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BISHOP TOWN JUBILEE SCHEDULE

BISHOP AUCKLAND
Town Council has organ-
ised an array of Platinum
Jubilee celebrations
early next month to cel-
ebrate HM Queen Eliza-
beth's seventy year reign
on the throne.

A weekend of Jubilee
events in the town are
being sponsored by the
Town Council but deliv-
ered with a range of com-
munity partners and all
events will be free.

The activities com-
mence on Thursday 2
June with the Platinum

Party in the Market Place,
which brings community
entertainment, street
food vendors and street
entertainment together
to provide a party to
remember from early
evening.

It will end with the cel-
ebratory Jubilee Beacon
being lit, as part of the
national network to com-
mence the Jubilee cele-
brations, followed by a
show stopping act.

Friday 3 June sees a
collaboration with North-
ern Bygones Society who

are bringing a vintage car
show to the Market Place
where visitors can view
cars through the ages.

A platinum picnic, a
day of traditional games,
entertainment, and Jubi-
lee activities are taking
place on Saturday 4 June.

Auckland Castle will be
opening up its beautiful
grounds to help to host
this memorable event for
all the family.

This event is free, how-
ever, due to numbers, it is
ticketed.

Tickets were made

available to Bishop Auck-
land residents first before
welcoming those from
the surrounding towns
and villages.

The first wave of tickets
have been available since
9 May via the Bishop
Auckland Town Council
website.

The Town Council will
also be organising a free
small funfair of tradi-
tional rides including tea-
cups, swings, and more
for small children, in the
Market Place on Saturday
4 June.

NEW BISHOP AUCKLAND SOCIAL COMMUNITY GROUP

THE SUNSHINE Group
is a new social group in
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Local Community Champions, Laura, Julie and Ellie got the chance to keep the DIY SOS team fuelled in March.

LOCAL WORKERS HELP COMMUNITY

IN AN effort to serve local areas, Morrisons allocate community champions throughout their stores nationwide.

They describe their community champions as "amazing colleagues that support our local communities."

Bishop Auckland store champions Laura and Julie have been involved in numerous donations, fundraisers and acts of kindness within the local area.

Speaking to Laura Ward, she said the main purpose of the Bishop Auckland store is to help in six areas Bishop Auckland appears to need extra support in.

These are: Poverty and access to food, anti-social behaviour, unemployment, crime and drugs, wellbeing including loneliness and mental health, and environmental issues.

Laura said, "Our purpose as champions is to enhance local integration

and serve the community.

"These are part of our eight priorities and are strategically important to our business.

"The Covid pandemic demonstrated the significant impact we have and can further make in our local communities.

"Community Champions are at the heart of that.

"We are a local supermarket providing local service for local people with an aim to be outstanding in customer and community service.

"We identify and build relationships with key stakeholders and groups within the local community, develop and deliver local solutions, community plans and communication strategies which complement our national community strategy.

"It also demonstrates our local commitment.

"We try to provide and socialise goods and services which meet local

needs."

Already this year, Laura and other champions have been extensively supporting the local area.

In January, they donated a range of food items to Shildon Alive, helping to replenish their stock.

On March 22, Champions Laura, Julie and their colleague Ellie, volunteered on site at DIY SOS where they had the opportunity to meet presenter Nick Knowles.

On Thursday 12 May, Laura delivered to eight local schools, awarding them Memory of Hope bunting, as well as some cream cakes to enjoy.

Flowers to the Women's Institute, a bag of essentials to First Contact UK, and chocolates for a raffle at the Mayor's dinner were also part of their donation week.

Follow their work and latest fundraising events on the Morrisons Bishop Auckland Community Champion Facebook page.



Rev. John Purdy gives some handy tips to deal with climate change.

COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE WITH JOHN

THE SCIENTIFIC basis of climate change is *inarguable. So much so that many in power, nationally, internationally and locally, including Durham County Council, have officially declared climate change to be a Climate Emergency.*

Whilst corporations, the main drivers of climate change, should be leading in the reduction of global emissions, every one of us has the ability to make an impact.

Bishop Auckland Methodist Church minister, Rev. John Purdy, who is a leading figure in the Bishop Auckland Climate Action Group, also believes we can all help reduce our carbon footprint.

Over the next few issues, John will be explaining what we can do locally to lower the effects of climate change.

He begins by explaining his own rationale for getting involved in the battle to save the planet:

The Bible begins with God creating the world and seeing that it was very good, and increasingly I have discovered God's desire as recorded in the Bible for us to keep it in its beautiful, life-enhancing, state.

From lockdown reading and online academic study, I have increasingly heard the scientific evidence of change and the consensus to act now to 'decarbonise' i.e., 'stop burning stuff'.

Finally, late in the day, I have spent more time in the garden, in nature, observing and learning how to care, and this has been rewarding.

So where to start?

The first task is to discover and feed your own motivation and driver to engage with this topic.

That might be science, family, nature, faith, community, or even financial prudence.

It doesn't particularly matter which, but something needs to move and inspire us for the changes in lifestyle we will face.

This is easier with like-minded people.

Locally, Bishop Auckland Climate Action is a friendly place to start.

The main goal is to reduce our carbon footprint, and get to 'net zero' where we emit no more carbon dioxide than we can remove from the atmosphere.

We are already doing this, without really realising it, in the move from coal to natural gas, (natural gas when burned emits about half the amount of CO₂ as burning coal) in more efficient washing machines and fridges, and in a change to LED bulbs.

But this is not fast enough or far enough to stop biodiversity loss, global warming, sea-level rise etc. So, what more can we do?

In the next issue, we will begin to examine options that will allow us to make an immediate impact on sustainable living.

Meanwhile, if you would like to connect with others already actively engaged in caring for the climate, why not join the Bishop Auckland Climate Action group on Facebook.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH EVENTS

ST CUTHBERT'S Church in High Etherley is hosting an afternoon celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

On Tuesday 31 May between 3.15pm and 5pm will see a range of activities, songs, food, games, crafts and stories take place.

"Come and join us for fun, games, story-telling and party food," said a spokesperson.

Children are welcome to attend the event and enjoy the celebration.

Pre-school children are also welcome to attend with a parent.

The church is also

hosting a *Songs of Praise* evening with Middleton and Teesdale Silver Band.

It is a celebration evening of musical entertainment that will take place on Sunday 29 May, starting at 6pm.

Admission is by donation and includes refreshments.

AWARD FOR PEOPLES MUSEUM

BISHOP AUCKLAND Peoples Museum has won the Community Partnership category at the Durham Environmental Awards, held on 13 May.

The museum was also high commended in the places and spaces and volunteer group categories.

Hosts, the County Durham Environment Partnership describe the awards as an "annual

event rewarding projects that demonstrate great design, environmental guardianship and community spirit across the county".

Discussing the awards on Facebook, a spokesperson said: "A very good evening for our town and a great night for Bishop Auckland.

"We are proud to bring these awards to our town."



Damian Pearson, Community Investment Performance Team Leader at believe housing.

BELIEVE INVITES CUSTOMERS TO HELP ALLOCATE GRANTS

A HOUSING association with 18,000 homes across County Durham and beyond is inviting customers to help it allocate grants to community projects.

Not-for-profit and voluntary organisations can apply to the housing association for grants of between £500 and £20,000.

Customers help to decide which projects to award its £500 and £1000 grants to, by sitting on a grants panel which considers those applications.

Damian Pearson, Community Investment Performance Team Leader at believe housing, is appealing for more customers to volunteer.

He said: "We know our grants can have a hugely positive impact and support our vision of life without barriers for our customers and communities.

"It is important to us to involve customers in decision making and to ensure projects address local needs, so we'd like more customers to get involved by joining the

grants panel."

