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PCSO Chris Tibbott works as part of the Bishop Auckland Neighbourhood Policing Team.

PCSO GOES THE EXTRA 'LIDL' MILE

DESPITE BEING a new member of the team, PCSO Chris Tibbott leapt into action to help remand a suspected thief outside the Lidl store in Durham on Monday 13 June.

Leaving his girlfriend and his own weekly shop in the car, the 25-year-old quickly established what was going on when staff grappled with a suspect who had allegedly refused to give back two bottles of whiskey taken from the store.

The suspect then tried to assault staff with a crutch he was using for a broken leg.

"We were on our way

home from doing our shopping and waiting at the lights when I looked over and saw a commotion," said PCSO Tibbott.

"At first I thought it was just kids play fighting but as soon as I realised it was a suspected theft, I pulled over and jumped out to see if I could help.

"The staff had managed to take the crutch off the man who had been using it to lash out at them and were rolling around on the floor so I managed to restrain him and also fend off a woman he was with who was screaming at us all too.

"Thankfully it wasn't too long before colleagues

from D Relief got to us and took over."

Talking about the experience, PCSO Tibbott, who works in the Bishop Auckland Neighbourhood Policing Team, added: "It was a bit of a baptism of fire and not exactly how I thought a trip to the shops would end, but it was an automatic response and just something I knew I had to help with."

Following the incident, a man in his 30s was

arrested on suspicion of theft and affray and taken to Durham Custody where he remains today.

Bishop Auckland NPT Sergeant, Victoria Ord, praised the new recruit for his actions.

She said: "This is a great example of police instinct and great to see Chris put his to good use so early on in his career with us, assisting retail staff and colleagues in the Durham area who were on hand to arrest the suspect."

PRINCES STREET, 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 1. a 30 metre length of Princes Street that extends westwards from A689 Princes Street Roundabout 2. a 40 metre length that extends eastwards between Bob Hardisty Drive and Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland to enable roundabout resurfacing works to be undertaken. An alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic from the eastern side of the closures from 1. Princes Street Roundabout north westerly on A689 then westerly and southerly on West Road and Etherley Lane; 2. Southerly on Newgate Street then westerly and northerly on Bob Hardisty Drive; to the western side of the closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence from 7pm on Sunday 24/7/2022 and are anticipated to be completed in 6 nights between 7pm and 6am per night. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

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HIGH TOWN, WESTGATE, 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 90 metres of High Town, Westgate, Bishop Auckland, approximately 275 metres north west of Front Street to enable sewer repair works to be undertaken. Alternative route from the south side of the closure, west on the A689, then north west on Well Bank, then north west towards Rookhope, and south on Scutterhill Bank, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 19/7/22 from 8am and are anticipated to be completed in 4 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

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Dr Fiona Hill, who is an expert on Russia, has been a security advisor to three US presidents.

FROM BISHOP TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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University.

The children heard how during her career in the US, Dr Hill was a security advisor to George W Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump, sharing her expertise in Russian and European affairs.

She rose to international prominence in 2019 as a witness in Donald Trump's impeachment trial, with her comments about how her background and accent had held her back in the UK in the 1980s resonating with many in the region.

Last year, Dr Hill published a memoir, *There is Nothing for You Here: Finding Opportunity in the 21st Century*, a title inspired by her father's words when he encouraged her to leave the North East if she wanted a successful career.

Dr Hill, who has acknowledged that great progress has been made since the 1980s, was a

great supporter of County Durham's shortlisted bid to be UK City of Culture 2025.

She is passionate about raising aspirations among young people, creating opportunities, and shining a light on County Durham and the wider region.

Dr Hill, now a senior fellow at the Centre on the United States and Europe in the Foreign Policy programme at the Brookings Institution in Washington DC, said: "I am genuinely excited not just to be back in Bishop Auckland but visiting Bishop Barrington school.

"It is fantastic to see how much it has been transformed since I attended, and to meet with pupils who are starting out on the rest of their lives.

