



CABINET TO CONSIDER FORMER DLI MUSEUM PROPOSAL

PROPOSALS TO bring the former Durham Light Infantry (DLI) Museum and Art Gallery back into use as an exhibition centre, gallery and café will be set out next week.

Durham County Council's Cabinet will be presented with the outcome of further development work and the associated financial implications of reopening the museum and art gallery, after councillors agreed to review options for the building last year.

The initial review, presented last September, identified that the preferred option was to bring the building back into use as an exhibition centre, gallery and café venue which included a dedicated space for the display of items from the DLI Collection and Archive.

This would complement plans for the new History Centre, allowing a second dedicated new site to showcase the DLI collection, as well as some of the council's other collections, increasing access for the public to view exhibits and artefacts.

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Local celebrity chef, Mike Bartley will be offering a four-course evening menu as part of this year's Bishop Auckland Food Festival.

ENJOY AN EVENING WITH CELEBRITY CHEF MIKE BARTLEY

AS PART of this year's Bishop Auckland Food Festival, local celebrity chef Mike Bartley will be offering a four-course evening menu during a pop-up dining experience.

The event will take place at the Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Saturday 23 April with arrival at 6.30pm for dining at 7pm.

There will be live music and a bar available to purchase drinks.

Mike said; "I'm super excited to be cooking at Bishop Auckland Town Hall as part of Bishop Food Festival.

As a local lad and a festival-goer for years, it's a massive honour for me to

be involved in the festival for a second year.

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Organisation name
Applicant name Title Mr Forename Stephen
Surname Weighell and Ms L McKittrick

For planning permission to:

Description of proposed development
Retain the change of use of the land to domestic garden and the erection of boundary fencing

Local Planning Authority to whom
the application is being submitted: Durham County Council
Local Planning Authority address:
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Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should
write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signatory:

Signatory Title Mr Forename Stephen
Surname Weighell and Ms L McKittrick

Signature

Date (dd-mm-yyyy) 01-03-2022

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which is not less than seven years.

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PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED FOR TOWN CENTRE RESIDENTIAL LETS

PLANNING PERMISSION has been granted for a commercial conversion project in the centre of Bishop Auckland that will deliver ten luxury short-term let residential apartments.

The project, which has been highly commended by the Durham County Council Planning Committee, is positioned in the town centre on the intersection of Newgate Street and Victoria Avenue.

The scheme will also see the closure of the current Post Office on Victoria Avenue, which is expected to move into

the former Burtons store on the corner of the same street as part of a joint tenancy with another business.

This would address the long-term vacancy in the store and allow both the corner unit and the Post Office to be renovated in line with the Future High Street programme.

The application has given permission for "partial change of use from retail to residential short-term lets on upper levels and ground Eastern retail unit, including demolition of rear stairwell and ground floor lean-to storage room and con-

struction of new 3 storey rear extension to provide additional residential external terrace amenity.

"The current retail space will be retained at ground floor in the corner unit. The existing Post Office tenancy located off the high street on Victoria Avenue will be converted to residential."

Developer, BEK Developments said: "The Post Office operator has expressed an interest in ending the lease early and we are now in talks with the owner with regards to the future of the shop.

"The upper levels are to

be converted from retail storage space to residential serviced apartments to create a total of ten short-term let apartments. Where possible, external amenity space has been created to ensure high quality development."

Graham Thomas, Commercial Manager at Properties Unique, said: "We are really excited about this project and can't wait to get cracking. We would also like to say a big thank you to Cellar Door Architecture [who prepared the planning application] for their work on this scheme".

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Passed Away

Joanne Elizabeth Murphy

Aged 56, passed away peacefully on 28th February.

Beloved daughter of Barry, sister of Adrian and Fiona, treasured aunt to Josh, Harry, Oli, Ellie and Anna.



Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 16th March at 11am, followed by a family burial at West Road Cemetery. Family flowers only, but a collection will be taken for CHUF and the British Heart Foundation. Refreshments afterwards at the Civic Hall.

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A bracelet has been found behind Eastlea Avenue in Bishop Auckland on Sunday 6th March. Call the Bishop Press for details. 01388 775896



The Barbican Quartet will play at the first BAMS concert on Friday 1 April.

