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## METHODIST CHURCH WELCOMES UKULELE BAND

ON SATURDAY, 9 July, Etherley Methodist Church welcome back the renowned Stockton to Darlington Ukulele Express Band for the fourth time.

"This will be our second major community event this year, after our Charity Day in April which raised a magnificent £850 for the Motor Neuron Disease (MND) Charity," said a spokesperson for the church.

"The Ukulele Band are extremely popular, and demand for tickets, which are priced at £10, will be very high, so please ring Marie on 01388 526692 to book your seats.

"We will be following our normal format, with our evening meal at 6pm, followed by the band around 7.30pm.

"We also have access to a brand new car park, which will clearly signed."



Bishop Auckland's Spanish Gallery will host Salvador Dalí's iconic masterpiece from July until December.

## DALÍ MASTERPIECE TO VISIT BISHOP

ONE OF the most celebrated and reproduced paintings of the 20th century, by one of the world's most enigmatic artists, is coming to Bishop Auckland next month.

Salvador Dalí's *Christ of St John of the Cross* will be displayed at the Spanish Gallery in Bishop Auck-

land Market Place from Saturday 9 July to Sunday 4 December.

The loan of the painting from the city of Glasgow, where it is on permanent display at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum will see The Auckland Project unite two Spanish masterpieces.

The painting is set to be exhibited alongside El Greco's *Christ on the Cross*, which went on public display for the first time after more than two centuries when the Spanish Gallery opened last year.

Separated by nearly 350 years, both artists were radical and innovative in

their own time – El Greco with his deeply expressive use of exaggerated form and colour, and Dalí with his dream-like compositions rendered in lucid detail.

Both works convey landscapes based on places

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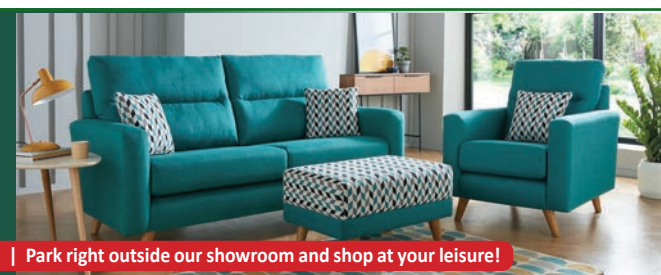


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# DALÍ JOINS EL GRECO AT SPANISH GALLERY



Salvador Dalí (1904–1989), Christ of St John of the Cross, 1951, oil on canvas. © CSG CIC Glasgow Museums Collection.

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the artists lived and worked, from the greenery of Toledo to the coastal backdrop of Portlligat.

However, that is where the similarities end, with each artist offering deeply contrasting perspectives on the theme.

El Greco depicts Christ as a real, living man – the vivid blood and pallid face, the use of exaggerated form, and the dramatic contrasts of light speak to an experience of anguish.

His painting forces the viewer to come face to face with Christ's suffering.

Dalí in contrast presents a beautiful but anonymous figure viewed from on high, emphasising his role as the Son of God and the magnitude of the sacrifice witnessed.

Dalí said: "I want to paint a Christ that is a painting with more beauty and joy than has ever been painted before."

Dalí / El Greco will be the first temporary exhibition in the Spanish Gallery, the first gallery in the UK dedicated to the art, history and culture of the Spanish Golden Age.

Officially opened in April by Her Majesty The Queen of Spain and His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, the Gallery complements and contextualises the Spanish masterpieces by Francisco de Zurbarán held in next door Auckland Castle for over 250 years.

Dalí's *Christ of St John of the Cross* was last loaned to a UK institution in 2017, visiting London's Royal Academy. It has never been on display in the North East before.

Former director of Glasgow Museums, Dr Tom Honeyman, who acquired the work on behalf of the city of Glasgow, expressed Dalí's eagerness to loan the work as widely as possible, aligning with the Spanish Gallery's mission to make



Doménikos Theotokópoulos, known as 'El Greco' (1541–1614), Christ on the Cross, Oil on canvas, 1600–1610, The Spanish Gallery, Bishop Auckland. Acquired with Art Fund support with a contribution from the Wolfson Foundation.

extraordinary examples of Spanish art available to the British public.