"I'm thrilled and delighted that this has been possible, and I hope my visit has given some of the pupils a bit of inspiration and some ideas of what they would like to achieve."

Grant Sowerby, Headteacher at Bishop Barrington Academy, said: "It has been a real pleasure to welcome Dr Hill into school.

"Dr Hill's career shows that there are no limits on what students at Bishop Barrington Academy can achieve; her journey embodies the Academy mantra of 'Opening Doors to the Future'.

"Today's talk will undoubtedly inspire students to aim high and work hard to achieve their goals."

Cllr Elizabeth Scott, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economy and partnerships, said: "We were absolutely delighted to welcome Dr Hill back to Bishop Barrington Academy to share incredible stories of her fascinating career with students.

"Her talk was truly inspirational, and I'm sure Dr Hill's story will stay with pupils and encourage them to believe in themselves and work hard towards their dreams."



Electric car charging up at a charging point.

COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE WITH JOHN

THIS WEEK, John Purdy details the benefits of switching to electric vehicles:

In summer 2015, we arrived from Ireland and purchased a Renault Zoe, a 22kW electric car.

It came with a free home charger which is now attached to the wall in the church carpark and available to anyone via the co-charger app.

Initially, we thought that the range at the time, (100 miles in summer and as low as 70 in winter) would get us around locally.

We expected to hire a petrol car to travel further afield and certainly if going to Scotland or Ireland.

This never happened as we have always been able to charge the car.

We have driven the car over 46,000 miles, and it would have been well over 50,000 if not for various lockdowns caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have taken the car to Chester, Edinburgh and Loughborough for weekend breaks.

We've also travelled the Wild Atlantic Way up the remote west coast of Ireland without ever having

to be towed for lack of charge.

Best of all the fuel cost for 46,000 miles has been around £500 because for years, most charging stations were free, and many still are – thank you Tesco!

With the electric car has come a greater awareness of energy use and efficiency.

All cars take more energy to go up the dale to Alston, but our EV gains many miles back in regeneration as we come back down from the top of the Pennines.

In braking, the car's kinetic energy is converted back into electrical energy for the battery rather than whenever you put on the brakes in a petrol car where the energy is converted to sound, squealing brakes, and heat as the brake pads heat up.

When decelerating, the extra energy created by the momentum of the car is converted back into battery energy for you to use later going up the next hill.

Next time we will be focusing on sourcing food sustainably.

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Alexander Soares will play a *European Odyssey*.

NEXT CONCERT BY BAMS

AFTER A successful performance by Ensemble Hesperis, the next Bishop Auckland Music Society concert will take place on Friday 15 July at 7.30pm.

Alexander Soares will play a *European Odyssey* on piano.

The concert will be held at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church on Cockton

Hill Road.

Alexander Soares has been praised for his performances that are 'brilliantly unbuttoned' (*Sunday Times*), playing with 'huge intensity' (*Telegraph*) as well as 'diamond clarity and authority' (*BBC Radio 3*).

His concert for BAMS includes pieces by Schubert, Beethoven, Chopin and Albeniz.

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Tickets are £16 on the door.

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Big Meeting (Tom McGuinness, 1968).

DURHAM MINERS' GALA CELEBRATED AT THE AUCKLAND PROJECT

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Durham Miners' Gala, Racecourse at Durham (around 1880), by an unknown artist.

Other notable works in the exhibition include *Big Meeting* by Norman Cornish (1942); *The Years of Victory* (1947), by John Bird; and *Durham Big Meeting* (1968) by Tom McGuinness.

Anne Sutherland, assistant curator at The Auckland Project, which operates the Mining Art Gallery, said: "The Durham Miners' Gala remains an important reminder of the proud mining communities of the North East and we are honoured that the Mining Art Gallery can play a part in marking its return.

"Mining artists used art as a means of expression and communication, as well as a social documentation and record of the day itself.