BISHOP AUCKLAND MUSIC SOCIETY SET FOR 2022 CONCERT SEASON

BISHOP AUCKLAND Music Society (BAMS) has announced its 2022 concert season, which will take place at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church on Cockton Hill Road, opposite the hospital.

The series of five concerts taking place from April to September features an early music ensemble, string quartet, piano trio, horn duo and pianist.

All are renowned young musicians in the UK and many internationally.

The first performance, on Friday 1 April at 7.30pm will be by the Barbican Quartet.

Winners of the 2019 Joseph Joachim International Chamber Music Competition as well as the 2018 St Martin in the Fields Chamber Music

Competition, the Barbican Quartet are an emerging young quartet.

Hailing from four different countries and currently based in London, the quartet consists of violinists Amarins Wierdsma and James Dong, violist Christoph Slenczka and cellist Yoanna Prodanova.

They made their Wigmore Hall debut in 2017 thanks to the Maisie Lewis Award, and were 2020 St John Smith Square Young Artists and 2016 Park Lane Group artists.

In 2018 the Royal Philharmonic Society awarded them the Albert and Eugenie Frost Prize.

The quartet has appeared in many international festivals and their performances have been broadcast on NPO Radio 4 and BBC Radio 3.

The Barbican Quartet is a part of the Chamber Music Academy with Guenter Pichler at the Reina Sofia String Quartet Academy in Madrid.

They are very grateful to the Dutch Instrument Foundation for Amarins' Guadagnini violin and the Canimex Group (Canada) for Yoanna's Gagliano cello.

The quartet's programme on the evening will feature Haydn *op. 77 no. 2*; Martinu - *String Quartet no. 3*; Schubert - *Quartetsatz* and Brahms - *String Quartet no. 2*.

Tickets on the door are priced at £16.

Advance tickets are £14 and available from Brotherton's Music Shop, 205 Newgate Street or from the BAMS treasurer Brian Varley on 01388 606075 or 07415 092040



A performer taking part in the circus acts in Shildon last Sunday.

FESTIVAL FUN COMING TO BISHOP AUCKLAND

CIRCUS ACTS, face painting, crafts and festival activities will be taking place across the streets of County Durham this month.

Durham County Council is running a series of free festival-style events across the county's main towns throughout March, as part of a bid to get people visiting and enjoying their high streets.

Each weekend of the month will see fun activities descend upon a different town centre, where people can enjoy a variety of entertainment including circus performances and workshops, walk-about acts, craft workshops and face painting.

In some areas there will also be an outdoor performance ring, a stage and seating, grass street furniture, pop-up marquees, a climbing wall and crazy golf.

The events support the county's current bid for UK City of Culture 2025.

If successful, the bid will

mean more opportunities to bring exciting events to towns and communities across the county.

The street festival kicked off with events in Shildon and Seaham last weekend, with the next to take place in Bishop Auckland Market Place on Friday 25 March from 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

The events have been organised with Welcome Back Fund (WBF) money from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities, which invited councils to apply to support the safe return of people to high streets following the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

The WBF builds on the Re-opening High Streets Safely Fund, which was allocated to councils in 2020 to put in place additional measures to create and promote a safe environment for local trade and tourism, particularly in high streets as their economies reopen.



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Trades4Care are redecorating Winston Village Hall near Gainford.

ANOTHER TRADES 4 CARE PROJECT UNDERWAY

BISHOP AUCKLAND College painting and decorating apprentices, Alex Pickering and Cameron Southworth, and Level 3 student David Ross, had a great first week working at Winston Village Hall, near Gainford.

They were treated to homemade lemon and chocolate cakes, ginger biscuits and scones,

brought in by a kind committee member.

The talented trio are working with Trades 4Care, which pairs college students and apprentices with qualified tradespeople to work on maintenance projects at community venues as part of a wider life skills and employability programme.

BOWLS CLUB SPRING MEETING

COCKTON HILL Bowling Club is holding its Spring General Meeting on Saturday 26 March at 11am.

The meeting will take place in the Bowls Pavilion at Helena Terrace, Bishop Auckland.

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A memorial plaque to DC Jim Porter (inset) is unveiled at a service marking the 40th anniversary of his death.

40TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DC JIM PORTER

A **HEROIC** officer who died while protecting the public has been remembered at a memorial service to mark the 40th anniversary of his death.

Detective Constable Jim Porter was tragically shot and killed whilst confronting suspects from an armed robbery in Woodhouses, Bishop Auckland, on 4 March, 1982. He was just 31.

The service attended by his family, retired colleagues and serving officers was held at Durham Constabulary's headquarters in Durham on Friday 4 March.

The Police Memorial Trust, which organised the event in consultation with DC Porter's family and Durham Constabulary, also unveiled a memorial plaque at the service, which will be erected in Woodhouses later this year.

In a statement, DC Porter's family said: "The death of Jim left a massive hole in our lives, and 40 years on this has not changed.

"He had his whole life ahead of him when he was taken from us.

"He loved his job, and his actions show the kind of courageous man he was.

"He would do anything to protect people but sadly made the ultimate sacrifice.

"It has been an emotional day, but we are grateful to have this opportunity to remember Jim with today's service."

Deputy Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary, Dave Orford, who spoke at the service, said: "The actions of DC Jim Porter that day went beyond the call of duty and were a testament to his dedication to being a police officer.

"I am truly honoured to have been invited to this service and I think it is only fitting that we celebrate him in this way," he added.

"He made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the public and whilst none of his colleagues are serv-

ing officers anymore, there is no doubt that Jim and his courageous actions will never be forgotten at Durham Constabulary."

Joy Allen, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "DC Porter made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

"It is only right that we should remember this.

"It reminds us all of the dangers police officers and staff face in their work to keep us safe and prevent crime.

Geraldine Winner, chairwoman of the Police Memorial Trust, said: "My thoughts are with DC Porter's family and colleagues as they mark this sobering anniversary."

"As a trust we are pleased to commemorate DC Porter's bravery here today.

"We know our memorial will prove to his loved ones that his service and sacrifice has not and will not be forgotten by the wider police family."

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The future of the former DLI Museum in Durham City will be discussed at County Hall on 16 March.

CABINET TO DISCUSS DLI MUSEUM

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The proposals will provide a significant boost to the county's culture and tourism offer, with the development of a significant creative centre capable of delivering national and international visual art, alongside exhibitions celebrating the county's important collections.

A rich and vibrant cultural scene is also a key factor in the council's

inclusive approach to the economy.

The preferred option from five proposals would see the building extended to increase its net area by almost 100 per cent, offering more exhibition space than the other options and doubling the space available for artists in residence or a creative hub.

The report suggests that this option would provide the best value for money

and deliver a venue that would raise the city and county's profile.

If the recommendation is accepted, officers would be requested to develop and implement a fundraising strategy to help mitigate the cost to the council.

The Cabinet meeting will take place at 9.30am on Wednesday 16 March and can be viewed online at the local authority's YouTube channel.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY RESTART MONTHLY MEETINGS

BISHOP AUCKLAND Astronomical Society is restarting its monthly meetings after a long Covid lay-off.

The first meeting will happen on Friday 1st April starting at 7pm.

Meetings take place at Bishop Auckland Community Fire Station, Green Lane, Bishop Auckland.

The cost is £1 for members and £2.50 for visitors with tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Future meetings will take place on the first Friday of every month except January and August.

For more information check their Facebook page or email baastro@btinternet.com.

WITTON PARK COFFEE MORNING

THE REGULAR monthly coffee morning will take place on Saturday 12 March from 10am to 12 noon at Witton Park Methodist Chapel. Then on Saturday 19 March they are

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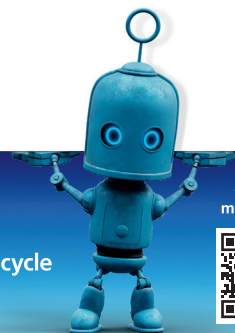
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Notice of Designation of an area for Selective Licensing

This notice is published in accordance with Section 80 to 84 of the Housing Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Licensing and Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Houses (Miscellaneous Provisions)(England) Regulations 2006

The County Council of Durham Designations of Areas for Selective Licensing 2021

The County Council of Durham in exercise of their powers under section 80 of the Housing Act 2004 ("the Act") HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it designates for selective licensing the areas described in paragraph 4.