The believe housing grants panel meets fortnightly, currently on Tuesday mornings, and volunteers are on a rota to take part.

All meetings are held online, so members must have a laptop or tablet.

The meetings can last between ten and ninety minutes depending how many applications are to be considered.

Email communitygrant@believehousing.co.uk or call 0300 1311 999 if interested in joining the team.

A68 DARLINGTON ROAD, WEST 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 a 440-metre length of A68 Darlington Road that extends northwards from A688 roundabout to The Hawthorns (number 59), West Auckland to enable carriage way resurfacing works to be undertaken. An alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic from the southern side of the closure from A68/A688 Roundabout via A688 westerly and turning north on Staindrop Road leading to A68 at The Green to the northern side of the closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence at 7pm on Sunday 12/6/2022 and are anticipated to be completed in 5 nights between 7pm and 6am with works phased in two parts either side of the Smurfit Kappa Junction. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly. Access will be maintained for emergency services.

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Ex-TOWIE star, James Argent headlined the Angel Trust Ladies Day at Hardwick Hall.

TRUST HOST SOLD OUT LADIES DAY

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Essex star, James Argent was the chosen celebrity guest.

He found himself getting mobbed by masses of women after taking to the stage with the Arg Band.

Charity founder and CEO of the Angel Trust, Clair McGregor said: "The atmosphere was electric. Everyone had a brilliant

time."

She said a thousand plus tickets had sold really well as soon as they went on sale.

Talking about the development of the Angel Trust, she said: "It has been four years and we are just growing and growing."

"We are just getting bigger and that's because of all the amazing support we have from the com-

munity.

"People know we are a local charity and we support local people.

"I think that's what people want."

The next Angels Trust Ladies Day will be held in October, and tickets went on sale May 17 at what is expected to be a sell out event.

Spandau Ballet star Martin Kemp will headline.



BAMS were delighted to welcome two Ukrainian refugees.

MUSIC SOCIETY WELCOMES UKRAINIAN VISITORS

BISHOP AUCKLAND Music Society were delighted to welcome two Ukrainian visitors to the audience of its latest concert on Friday 6 May.

The two women are from Kharkiv are friends of Elena Armstrong, who is a regular concertgoer with her husband, John.

Tatiana Ozeran endured four weeks of bombardment when war broke out in Ukraine before her son told her to leave and seek safety.

Liudmyla Yakushko was on holiday in Mexico when the invasion began and was unable to return to her home country, eventually having to relo-

cate to Bulgaria with her tour party.

Elena and John decided to help them both find sponsors in the area under the government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Liudmyla is now successfully settled in Wolsingham and Tatiana in Lanchester.

Both ladies are keen classical music enthusiasts and were thrilled to be introduced to Anne-marie Federle and Dafydd Chapman during the interval.

The two talented young artists gave an exceptional concert on horn and piano.

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Hub launched to help students make the right career choice.

BISHOP COLLEGE PROGRESSION HUB TO HELP STUDENTS

A NEW service has been launched to give students at Bishop Auckland College extra support as they choose their next step in education or employment.

The newly launched Student Progression Service provides a personalised mentoring service to all learners and apprentices and will also be open to new course applicants.

Located in a dedicated space at the heart of the college's main campus, the Student Progression Hub offers high quality careers education, information, advice and guidance on employment and further study opportunities.

Staff also help sourcing and arranging meaningful work placements with employers and developing employability skills.

The new hub was opened at a launch event attended by guest speaker Matt Joyce, Regional Manager of North East Ambition,

set up by the North East LEP in 2017 to support schools and colleges to achieve national careers guidance benchmarks.

The opening of its new Student Progression Hub coincides with a celebration of 100 years of career guidance in the UK.

Jennifer Phillips, Student Progression Manager at Bishop Auckland College, said: "The vision was to have a welcoming, bright, airy space for students, staff and visitors and an area that students felt comfortable in to discuss their career aspirations.