"The artworks which

have been brought together in *Unity is Strength* document the course of the day, capturing the spirit of the Big Meeting and demonstrating its significance for the people of County Durham and the wider mining communities across the region."

During its proud history, the Big Meeting has grown and evolved to include political speeches, an iconic procession of banners through the streets of Durham, and the Miners' Festival Service at Durham Cathedral.

The Gala continues to be a colourful, joyful and emotive celebration of County Durham's mining communities and has become more popular than ever.

The past two years have seen the Gala cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Durham Miners' Association, announced that

this year's July 9 event will be dedicated to all the key workers who kept society functioning during the pandemic.

Ross Forbes, director of the Durham Miners' Association said: "The Durham Miners' Gala is the largest event of its kind in the world.

"On the second Saturday in July, tens of thousands of people take their banners and bands to the streets. They celebrate the strength of community and unity which has bound the people of County Durham since the Gala was first staged in 1871.

"It is very fitting that the Mining Art Gallery's exhibition shows the depth and breadth of this unique culture in the year the Gala celebrates the role of key workers through the pandemic.

"The Gala may have been paused for two years but it will be back stronger than ever on July 9.

"It is an annual reminder of the resilience and dignity of working people who cherish their collective values in the most spectacular way."

Unity is Strength: Durham Miners' Gala is now open at the Mining Art Gallery and will run until the end of 2022.

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A menu of opportunities to extend the curriculum at Bishop Barrington Academy

The new academic year has exciting enrichment opportunities for Bishop Barrington Academy students. The academy will provide daily opportunities for young people to extend their learning and participate in new and exciting clubs, activities and events.

The offer is our biggest yet, with over 20 different enrichment offers available each week. Associate Assistant Headteacher, Antony Bibby, who leads the enrichment offer said: "We were really pleased at the attendance by students to enrichment clubs last year. Over 70% of all students attended at least one club and off the back of the Covid-19 pandemic these numbers were really pleasing. For September 2022, we intend to come back with over 20 enrichment offers per week, ranging from a variety of PE clubs, maths challenge, pop music, art & photography, computing, new languages, spectacular science and personal development & wellbeing. Furthermore, we are excited to launch in conjunction with the enrichment offer our brand new 'character education' programme, which aims to give students the chance to build on twelve identified skills linked to the schools RISE values."

Centred at the Heart of Bishop Barrington Academy, are four core values of RISE. These are **Respect**, **Inspiration**, **Resilience** and **Excellence**. These core values act as a way of successfully guiding students through their time at Bishop Barrington and beyond. Each core value has 3 key terms that act as 'character skills' which when teamed up with the enrichment programme give students a clear and concise way of building the right set of skills for them and their career path.

Antony Bibby further added: "Now more than ever, we feel it is important that students begin to develop the correct set of skills based on what they want to do for their career. Therefore, a hybrid of enrichment and character education means that students can attend certain enrichment clubs based on what character skills they wish to develop. For example, attending drama club could enable students to improve their confidence, courage and adaptability. This may set them on the path to a career in Performing Arts."

Bishop Barrington Academy is looking forward to launching their exciting enrichment and character education programme in September 2022.

RESPECT – Emotional Intelligence, Empathy and Tolerance

INSPIRATION – Leadership, Courage and Motivation

RESILIENCE – Perseverance, Adaptability and Perspective

EXCELLENCE – Proactive, Confident and Achievement

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A glimpse of the stunning half-acre garden at Hillside Cottage.

BISHOP AUCKLAND GARDEN OPENS FOR MARIE CURIE

THE OWNERS of Hillside Cottage at Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland will be opening their private garden to the public Sunday, 10 July from 1.30pm 5pm to raise funds for a local cancer charity.

The large island beds, featuring conifers, heathers and perennials, are bordered by grass paths with views over Weardale.

Interesting shrubs abound and two ponds

and naturally-managed areas are a haven for wildlife.

This half acre garden is a garden for all seasons.