CITATION, COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

1. This designation may be cited as the County Council of Durham Designations of Areas for Selective Licensing 2021.
2. The designations were approved by the Cabinet for The County Council of Durham on 16 September 2020 and requires confirmation by the Secretary of State, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
3. The Secretary of State confirmed on 30th November 2021 that the designations shall come into force on 1st April 2022 and shall cease to have effect five years after such date, namely 31st March 2027, or earlier if the Council revokes the scheme under Section 84 of the Act.

DESIGNATION AND AREA

4. The designations shall apply to the following Lower Super Output Areas of the County Council of Durham and as shown shaded on the map attached to this notice at Annex A.

Designation One

Chester Central 2	Dawdon South 2	Shildon West	Consett South	Haswell
Cockton Hill East	Consett West	Horden South	Cockton Hill North	Havannah South
West Cornforth	Newfield	Leadgate North	Stanley Crook	Roddymoor
Leadgate Central	Tow Law Rural	Henknowle North	Kelloe	Hunwick
Waterhouses	Tow Law Central	Blackhall Rocks North	South Hetton East	

Designation Two

Catchgate North	Ferryhill Dean Bank South	Murton Central	Sunnybrow	Passfield North
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Designation Three

Moorside West	Eden Hill North	Woodham Village South West	Annfield Plain	Acre Rigg North
West North	Stanley Hall North	Acre Rigg South	West Central	Stanley Hall West
Eden Hill South	West South	Craghead North	Eden Hill Central	Middridge South
Pelton North	Dene House Central	Thickley	Pelton Fell	Dene House East
Shildon East	Chester West 2	Blackhall Colliery North	Woodhouse Close South	Murton Moor & South Hetton
Blackhall Rocks South	Low Spennymoor	Dalton le Dale	Passfield East	Middlestone Moor
Dawdon South 1	Shotton East	Willington Central	Seaham Harbour South	Shotton Colliery Central
Crook East	Easington Colliery South	Wingate West	Esh Winning	Horden North
Wheatley Hill South	Ushaw Moor East	Horden West	Trimdon South	Bearpark
Howlatch East				

Designation Four

New Kyo	Blackhall Colliery South	Ferryhill South & Station	South Moor North	Wheatley Hill North
Ferryhill Dean Bank North	South Moor Central	Station Town	Spennymoor Central	South Moor South
Deaf Hill	Coundon South	Grange Villa	Sunnydale	Coundon Grange
Easington Colliery North	New Shildon	Eldon	Easington Colliery Central	Henknowle South
Toronto	Horden Central	West Auckland East	Crook Central 2	Horden East
Dawdon North 2				

APPLICATION OF THE DESIGNATION

5. This designation applies to any house which is let or occupied under a tenancy or licence within the area described in paragraph 4 unless
 - (a) The house is a house in multiple occupation and is required to be licensed under Part 2 of the Act;
 - (b) The tenancy or licence of the house has been granted by a registered social landlord;
 - (c) The house is subject to an Interim or Final Management Order under Part 4 of the Act;
 - (d) The house is subject to a temporary exemption under section 86 of the Act; or
 - (e) The house is occupied under a tenancy or licence which is exempt under the Act or the occupation is of a building or part of a building so exempt as defined in The Selective Licensing of Houses (Specified Exemptions)(England) Order 2006 SI 2006/370.

EFFECT OF THE DESIGNATION

6. Subject to sub paragraphs 5(a) to (e) every house in the area specified in paragraph 4 that is occupied under a tenancy or licence shall be required to be licensed under section 85 of the Act.
7. The County Council of Durham will comply with the notification requirements contained in section 83 of the Act and shall maintain a register of all houses registered under this designation, as required under section 232 of the Act.

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO LICENCE A PROPERTY THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED

8. Upon the Designation coming into force any person who operates a licensable property without a licence or allows a licensed property to be occupied by more households or persons other than as authorised by the licence, is, pursuant to the provisions of Section 95(1) of the Act, liable to prosecution (and upon summary conviction to an unlimited fine), or a financial penalty not exceeding £30,000.
9. A person who breaches a condition of a licence shall either be liable to prosecution (and upon summary conviction to an unlimited fine), or a financial penalty not exceeding £30,000.
10. Operating an unlicensed property may also lead to the Council, or a tenant, making an application to the First-tier Tribunal to obtain a Rent Repayment Order in respect of up to 12 months' rent or housing benefit monies paid.
11. The Council is also empowered to take control of unlicensed premises by making an Interim Management Order.
12. Furthermore, in relation to shorthold tenancies, no Section 21 notice may be served under the Housing Act 1988 in respect of an unlicensed property.