"Students are at the heart of the new Student Progression Service and all members of the team are passionate in the role we have in supporting and inspiring our students to explore career options, leading to high aspirations, clear career aims and achieving their full potential."

Email careers@bacoll.ac.uk to find out more.



Local boxer, Jonas Railton, has a bright sporting future ahead of him.

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR YOUNG BISHOP AUCKLAND BOXER

JONAS RAILTON, a boxer from Seconds Out Boxing Academy, Ferryhill and a student at St John's Catholic School and Sixth Form College, Bishop Auckland, is currently training hard to achieve big things in 2022.

Jonas has been praised on many occasions by his school for his success in boxing, one being when he won the England Boxing Schools National title in 2019 and when he made the semi-finals of the England Boxing School National Championships in 2021.

So far this year, Jonas appeared in the England Boxing Junior Championships.

He made the quarter final stages of the competition and lost on a split decision giving him a minor setback.

Jonas thought his loss would potentially affect his chances of being selected for the England Boxing Talent Pathway.

He was then invited to

an open talent day held by England Boxing at Tamworth in Birmingham for those boxers who fell short in the Junior Championships.

Following the open talent day, Jonas received a letter from England Boxing informing him that he had been identified and RAGG rated by England Boxing Coaches, and offered a place on the discovery phase of the Talent Pathway.

He will attend camps at the GB Boxing Gym at English Institute of Sport in Sheffield until 2023.

Attendance at these camps is key for Jonas' development and to aid the England Coaches in tracking the boxers progress.

By attending the camps, it can provide eligibility to be selected by England coaches for key junior competitions.

Jonas also has a number of box cups scheduled over the next few months.

One of these is the first ever North East Box Cup.

The Angel of the North, the Glasgow Lonsdale and Hull Box Cups are also part of his schedule.

Jonas is very ambitious making sacrifices and dedicating his spare time to the sport he loves and enjoys.

Recently, he has been offered a sponsorship with local company MTS Auto & Recovery, who thought it would be a great idea to support him financially.

The owner of MTS said: "Jonas is a great role model to other young boys and girls by promoting excellent sportsmanship."

"He is a fine example in showing that getting into a sport or after school activity keeps children off the streets, and doing so can achieve rewarding results."

"We have no doubt that Jonas will succeed in his boxing and achieve great things."

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The group help local young people learn new skills and experience new places.

SCOUTS GROUP BOUNCES BACK

AFTER THE COVID pandemic affected their ability to host sessions, the 2nd Bishop Auckland Scouts are celebrating their regrouping success.

Founded in 1947, the Scout group has been known to several generations as the heart of fun and adventure within the local area.

There are many who have witnessed their achievements over the years, whether that be appearing live on BBC Breakfast Time to make tea for Selina Scott in 1983, to cooking sa-

sages for PM Tony Blair on a Scouting adventure day.

Despite such achievements, the groups most important and continuing success is its commitment to helping young people, aged 6-18, grow in confidence, make new friends, and develop skills for life.

Matthew Frost, leader within the Cub Scout section, stated on behalf of the group: "We are so proud of all our members, especially with everything they have been through over the

last few years.

"It is an amazing achievement to see so many young people still ready to join in with the adventure of scouting at 2nd Bishop.

"We only hope that more young people discover our group and join in with the amazing activities we have to offer, whether this be rock climbing, camping, hiking, sailing, cooking, gardening, playing games and so much more!"

If you would like to find out more about how your child aged 6-17 can join 2nd Bishop Auckland Scout Group, please email cubs2ndbishaupauckland@outlook.com or contact a member of the leadership team at 07340 477849.

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Ensemble Hesperii will perform at BAMS next concert on 3 June.

MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

THE NEXT Bishop Auckland Music Society concert will take place on Friday 3 June.