Honeyman said: "If I were ever asked what I would do with the Dalí, I think I would reply on these lines: Put it into circulation as much and as frequently as possible."

The exhibition invites visitors to consider their own response to the work of two important and influential artists and will be accompanied by an exhibition guide containing three short reflections, including one by the Bishop of Durham, the Right Reverend Paul Butler.

Jonathan Ruffer, Founder of The Auckland Project, said: "It's curiously hard to say thank you properly for something so wonderfully generous that mere words of thanks really are not enough."

"Our Spanish Gallery has several examples

of 'Christ on the Cross' painted some 400 years ago, including our example by master of the Golden Age, El Greco.

"The generous loan of Dalí's iconic *Christ of St John of the Cross* gives an opportunity for putting the same image from today's world with that of the past and ask the question: are they really paintings of the same thing?"

Duncan Dornan, Glasgow Life's Head of Museums and Collections, said: "Displaying this treasured painting in a new way enables us to widen our understanding of the incredible artist, Salvador Dalí who painted this iconic artwork, which remains a favourite with Glaswegians and visitors to the city."

"Glasgow's art collection is considered one of the finest in Europe and loaning key pieces allows people across the country to access and enjoy them."



Charlotte Riley was only 18 months old when she suffered serious burns across her face and body.

## SARAH TAKES ON GREAT NORTH RUN TO THANK GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE

SARAH RILEY is set to take on the Great North Run in September to raise funds for the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

In August last year, the Riley family's lives were turned upside down when their 18-month old daughter, Charlotte, was involved in a scalding accident which caused serious burns across her face and body.

On that day, Charlotte received urgent medical help from the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

Based on the information given to the 999 call handlers and by the paramedics first on the scene, the air ambulance was able to quickly get to Charlotte and give her the important pain relief she desperately needed at that time.

Charlotte's mother and local accountant, Sarah said: "The crew were

able to land close to our house and then transport her quickly to the RVI in Newcastle, which meant that she was able to get into the operating theatre before my husband had even reached the hospital by car.

"Although the journey by air ambulance was a complete blur, what stands out for me is how calm and reassuring the staff were, and how they were able to make this a more positive experience during the worst possible time.

"During the time spent at the hospital, the nurses told me that the quick actions and expertise of the air ambulance crew enabled Charlotte to get the best outcome in the quickest time possible and reduced her pain levels.

"After spending time in hospital, where she

received truly outstanding care in the RVI Children's Ward, Charlotte is now making a good recovery.

"She has had a skin graft on her arm, but amazingly she has had no long-term scarring on her face.

"We truly believe that this is down to the quick response of the Great North Air Ambulance, as well as the amazing team at the RVI in Newcastle.

"We cannot thank the Great North Air Ambulance enough, and know that they are a charity that rely heavily on fundraising to continue being amazing."

The Great North Run is on 11 September and Sarah hopes to raise £1,000 for the Air Ambulance service.

You can donate by visiting [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sarah-Riley31](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sarah-Riley31).

## MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Self-harming is a much misunderstood mental health behaviour and is a lot more common than most people think.

For some, it is a way of dealing with mental distress such as difficult feelings, upsetting emotions, painful memories or overwhelming situations and experiences.

It comes in various guises including cutting, scratching, biting, burning, hitting yourself, pulling out hair, disordered eating, picking at skin and ingesting things that are bad for you. Even over- or under-eating and addictions are forms of self-harming.

It's especially common in those who find it hard to talk about what's going on for them emotionally and is a way of trying to control or change how they feel.

Unfortunately, due to stigma, ignorance and fear, society generally frowns upon it; so for the person doing it there can be a lot of guilt and shame attached, so it's often kept secret which hugely compounds the problem.

People who self-harm can feel extremely isolated and misunderstood. We often try to fix our negative feelings by doing things like binge eating or deliberately starving ourselves, engaging in addictive and risky behaviours, using mood altering substances like drugs and alcohol or doing things that we know harms us.

Even excessive work and over exercising can be self-harming; if we over-do it we can experience burn-out or physical injury such as muscle strain.

Sometimes if we feel we are being told what to do or how to behave we can feel powerless; so one way we can feel in charge is to do something to our bodies.

