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SOUTH WEST Durham News is hiring. Having recently commissioned a reader survey to inform its future strategy, the independent publisher of four local community newspapers, including the *Bishop Press*, is looking to add a staff member to help develop its growth plan.

"We are looking for a Production and Editorial Assistant," said Editor, Archie MacKay.

"Although the generally advertised deadline for applications is 30 January, we are extending this deadline by a week exclusively for readers of the *Bishop Press* to provide adequate notice."

"While our printed papers remain our core business, it is essential in this age that we expand our digital offering.

"As a community champion, we are particularly keen to hear from aspiring or experienced journalists in the local community who would like to get involved in this exciting new chapter of our development.

"We are committed to paying the real living wage for this permanent position, which will initially be part-time.

For more information, see page 5.



Neil receives his vouchers from of SK & AJ Linsley Family Butchers and Bakers in Shildon.

NEIL IS SURVEY VOUCHER WINNER

NEIL IMRIE from Bishop Auckland is the winner of South West Durham News' (SWDN) reader survey £100 voucher.

Having retired as an international IT consultant, Neil, from Cockton Hill, is now a CAB advisor in Middlesbrough.

Neil chose to spend his prize at SK & AJ Linsley Family Butchers and Bak-

ers in Shildon, who advertise in the *Shildon Town Crier*, one of SWDN's four community newspapers, including the *Chapter*.

He collected his prize last week, which Linsley's helpfully split into five separate £20 vouchers.

Speaking of the survey, SWDN Editor, Archie MacKay said: "We had a fantastic response to the

survey and we would like to thank everyone who took part and shared their valuable insights with us.

"We are currently analysing the results and are looking forward to presenting our findings to each of the communities we serve in the near future.

"We were delighted to receive a similar num-

ber of responses from each area and across all age ranges - a true representation of the community as a whole.

"While the results will inform our digital as well as our print strategy, our readers can rest assured that the *Bishop Press* will continue to be delivered to all homes for the foreseeable future."



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RONNIE AND SHIRLEY CELEBRATE SEVENTY YEARS

POPULAR BISHOP Auckland couple, Ronnie and Shirley Beedle, have celebrated their Platinum Anniversary, marking 70 happy years of marriage.

Ronnie was born in Tindale Crescent and Shirley in Spennymoor, although she moved to Ferryhill at a young age.

Ronnie left school at 15 and joined the United Bus Company in Darlington as an electrician.

Later he moved to Dove Electrical Contractors, then NEEB at Fylands, where he reached the position of foreman.

He transferred to Darlington NEEB as foreman there before he left to help his wife run her businesses.

Shirley went to Dean Bank Girls School and when she left, she returned to the school as its secretary for three years.

She then worked at Ferryhill Clothing Factory in Dean Bank until the family came along.

In 1951, she was Carnival Queen in Ferryhill.

The couple first met at Spennymoor Variety Club.

They moved to High Durham Street in Bishop Auckland after they were married, then Granville Road and Rush Park before moving into their current home in Boundar Court.



Ronnie and Shirley Beedle with a memento of their Platinum celebrations from the Queen.

Ronnie and Shirley have two children, David and Peter, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In 1970, Shirley opened her business Kard Kabin in Bondgate and was there until 1993.

She also had four other card shops which were run by members of the family.

After she retired, her sons kept up her entrepreneurial spirit, taking over four fish shops in Tindale Crescent, Chil-

ton, Shildon and Darlington.

Peter, who has himself recently retired, still has the well-known fish shop in Bishop Auckland, with his son James now running the business.

David emigrated to Australia 17 years ago.

In his spare time, Ronnie liked photography and making model kits and is still a keen cyclist.

Shirley loved sewing,

knitting, and gardening.

In earlier times they visited Tenerife in the winter as their businesses meant they couldn't take summer holidays.

Because of Covid limitations, the spritely couple celebrated their wonderful occasion with afternoon tea at their home and raised the fantastic sum of £540 for Macmillan Cancer Support in the process.