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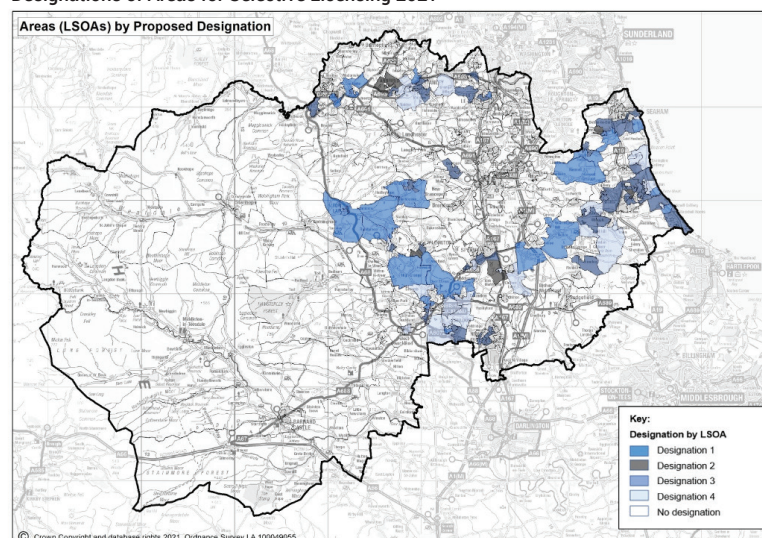
Maps of the designated areas are also available to view at the above website. Any landlord, managing agent or tenant within the Designated Areas of the County requiring further information or advice should contact the Council's Selective Licensing Team on 03000 260000 or by email to selectivelicensing@durham.gov.uk

The Designation may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ and can also be obtained from the Council's website.

Date: 3rd December 2021

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

Annex A: Map showing the County Council of Durham Designations of Areas for Selective Licensing 2021





Aussie Ben Rosenboom has signed for Bishop Auckland Cricket Club.

NEW SIGNING FOR BISHOP CRICKET CLUB

BISHOP AUCKLAND Cricket Club has announced the signing of Australian cricketer Ben Rosenboom for the coming 2022 season.

Ben is a right arm fast bowler, currently playing First Grade cricket with Footscray CC in the Victorian Premier Cricket Competition.

The connection was

made via Bishop's Director of Coaching, Steve Chapman, who coached Footscray for five years from 2013 – 2018 before returning to the UK in early 2018.

Steve said: "Ben is a fantastic young player and genuinely nice guy."

"He is a seriously hard worker and is always looking to improve his game."

"Ben will be an outstanding asset for the team."

The 23-year-old has previously travelled into Europe on holiday for a few weeks just prior to the Covid pandemic, but has yet to play any cricket in the UK.

Ben said: "I'm thrilled to be joining Bishop Auckland Cricket Club and teaming up with Chappy again."

"He's told me heaps about the club and what's happening there, and I am really excited to be part of it."

Nobody was more delighted about the signing than First XI skipper Richard Hawthorn.

"What a pickup Ben will be for the club," he said. "Chappy has told us lots about him and having watched him bowl on YouTube, I know he's going to be a serious player for us."

"He's tall, bowls fast and swings the new ball away nicely. What more could we want?"

With the new season a little more than a couple of weeks away it's exciting times for the club.

Ben will be joining up with Bishops in time for the friendly away at Undercliffe on 9 April.

ENJOY A FOUR-COURSE MEAL WITH MIKE BARTLEY

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at least one ingredient that grows in abundance around Bishop Auckland and has been picked especially for this event."

Mike was born in Bishop Auckland and competed in *Masterchef* 2021, winning a coveted *Masterchef* apron and receiving positive feedback from judges John Torode and Gregg Wallace, as well as guest judges Thomas Frake (*Masterchef* Champion 2020) and Ping Coombes (*Masterchef* Champion 2014).