There will be various stalls to peruse and tea and cakes to tempt the palate will be available to buy. Entry is £5 for adults and £1 for children.

All monies raised will go towards providing end of life care in the Bishop Auckland area.



The Four Clocks Centre in Bishop Auckland hosts a wide range of activities.

WHAT'S ON AT THE FOUR CLOCKS?

THE FOUR Clocks Centre is a welcoming advice and community resource centre that holds regular events.

The Trustees of the charity welcome new volunteers to be members and/or Trustees of the Partnership. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am.

A spokesperson said, "Volunteers are welcome for any of the projects.

"We are centrally placed on Newgate Street in Bishop Auckland and our ornate four-faced clock tower can be seen across the town.

"The Bishop Auckland Community Partnership, formed in 1997, is a registered charity and has many projects under its umbrella that are beneficial to local people and visitors to the town.

"All of our projects are funded and non-profit making, produced by part time staff and volunteers.

"The Four Clocks Centre is the main project where we facilitate meeting rooms for many organisations.

"We have a multitude of rooms available that are able to suit a variety of needs.

"Extras are also available for hire including hot water boilers, flip charts, projector etc.

"Refreshments, meals and buffets can be arranged if required.

"They can be pre-

ordered from the local tea room located in the building.

"All rooms also have access to Wi-Fi.

"Our room hire varies from £14.50 to £20.50 per hour depending on the size of the room.

"We have rooms that can be used for one to one meetings up to rooms that can accommodate 50 people.

"We are the home to the Princes Trust, Time For You Tearoom, Citizens Advice Bureau and NHS Speech Language Therapy.

A wide range of events and activities also take place.

Time 4 Toddlers is on every Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm, excluding school holidays and bank holidays.

A Breastfeeding Support Group is on every Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am, excluding bank holidays and volunteer's holidays.

BAASS Group (Bishop Auckland Alcohol Support Services) takes place every Monday from 10am to 12 noon, excluding bank holidays.

Memory Club Group, for those in the community who suffer with Alzheimer's and dementia, is on every other Tuesday.

Knitting Club Group is on every two weeks on a Friday from 10am to 12 noon, excluding bank holidays.

Four Clocks Friday Club is currently on every Friday from 12.45pm to 3.45pm, also excluding bank holidays.

This project is aimed at people who may need company to help combat loneliness and isolation.

"Come along and enjoy a range of activities and enjoy the food and refreshments. The club also has trips out to various places such as the seaside or garden centres."

Cultivate 4 Life is a project aimed at supporting young people and adults of Bishop Auckland and surrounding areas, with their current circumstances and needs, providing a holistic horticultural working environment and one to one support. Together they aid the community they are a part of.

Rail Heritage Project is a permanent display of the 100-year-old NUR banner and many photographs from the railway history of Bishop Auckland.

Bishop Auckland Family Contact Centre is another established and successful project where volunteers, together with a co-ordinator, provide a secure, safe and neutral environment for contact, so estranged parents and/or grandparents have the opportunity to meet their children on a regular basis.



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Paul Allen at Redhills as he researches his new adaptation of *Brassed Off* for a County Durham audience.

PLAYWRIGHT ADAPTS FAMED PRODUCTION FOR COUNTY DURHAM

A RESPECTED theatre writer has been exploring the mining heritage of County Durham as he prepares to bring a classic British film to a north east stage.

Former journalist, critic and BBC Radio 4 presenter Paul Allen's visit to the county will influence the writing of his production, *Brassed Off*.

The comedy-drama, which will be produced and performed at Gala Durham in a bespoke adaptation for the Durham County Council-run venue.

Paul's original theatre adaptation from screenwriter Mark Herman's 1996 film received glowing reviews for its runs at London's National Theatre and countrywide tour.

He travelled to Redhills, Durham Miners Hall in Durham City and Easington Colliery to learn about County Durham's heritage and dialect as part of his latest project, which sees the Yorkshire-based

drama transferred to the north east.