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TRIBUTE PAID TO LENNOX AFTER TRAGIC OFF-ROAD BIKE ACCIDENT



Lennox proudly displaying a model robot he had made in nursery.
Photo: Prince Bishops Community Primary School.

TRIBUTE HAS been paid to four-year-old Lennox Railton-Craggs, who tragically died on Sunday afternoon after the off-road bike he was believed to have been a passenger on hit a lamppost in Eldon Lane.

Lennox was a nursery pupil at Prince Bishops Community Primary School, who posted a tribute on their Facebook page.

"Lennox was a joy," said the post. "He was such a happy boy who always had a smile for staff and other children."

"He loved playing with the dinosaurs and in the water but his favourite

thing to do was to play outside.

"He was an amazing friend and could be often seen holding another child's hand and he would go and get a tissue for anyone who was upset."

"We're absolutely heartbroken by the news. Lennox will be hugely missed by all of the staff at school, especially those who were privileged enough to teach and support him."

"Naturally we have spoken to Lennox's family and as always, will do what we can to support them through the unimaginable pain they are going through."

"As so many children had heard the news before they came to school today [Monday, 24 January], we have spoken to them about bereavement, and we are providing support for them."

The accident happened shortly after 1pm and emergency services treated Lennox at the scene before he was airlifted to hospital by the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

A spokesperson for Durham police said: "Police are investigating following the death of a four-year-old boy in Bishop Auckland."

"It is believed the child had been a passenger on an off-road bike when it collided with a lamppost shortly after 1pm yesterday (Sunday, January 23) in the Eldon Lane area."

"He was airlifted to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, in Newcastle, but was sadly pronounced dead on arrival."

A spokesperson for the North East Ambulance Service said: "We received a 999 call just before 1pm to the Bishop Auckland area."

"We dispatched a paramedic ambulance, a rapid response car and the air ambulance."

"A boy was treated at the scene then flown to the RVI in Newcastle by the air ambulance."

Investigators have appealed for anyone with information to get in touch.

Anyone with any information that could help the investigation is asked to call Durham Constabulary on 101, quoting incident number 196 of January 23.

MOTORISTS URGED TO TAKE THE SAGE TEST

DURHAM CONSTABULARY is encouraging eligible drivers over 55 years old to take part in Durham County Council's Safer Driving with Age (SAGE) driving assessment.

SAGE consists of a 40-minute session with a driving instructor with

participants taking a drive in their own car, along roads they know well, and at the end the assessor will provide feedback and offer any additional tips.

Assessments are available all year round. If you are interested, call

the council's road safety team on 03000 268172 or email road.safety@durham.gov.uk.

Alternatively, drivers can fill out an application form and find more information, at www.durham.gov.uk/article/6545/older-driver-training.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

WHAT'S YOUR new year resolution?

We often tell ourselves and others that we are going to make changes in our lifestyle to improve our health – but in doing this most people are referring to their physical, not psychological, wellbeing.

We need to realise that looking after and improving our mental health is as important as our physical health, because they are intrinsically linked and both have a huge influence on the other.

Very often we try to change the external things in our life rather than look at what's going on internally.

Unfortunately, we've come to believe that a 'quick fix' is what's needed when actually, altering our beliefs, perceptions and things about our personalities and characters will probably be far more beneficial and rewarding.

If we are honest, most of us have things we don't like about ourselves.

We might be too impatient, rigid, selfish, critical, judgemental, controlling, intolerant, jealous, prejudiced or we might lack confidence, feel insecure, suffer from anxiety, have a track record of unhappy relationships or difficult family dynamics.

Likewise, many people can just feel overwhelmed by the pace of life, or may feel their life has no meaning, direction or purpose.

Throughout our lives we take in masses of information, whether from our parents, teachers, family members, friends and others we encounter or from situations we've found ourselves in.