Self-harming is quite common in younger

people because they may feel 'authority figures' such as parents or teachers are controlling their lives.

It's similar in prisons where inmates have little say in their day to day lives.

With feelings of anxiety, depression, sadness, loss, rejection, physical and sexual abuse and trauma, self-harming can be a way of communicating the unhappiness and distress to others or a way of disassociating oneself.

Some report it can be a relief and the physical pain can distract from emotional pain.

There are effective treatments that allow a person to feel in control again without damaging themselves further.

We need to be much more aware about why people self-harm.

It's very important not to be shocked or blame someone that self-harms, as that will only make them less likely to get help and become more secretive about it.

If you self-harm or know anyone that does, please seek professional support, as there are some excellent services available and the prognosis for a full recovery is good.

People who self-harm aren't weird or strange; they're just trying to cope with life like the rest of us – so let's try to be more compassionate rather than judgemental.

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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## 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY FOR MARY



Neighbourhoods Team Leader, Carolyn Handley and Neighbourhood Officer, Natasha Meite-Mekatoa of believe housing visited Mary to wish her a happy birthday.

**MARY EALES**, who has lived in Leeholme since she was a baby, has celebrated turning 100, and puts her longevity down to hard work, close family and good neighbours.

Mary, who lives in a home managed by believe housing celebrated her big day on 30 May.

Neighbourhoods Team Leader, Carolyn Handley and Neighbourhood Officer, Natasha Meite-Mekatoa visited Mary to wish her a happy birthday and to deliver a card and a Ringtons hamper full of goodies, which turned out to be the perfect gift as she's a loyal Ringtons customer.

Mary and her late husband, Thomas, married at St Joseph's RC Church in Coundon and had three children.

Thomas was a miner at Leasingthorne Colliery and Mary worked in the pit canteen and did domestic work.

The couple enjoyed dancing in local halls and clubs and Mary also had a keen interest in indoor bowls.

She said: "A woman

in those days did everything. I think hard work has kept me fit.

"I've lived around here since I was carried down the street at a fortnight old. I've got really good neighbours."

Mary's daughter, Anne Scarlett, who visits her every day from Spennymoor, said: "I'm very proud of her. She's a strong woman and I think she looks marvellous for her age."

Mary also had two sons, who have sadly passed away.

John was a well-known boxer for Shildon BR who represented England nine times and Stephen was a long-distance driver who always made time for his mother when he was home.

Carolyn said: "We offer lots of support for our customers through the tough times, so it is lovely to be able to celebrate the good times with them too."

"Mary is an incredible woman and everyone at believe housing wishes her a very happy 100th birthday."

## COUNCIL DISCUSSES CLIMATE PLANS



Representatives from the independent Climate Change Committee that advises the government on climate change joined Cllr Mark Wilkes (right) on a visit to the Morrison Busty depot in April.

**A NEW** set of ambitious climate targets were discussed this week by councillors, as Durham County Council prepared to outline its next steps to achieving net zero.

On Wednesday 15 June, the local authority's cabinet meeting heard a final update on the council's first Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP1), and details of the next steps to further cut carbon emissions.

Cabinet was then presented with a new Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP2), outlining further climate actions to be taken from 2022 until 2024.

Within CERP2 is the introduction of new targets, as the council sets out an improved aim to achieve net zero within its own operations by 2030, and net zero by 2045 for countywide emissions.

"Net zero refers to a

state in which the greenhouse gases going into the atmosphere are balanced by removal out of the atmosphere," explains the Net Zero Climate website, adding, "It is international scientific consensus that, in order to prevent the worst climate damages, global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) need to fall by about 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching net zero around 2050."

"The term net zero is important because – for CO<sub>2</sub> at least – this is the state at which global warming stops."

Cllr Mark Wilkes, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and climate change, said: "Over the last year we have reviewed all our plans and are putting in place a new proactive plan to tackle climate change in County Durham."

"Our actions so far have secured significant government funding to address climate change."

"Additional to the environmental benefits, our climate action will help reduce council costs and protect frontline services."

CERP 1 was adopted by the council in February 2020 and set out over 100 projects to help achieve previous targets of reducing council emissions by 80 per cent by 2030 and make County Durham carbon neutral by 2050.

