling Club, based at Helena Terrace, continues to have a hard time, with vandalism of the pavilion and surrounding grounds being an ongoing problem.

However, in 2021 the club's determined and enthusiastic members will play in two leagues: on Monday evenings for bowlers of all ages, starting at 6pm and in the Wednesday Vets, for over 55s, starting at 2pm.

Bowling this year will recommence in May and the league fixtures will

start in June and July.

Club Secretary, George Elms said: "The club is a small friendly club and as well as the match days there is usually open bowling on a Friday afternoon with the intention of starting more open bowling this year."

"The club is looking for new players for the coming season."

"Anyone can come along and join the mainly older people playing a young person's game with free coaching for newcomers."

Cockton Hill WMC

We are opening on Monday
17th May from 7pm

Then every Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12 noon till 11.30pm

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sat 29th May: **LEE DAVIS**
Sat 5th June: **SHYRELLE ADAMS**
Sat 12th June: **KROCKOTT**
Sat 19th June: **MARTY THOMAS**
Sat 26th June: **CATLEN BLACK**

All money draws to commence from Sunday 30th May

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