We all have different experiences and events in life. Some are pleasant, others not so.

To a greater or lesser extent, most of us will have some trauma to deal with during our lifetime which can result in hurt, fear, disappointment, anger or sorrow – all of which can manifest

themselves in a myriad of mental health problems, some can be severe, others not so much.

By ourselves it's often difficult to know what we need to change and how to go about it. And it's a lot harder doing it on one's own.

For some, just talking can be a relief and dramatically reduce stress and symptoms, whereas others may need more in-depth professional support.

Facing our fears and healing our emotional pain allows us to grow and can be incredibly empowering, as can identifying the things that don't serve us well and learning new ways to cope with everyday life.

To most of us, life is a precious gift. There is so much to understand and explore about ourselves and one another. Being in a rut and not developing cognitively, emotionally and behaviourally is a massive waste of an opportunity.

Life is for living and to be enjoyed but usually we are the ones that make it arduous and complicated. However, with a little guidance and a will to change, we can reap some great rewards from our brief existence on this incredible planet.

So I challenge you to make a new year's resolution to work on your mental health in 2022 if you really want to live a more fulfilling and prosperous life.

Contentment, peace and love are certainly attainable, but they nearly always come from within.

David Stanton is a Senior Psychotherapist and Counsellor living and working in County Durham. For information and appointments phone 07584 711488.

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RAIL CROSSING EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 118A****THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM
(UNRECORDED FOOTPATH BISHOP AUCKLAND PARISH)
RAIL CROSSING EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2022**

The above order, made on 26 January 2022, under section 118A of the Highways Act 1980, will **Extinguish Unrecorded Footpath Bishop Auckland Parish** from a point north of the railway, proceeding in a generally west-north-westerly then south-westerly direction across the railway then south-south-easterly to a point in the field south of the railway as shown on the order map.

A copy of the order and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the at Bishop Auckland library & County Hall, Durham during normal opening hours and via the Council website.

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing addressed to Sharon Renwick, Legal Assistant, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL or by email to Highways.orders@durham.gov.uk (ref: 32256) not later than 25 February 2022. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the County Council of Durham may confirm the order as an unopposed order. If the order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the order.

DATED: : 28 January 2022



Helen Lynch
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

**NOTICE OF MAKING OF A RAIL CROSSING
DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP
AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER****HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 119A****THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.37 BISHOP AUCKLAND PARISH)
RAIL CROSSING DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP
AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2022**

The above order, made on 26 January 2022, under section 119A of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the public footpath running from a point north of the railway, proceeding in a generally westerly then south-westerly direction across the railway then southerly to a point in the field south of the railway **to a line running** from the same point north of the railway, proceeding in a generally south-westerly, then westerly, then south-westerly direction to cross the railway via a new level crossing to the same point in the field south of the railway as shown on the order map. The above order will also modify the Definitive Map and Statement of the Public Rights of Way for County Durham by deleting and adding the footpath described.

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The Great North Air Ambulance at the scene of the crash. Photo: Great North Air Ambulance.

SPENNYMOOR MAN IN COURT AFTER MOTORWAY CRASH

A MAN has appeared in court accused of stealing a car before crashing through barriers and landing upside down on the A1(M) at the Bowburn junction, critically injuring a woman who was also in the car.

Hugh Raymond Holmes, of York Hill Road, Spennymoor, faced charges of aggravated vehicle taking, causing serious injury by dangerous driving, causing serious injury whilst disqualified from driving, driving without insurance, and failing to provide a specimen of breath.

The charges relate to an incident on Friday morning (21 January), when a red Vauxhall Astra was involved in a collision with another vehicle on the A177 flyover at the Junction 61 Bowburn Interchange roundabout.

The car then crashed through the safety barriers and landed on its roof, in the central reservation of the motorway below.

Police said that a woman in her mid-40s suffered serious injuries and was airlifted to hospital where she remains in a critical condition.