Significant progress has been made on the award-winning plan through low carbon initiatives.

They include retrofit works at public buildings such as Abbey Leisure Centre and an £8 million project to turn the council's Morrison Busty Depot into a low carbon site, featuring a solar farm, battery storage and heat pumps.

A video recording of the cabinet meeting can be viewed on Durham County Council's YouTube channel.

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Hazel and mum, Bryony, pictured with Ensemble Hesperii after their recent concert.

## NEW YOUNG FACE IN BAMS AUDIENCE

AFTER THE performance by Ensemble Hesperii on Friday 3 June, Bishop Auckland Music Society (BAMS) organisers noticed they had one very young new face in the concert audience.

Hazel was there with her mother, Bryony, specially to hear the recorder being played.

In fact, musician Mary-Jannet used three recorders of different pitches during the concert.

Her quartet companions were Magdalena playing Baroque violin, Florence on Baroque

cello and Thomas with harpsichord.

Ensemble Hesperii were the performers for the concert titled *From Caladonia 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.

The programme was mostly of Scottish origin from the 18th century though taken to be performed in England at that time.

Newcastle would have been the most northerly part of the circuit for

musicians then so it was interesting to hear one Trio Sonata written by Charles Avison, organist of Newcastle Cathedral and an influential concert promoter in the area.

As well as captivating the audience, it was obvious that the Ensemble Hesperii took huge delight in playing together.

They engaged with each other throughout, producing thoughtful and precise sounds.

BAMS have their next concert on 15 July when solo pianist, Alexander Soares will perform *A European Odyssey*.

## INVITE TO APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAYS

LEARNING CURVE Group's Apprenticeship Recruitment Team is inviting potential apprentices to two Open Days at their head office in Durhamgate, Spennymoor.

A spokesperson for the national training and education specialist said: "The team will be welcoming you and talking to potential learners of all ages about: the ben-

efits of apprenticeships; which local employers are recruiting; how you can get your CV to stand out to potential employers; how to get involved in their talent pool and providing a tour of our amazing head office."

The open days are on 28 June from 3pm until 6pm and on 30 June from 4pm until 7pm. Anyone can go along. Just send an email so they know you're coming to [LCGAppAcademy@learningcurvegroup.co.uk](mailto:LCGAppAcademy@learningcurvegroup.co.uk).

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## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR PENSION CREDIT?

COUNTY DURHAM residents who are over pensionable age are being urged to check if they are entitled to Pension Credit.

Durham County Council is supporting a national Pension Credit Day of Action in the hope that more people aged 66 and over are able to access the means-tested benefit.

In the last year, the council has helped residents claim an additional £1.4 million in the credit, and its welfare rights team also offers a full benefit check to residents as well as confidential advice.

It is believed that many people assume they will not qualify for support if they have a work pension or savings.

Anyone with a weekly income less than £182.60 for a single person, or £278.70 for a couple, is likely to qualify for Pen-

sion Credit, while those with a higher income who have a disability or act as a carer to a disabled person may also qualify.

Cllr Alan Shield, Cabinet member for equality and inclusion, said: "We have a dedicated team of friendly staff on hand to offer confidential advice, support and a full benefit check to residents."

"We would urge everyone to check whether they are eligible, as even a small increase in benefit awards could assist people in managing their household income."

The council's welfare rights team can be contacted on 03000 268968 or via [welfare.rights@durham.gov.uk](mailto:welfare.rights@durham.gov.uk)

Residents can also check their eligibility for Pension Credit by visiting [www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator)

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# Bishop Auckland Jubilee 2022



St Cuthbert's Church celebrated with a Jubilee Street Party Lunch which was attended by 36 people.



Gillian Wise was thrilled to meet the Queen at Fifteas Tearoom.



The children of St Anne's C of E Primary School enjoyed taking part in a range of Jubilee events.



85 people attended a Jubilee Tea at Witton Park Methodist Chapel followed by a fantastic Pentecost service.



Families attended St Anne's C of E Primary School Jubilee events.