Following his *Masterchef* journey he decided to pack in the day job and pursue a career as a chef.

Focusing on bringing a fine dining experience into people's homes as a personal chef, he has catered for a range of special occasions and family/friend gatherings in the North-East, ranging from 4 – 40 guests.

Tickets are limited and are priced at £35 per person and available from bishaucklandtownhall.org.uk or telephone 0300 026 9524

COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENT AT ETHERLEY METHODIST CHURCH

ETHERLEY METHODIST Church is holding its Annual Charity Day on Saturday 2nd April from 10am till 4pm.

All proceeds from the day are donated to a nominated charity.

Marie Cadman said; "The charity chosen this year is Motor Neuron Disease (known as MND) which is a particularly difficult disease, without a cure."

"There will also be a cake stall and tombola."

"All are welcome, so please join us and meet many old friends and new."

The charity day will include coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas throughout the day.

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Action from Bishop Auckland AFC Ladies vs Boro Rangers. Photo courtesy of Joseph Gorman.

CUP THRILLER FOR THE BISHOP AUCKLAND LADIES AGAINST BORO

BISHOP LADIES played a cup game that had everything. Goals, cards, extra time and penalties!

The game was scheduled to be played at Heritage Park, home of Bishop Auckland AFC, but due to pitch conditions the NERWFL Cup tie was switched to King James Academy.

Around 100 spectators were there to watch the events unfold.

From the first whistle the game was an end to end affair with chances at both ends.

Just after the half hour mark the deadlock was broken when Emma Wright fired home a long range drive finding the roof of the net.

The visitors found their way level early in the second period, possession

sloppily squandered in our own defensive third and Rangers capitalised through Jade Featherstone.

Bishops reacted positively and retook the lead soon after the visitor's leveller.

Emma Wright once again confidently firing home after a good through ball to claim her second of the game.

The flurry of goals early in the second half continued – unfortunately for Bishops, the visitors countered and Jade Danks raced away and finished well.

On 82 minutes a left wing corner wasn't dealt with at the front post and was bundled home by Isobel Doyle.

Natasha Napier making her welcome return from

long term injury being one of them. With just two minutes left a free kick was awarded fully 35 yards out.

Up stepped Beth Vasey and her powerful free kick arrowed into the top left hand corner much to the delight of teammates and spectators alike.

So extra time it was, but there wasn't a lot of clear cut opportunities and the game ended 3-3.

So it was down to penalties and both keepers played well and made some terrific saves.

In short there were misses and saves but with the 7th Bishop spot kick Beth Vasey followed up her wonder free kick by slotting the decisive penalty home and putting Bishops into the next round.



The Wear Valley Amateur Swimming Club qualifiers.

SWIMMERS QUALIFY FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONGRATULATIONS HAVE been extended to all five Wear Valley Amateur Swimming Club swimmers who qualified for the Northumberland and Durham Counties Championships recently.

Some amazing results were achieved by the squad who competed at the 50m (long course) pool at Sunderland Aquatic Centre over two weekends on 11th-13th and 26th-27th February.

A total of 32 clubs brought swimmers to compete at this high level gala.

Ava Race qualified for three events; the 50, 100, and 200 metre breaststroke.

She managed to qualify for finals in each event for her age group and swam extremely well in each of them, finishing 5th in the Northumberland and Durham area for her age in the 200m breaststroke.

Thomas Power continued this winning streak, gaining personal best

times (PBs) in his three breaststroke events.

He took one second off his 100m breaststroke with a new personal best time of 1.14.39.

Emily Whitton swam in a total of seven events and achieved a three-second personal best in her 200m Individual Medley (2.46.26) and a new PB in her 50m freestyle.

Jessica Maughan came 5th in her age for the 200m breaststroke and equalled her previously held times in the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke.

Annabel Cooper swam in seven events. She took two seconds off her 200m Individual Medley (2.36.24) and equalled her previously held 100m free, 200m free and 200m butterfly times (2.35.88).

A club spokesperson said: "It's been a great start to the 50m season. Well done to all of the swimmers and a big thank you to all the coaching staff."

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