The road was closed until the following morning to allow accident investigators to examine the scene and for the safety barriers to be repaired.

The 32-year-old entered no pleas when he appeared at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court on Monday morning.

The court heard that the injured woman was Mr Holmes' partner and the car had belonged to her son.

Prosecutor Ian Martin

said she had suffered "serious, life-changing if not life-ending" injuries.

Magistrates declined jurisdiction of the case and sent it to Durham Crown Court.

Mr Holmes was remanded into custody until his next court appearance at Durham, on February 21.

The collision continues to be investigated by police.

Detective Constable Natalie Horner, of Durham Constabulary, said: "We would like to thank the public for their support and patience whilst we dealt with this incident."

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information is asked to call Durham Constabulary on 101, quoting incident number 105 of January 21.

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Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

Dated: 29.01.22

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A record of this application may be inspected at the Council's offices at Annand House, John Street North, Meadowfield, Durham. DH7 8RS by appointment, on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.00pm.

Any representations about this application must be made in writing by the **15th February 2022** and sent to:-

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CIVIC SOCIETY DONATES TOWN QUIZ FUNDS



Quizmaster Glynn Wales, BA Civic Society Chairman Bob McManners, Woodhouse Close Centre Staff member Debbie Richardson and volunteers, Shirley Richardson and Anita Hudson and Quiz Assistant Stefa McManners.

SEVENTEEN TEAMS took part in Bishop Auckland Civic Society's Annual Town Quiz in December, raising a magnificent £701 for Woodhouse Close Community Centre.

Based on Woodhouse Close Estate, the centre's aim is to provide for all in the community - single people as well as families - particularly those facing financial hardship or crisis and in need of welfare support.

From those struggling on benefits, suffering job loss and homelessness, the centre's staff are

there to assist.

Non-judgemental and not limited solely to Bishop Auckland - many people from Coundon, Shildon and even further afield, from Barnard Castle, Trimdon and Wolsingham for example - have been assisted by the centre.

The centre's crisis intervention includes the Food Bank, which is manned by volunteers from local churches in the area.

In recent years staff have noted a huge increase in the number of people accessing these

services.

Last year saw a 49% increase, compared with the previous year and, in December 2021 alone, 73 single people and 82 families, equating to 206 adults and 154 children received help.

Donations of food and non-food items, especially toiletries, are most welcome.

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On Tuesday 8th February there will be a Messy Church from 3.15pm to 5pm where you can join the fun, games, story telling and food. Children, parents and guardians welcome.

Meanwhile, every Friday, from 11.30am until 2pm, there is a Lunch Club for older people to enjoy food in pleasant company. A main course and pudding will be served, followed by tea and coffee.

Visit stcuthbertsetherley.co.uk or their Facebook page for more details.

JOIN THE FOUR CLOCKS CLUBS

THE NEXT Four Clocks Memory Club will be on Tuesday 8 February.

The club takes place every second Tuesday from 1.30pm until 3pm in Brougham Place (pronounced "broom") - a room on the ground floor of the centre which has a light and airy aspect.

Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake are served to enjoy during the sessions.

There will be tailored games, arts and crafts. Also the opportunity to visit some local areas. All are welcome to join and enjoy a fun, welcoming afternoon.

There is a small charge of £2 per session per person.

"Come along and join in some fun activities, listening to music from the good old days," said a spokesperson.

Meantime, the centre also runs The Four Clocks Friday Club, which is dedicated to the elderly and lonely.

The aim is to provide a friendly, safe, welcoming environment with activities, refreshments and outings.

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For more information, contact the centre on 01388 609852.

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THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM C188 NEWTON CAP SKIRLAW BRIDGE, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2022

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on 93 metres of Newton Cap Skirlaw Bridge that extends between the access road to Waterside Cottages north of the bridge and footpath no 89 south of the bridge, Bishop Auckland to enable bridge inspection works to be undertaken. Alternative route will be available to traffic via A689 and Newton Cap Viaduct. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 15/2/22 from 9.30am and are anticipated to be completed in 6 hours. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

DATED: 29th January 2022



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Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...