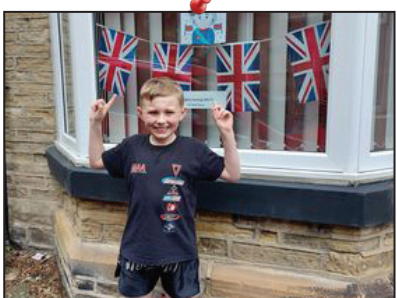
Children received medals for taking part in the Jubilee Jog.



St Anne's Primary pupils enjoyed having the Queen lead them around the field.



St Anne's C of E Primary School pupils were thrilled to take part in Jubilee themed events.



Kirsty and her son Ollie decorated their window for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Kurlisee's Food Bar in Coundon displayed dozens of images of the Queen drawn by pupils at Victoria Lane Academy.



Guests at St Anne's Jubilee Jog were entertained by Rob who provided music to keep the party going.



Passengers enjoy the inaugural ride on the newly reopened Weardale Railway heritage line.

## ALL ABOARD THE WEARDALE RAILWAY

**WEARDALE RAILWAY** welcomed its first passengers at the end of last month as the heritage line reopened for service. Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowden and Richard Holden MP, were among the first to enjoy the scenic return trip from Stanhope to Wolsingham.

They were joined by local people and visitors to the area who were all delighted to be part of a new chapter for Weardale Railway, which was purchased by The Auckland Project in March 2020

with a vision for its future growth and development.

Since The Auckland Project took charge, an extensive programme of inspections, network assessments, maintenance and repairs to the infrastructure has been undertaken along the heritage line, together with improvements to the trains.

Mr Holden said: "It's fantastic to see the Weardale Heritage Line reopened.

"I'm determined to do all I can to see North West Durham thrive as a great

place to live, learn, start a business and bring up a family.

"Today's reopening of the Heritage Line is a significant step in that direction."

The reopening of the route between Stanhope and Wolsingham represents the first step to bringing the full route through to Bishop Auckland back into service, and a busy summer is expected.

The reopening timetable, which runs until 2 July offers three Saturday services leaving Stanhope at 11am, 1pm and 3pm, with the return trips leaving Wolsingham at 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

An expanded summer timetable will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Tickets for passengers are available from Stanhope Station.

Visit their website at [weardale-railway.org.uk](http://weardale-railway.org.uk).



The award-winning store at 124 Newgate Street.

## BISHOP BHF STORE VOTED VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

**THE BISHOP** Auckland British Heart Foundation (BHF) shop marked a milestone recently as it celebrated being voted Volunteer Team of the Year for the North East.

The shop, at 124 Newgate Street, sells a fantastic selection of furniture, electricals and homewares at discount prices.

Every item sold supports the BHF to continue funding lifesaving heart research.

Store Manager, Adam Peacock said: "It's an amazing achievement by the store in Bishop Auckland to win the award as Volunteer Team of the Year. The team came together and raised money for the BHF's vital work.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all

our loyal customers and volunteers who really make this store special and help the British Heart Foundation fund its life saving heart research.

"As we turn to another year, we'd love to see the local community continue to support us by donating any good quality items they might have at home.

"If you would rather give the gift of time and have a couple of hours to spare each week, we are always keen to welcome new volunteers to the team."

Each year, British Heart Foundation shops raise millions to help the BHF fund life-saving research into all heart diseases, stroke, vascular dementia and diabetes.

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### A689 SOUTH CHURCH ROAD, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2022

The Council on 13/6/22 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic, except for access by emergency service vehicles, from proceeding on 105 metres of A689 South Church Road between its junctions with Holdforth Close and the service road for Asda, Bishop Auckland to enable rail bridge inspection works to be undertaken. Alternative route from the northern side of the closure from A689 South Church Road via Kingsway traffic lights and through Newgate Street traffic lights onto Bob Hardisty Drive then generally southerly onto Cockton Hill Road and continuing southerly to the traffic lights then eastwards along St Andrews Road and northwards along A688 to the junction with A689 South Church Road roundabout which leads northwards to the southern side of the closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 26/6/22 from 11pm and are anticipated to be completed in 8 hours. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

**DATED: 18th June 2022**



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# Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...



Brothers Stephen (left) and Thomas Nicholson (right) with professional boxer Tyson Fury.