It will be held at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, with a start time of 7.30pm.

Ensemble Hesperii will be the performers for the concert titled *From Caledonia to the Capital*.

They are a group of young musicians who met during their time at the Royal College of Music in

London and specialise in Baroque music.

Handell and Purcell pieces, plus a trio by Charles Avison, organist of Newcastle Cathedral and an influential concert promoter in the area, will also be included.

Tickets are £14 in advance from Brother-ton's Music Shop and are also available by contacting Brian Varley on 07415 092040. Otherwise, tickets are £16 on the door.

RAILWAY CIVIC SOCIETY TALK

FROM PAGE 1

of its opening in 1825, the S&DR had inspired the building of railways across the UK, France, Prussia and the USA.

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BISHOP U23s ARE CHAMPIONS



Bishop Auckland U23s with the league championship trophy.

BISHOP AUCKLAND'S U23s finished their season on a high when they were presented with the

league champions trophy at the end of the final game.

The U17s fell just short,

losing 4-2 to Guisborough in the League Cup final while Bishop XI similarly lost out in their semi-final.

BISHOPS TOO STRONG FOR NORMANBY HALL

BACC FIRST XI's good form continued on Saturday as they defeated Normanby Hall CC by 103 runs in their NYSD Division One fixture.

After losing the toss, Nathan Rimmington's men were asked to bat on a tricky wicket, on a square which was re-laid in recent years.

Bishops were very quickly backs against the wall as they fell to 24-3 with the Rose brothers Matthew (2/51) and Martin (2/30) taking new ball wickets.

Skipper Nathan Rimmington (21) joined Matt Cowling (91) for the start of the rebuild. They added 45 before Rimmington was adjudged lbw.

Cowling batted superbly on a pitch which was at times difficult for his

91, which included eight fours and one six.

The Oldfield brothers, Scott (38) and Callum (14) shared partnerships of 72 and 47 respectively with Cowling which helped Bishops reach 200 before they were bowled out.

Both offered fantastic support, especially the much faster Callum, who ran superbly for Cowling as he raced the overs to reach his 100 before the end of the innings.

Sadly, his wicket fell just before the end of the allocated 50 overs for 91 with only balls remaining from the accurate left arm spin of Waleed Rehman (3/27).

In reply, Normanby Hall's innings started slowly as both openers applied themselves in the early overs against

an outstanding new ball attack.

Aussie young gun, Ben Roosenboom showed his best form to date bowling with good pace and accuracy.

He removed Majeed (15) with his first ball from around the wicket and caused many problems throughout his eight over spell.

Nathan Rimmington continued his outstanding start to the season finishing with 6/43 from 15 very fine overs which brought him a couple of wickets from short balls.

When Steve Chapman (3/23) removed the very organised Rehman lbw for 24, the writing was on the wall for the home side, who were eventually bowled out for 97 in the 38th over.

AMATEUR CUP-WINNING MEDAL DONATED TO BISHOPS



The medal was donated by Cathy Robertshaw, granddaughter of Raymond Bryan who played in the 1934/5 cup final against Wimbledon.

THE BISHOPS Shop in Newgate Street, which displays the full history of Bishop Auckland FC from 1886 has welcomed a 1935 BAFC Amateur Cup-winning medal to their collection.

The medal was donated by Cathy Robertshaw and belonged to her grandfather Raymond Bryan who played in the side that beat Wimbledon at Wembley in the 1934/5 season.

"This is absolutely fantastic," said Bishop Auckland FC chairman, Steve Coulthard, "and is a major addition to the great collection of memorabilia at the shop.

"We would like to express our deepest thanks to Cathy for this amazing donation.

"The shop is run by volunteers and relies on donations and merchandise sales to help with costs.

"Please support the shop, which is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10am to 4pm."

The shop also tells the history of and displays photos and memorabilia from many other local clubs that are no longer in existence, keeping their memory alive.

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