Some of the Wear Valley club's swimmers at the recent gala at Tynemouth Pool.

SWIMMERS CRUSH PERSONAL BESTS WHILE AMASSING MEDAL HAUL

TEN WEAR Valley Amateur Swimming Club swimmers made a tremendous start to the year achieving fantastic results at the *Last Chance Northumberland and Durham County Qualifier*, hosted by Newcastle Swim Team.

The gala was held over the weekend of 15 and 16 January at the Tynemouth Pool.

A total of 42 personal best (pb) times were gained by the athletes, who also amassed 14 medals.

George Anderson enjoyed a fantastic set of nine swims, achieving pbs in every event.

He took 18 seconds off his 100m butterfly (fly) time with a new pb of 1.15.80 and also took an amazing 21 seconds off his 200m Individual Medley (IM) with a new time of 2.42.37.

Thomas Power also smashed his five events, winning pbs in all of them, together with three bronze medals; in the 50m fly, 100m backstroke (back) and 200m back.

Thomas also took three seconds off his 200m freestyle (free) with a new time of 2.15.03 and five seconds off his 200m back with a new pb of 2.34.28.

Lola Copeland also enjoyed a 100 per cent pb record with pbs gained in both the 200 free (2.45.78) and 100m breaststroke.

Roberta Antonescu swam some amazing times gaining six new pbs.

Roberta took six seconds off her 400m free with a new time of 5.25.85.

Anne Marie Kelley took an incredible 15 seconds off her 200m free with a new time of 2.43.93 and

also swam five pbs.

Isobel Micklethwait and Daisy Mulholland gained three pbs each.

Isobel took one second off her 50m breaststroke (50.92) and Daisy took three seconds off her 100m back (1.26.06).

Ava Race won a gold in the 200m breaststroke, silver medals in the 100m fly and 200m free and bronze medals in the 50m and 100m breaststroke, all while also gaining three pbs.

Romilly Staines swam an amazing six pb times, taking 27 seconds off her 200m free with a new time of 2.39.68.

Annabel Cooper medalled in each of her six events, winning three golds and three silvers.

All in all, there were lots of terrific times at Tynemouth, providing the club with a tremendous start to the New Year.



The U12 Kings wear t-shirts paying tribute to parent, Brent Batley, who tragically passed away suddenly last week.

ST MARY'S U12 KINGS PAY TRIBUTE TO BRENT

EVERYONE AT St Mary's was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Brent Batley while on work abroad last week, writes club chairman, Steve Coulthard.

Brent, a loyal supporter of the club was husband to Louise, secretary of the U12 Kings and dad to Cooper, who plays for the team.

The team did him proud by wearing t-shirts adorning his name and recorded a great win in his memory.

Cooper and his mam came along to give support in what is a very difficult time for the family, but it just showed the strength of the team knowing their football family were all there supporting them.

It was an emotional day but the boys did Brent justice with a 6-1 win against Thirsk, Tom scoring a hat-trick and Joe, Jack and Olly contributing the other goals.

The Under 9 Aces bat-

tled back three times against a good Richmond side to earn a 3-3 draw.

Goals from Bobby, Freddie and Charlie ensured a share of the spoils.

The Under 14s lost out to top of the league Ferryhill Town with Tyler and Max scoring and Kyle starring.

The U11s enjoyed a thumping win away against Darlington, scoring eight goals to no reply. Doubles from Lucas and Jack were added to by Kenzi, Robbie, Finley and Theo. Harley contributed the game's star performance.

The U10 Kings lost out to Stockton Town with Tom scoring for St Mary's while the U10 Aces had a great win against Seaton Carew.

The U7 Aces enjoyed a good friendly against Willington.

The U9 Kings had an exciting game against Whitby while the U12 Aces lost out to league leaders Leven in a good game.

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