## BROTHERS TRAIN WITH TYSON FURY

**PROMISING 12-YEAR-OLD** Bishop Auckland boxer, Thomas Nicholson has trained with two time world heavyweight champion Tyson Fury after the Gypsy King learned of his dedication to the sport.

Thomas has won five of his seven bouts and is preparing to compete in the prestigious Riviera Box Cup, along with his 14-year-old brother, Stephen.

Having heard of his latest success in the ring, Tyson issued a personal invitation to Thomas to meet him near his Morecambe Bay home.

The brothers accompanied Fury, who retained his WBC world heavyweight belt in April, on a five mile training run.

Thomas said: "It was amazing to go on a training run with Tyson who is my absolute boxing hero."

"He chatted to me all the way round and afterwards asked me about my career

and gave me great advice on how I can continue to improve.

"I'm still buzzing from meeting him, and from getting to hold his title belt. He's given me loads of inspiration to one day become a professional like him."

Thomas, a member of West Auckland Amateur Boxing Gym, was recently voted Best Overall Boxer and Best Junior at the gym's inaugural awards ceremony.

He and Stephen, together with seven others from the gym, will travel to Torbay in Devon in August for the annual Riviera Box Cup, which involves more than 50 boxing clubs, the majority based in London and the south of England.

The ultra-competitive competition, for junior, youth, and senior boxers, is held over two days with clubs vying for the cov-

eted gold cup.

Thomas, who started boxing at the age of six, will compete in the 44 kilo category.

His dad Stephen Nicholson founded the boxing gym in early 2020, together with head coach Ernest Spowart, as a way of sharing their passion for boxing with local youngsters and providing the community where he grew up with a facility to be proud of.

Dad, Stephen said: "It was extremely generous of Tyson Fury to meet Thomas and Stephen and give them some added inspiration as they prepare for the Riviera Box Cup."

"They are part of a team that is representing the North East and are looking forward to showing what they can do against some of the best amateur boxers that the South of England has to offer."

## HOME DRAW FOR BACC FIRST XI

**BISHOP AUCKLAND** Cricket Club First XI hosted high-flying Guisborough CC last weekend, with the visitors arriving at Kingsway in fourth position in the NYSD Division One.

On a sometimes bright but extremely windy day, the home side batted first with several first team regulars absent through injury or holiday.

Scott Oldfield (51) opened the batting in the absence of the injured Jack Rutherford and along with Steve Chapman (60) added 115 for the first wicket before Oldfield needlessly ran himself out.

The ever-reliable Craig George added 54 to his season's tally, sharing a partnership of 85 with in-form Matt Cowling (41) along the way.

The visitors worked hard in the field and bowled with accuracy making the contest as tough as any this season.

Youngster Matthew Hood bowled 15 overs (4/74), while older brother Nick Hood and Adam Burns tried hard for 20 overs, between them making batting challenging but without any personal success.

Bishop eventually declared their innings after 48 overs with their score at 253/7.

With rain in the air, the visitors run chase commenced.

When Ben Roosenboom brilliantly caught and bowled opener Gary Wright (5) in his first over, the signs seemed positive for Bishops.

However, the next 25 overs proved to be the

most competitive so far this season for the home side.

With the new ball not swinging, the experienced Tom Urwin (16) and youngster Sam Barnard (53) set about the chase with confidence and runs flowed quickly for the visitors.

When Urwin departed LBW to Nathan Rimington (2/88), overseas amateur Rayan Nadeem arrived at the crease and quickly established another excellent partnership.

Barnard hit nine 4's in his knock as the youngster imposed himself, while Nadeem drove powerfully either side of the wicket to take the visitors score past 100 at very nearly five runs an over. It was very much game on.

With the partnership at 99 and the score 128/2 Steve Chapman made the breakthrough, bowling Barnard through the gate as the youngster played across the ball.

Jonny Pierson (15) threatened to launch his own onslaught hitting three 4's in his knock, but when Nadeem drove loosely to extra cover off Chapman, the run chase stalled.

There was still time for the visitors to regroup but when Matthew Hood turned his back on a suicidal run called by older brother Nick, there was little left in the innings other than skipper Hayden Bowman to play out nicely for the draw.

The visitors finished their innings hanging on at 200/9, Chapman finishing his spell with 5/48.

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