At Redhills, Paul met with Heather Ward, brass projects officer and Ross Forbes, programme director for Durham Miners Association before meeting Peter Lawson of Easington Colliery Band to discover more about the lives of the people of the Durham Coalfield.

Paul trained as a journalist in Sheffield where he still lives.

As a critic, he worked for the *Guardian*, *Front Row* and *New Statesman*. He has also presented the BBC Radio 4 arts programme *Kaleidoscope* and BBC Radio 3's *Nightwaves* and his plays have been produced on radio and theatres across the country.

Paul said: "Where I was born, in East Kent, 'the north' began somewhere around Luton and carried on until it turned into Scotland.

"Fortunately, I moved to Yorkshire when I got a job on a Sheffield daily paper and a wife and I learned different.

"Fifty years on I'm still learning, and going to Redhills in Durham and Easington Colliery is part of that, because nothing is more different than the people I write about in *Brassed Off*.

"It's a lesson I learned from the likes of singer/songwriter Alex Glasgow from Gateshead and play-

wright Alan Plater, born in Jarrow, though he lived most of his life in Hull.

Their *Close the Coalhouse Door* introduced me to 'pitmen'. In South Yorkshire, we usually say 'miners'.

"As a writer, I'm constantly learning, but one lesson I've definitely absorbed is that County Durham is special."

Based on the film, which starred Ewan McGregor, Tara Fitzgerald and Stephen Tompkinson, *Brassed Off* follows a colliery band's success at a time when the miners face redundancy.

Inspired by the real-life story of Grimethorpe Colliery Band, Paul's latest adaptation will be migrated to County Durham and will tell the story of Danny, as he leads his local colliery band to the National Brass Band Competition at the Royal Albert Hall.

Set in 1992, as the pit faces closure, the future looks bleak as the town is thrown into conflict.

When flugelhorn player Gloria arrives, she brings with her a renewed sense of hope and a touch of romance, but no-one knows who she's really playing for.

Directed by Conrad Nelson, the new adaptation of *Brassed Off* runs at Gala Durham from Tuesday 6 to Saturday 24 September.



Jamie Ian Marshall received an 18-year sentence for his crimes.

BISHOP MAN GETS 18 YEARS

JAMIE IAN Marshall of Bishop Auckland has been sentenced to 18 years in prison after being found guilty of separately stabbing one victim and raping another.

"I didn't used to get on with the police but that night they saved my life – it's definitely changed the way I think about them," said the stabbing victim who was attacked in the early hours of March 27, 2020.

First on scene were PCs Gareth Irvine, Steve Graham, Matt Gumby and Abbie Dixon who leapt into action to persuade the victim to lie down before physically clamping his Carotid Artery to stem the bleeding – a manoeuvre which saved his life.

PC Dixon, who was fresh out of her training at the time, said: "It was my first really severe job but instinct just kicked in and we all tried to keep everyone calm and deal with the situation as best we could while we waited for paramedics to arrive."

Marshall, of Edward Street, was charged with attempted murder but cleared by a jury and instead found guilty of wounding causing grievous bodily harm at Newcastle Crown Court in January.

Whilst remanded in custody, the 42-year-old also went on trial at Durham Crown Court last month after being charged with the rape of a teenage girl last November.

He was found guilty of that crime too, as the court heard how he left his young victim with flashbacks and sleepless nights following the attack.

Marshall appeared at Newcastle Crown Court on June 20 to be sentenced.

Handing him an 18-year prison sentence, the judge told Marshall he posed a "significant risk to members of the public" and also made him subject to a five-year extended licence period as well as placing him on the Sex Offenders' Register for life.

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Bishop Auckland Golf Club triumph at the Teams Handicap Championship.

SUCCESS CONTINUES FOR GOLF CLUB

ON SATURDAY 4 June, Durham County Golf Union hosted the annual Teams Handicap Championship at Ravensworth Golf Club.

The event, first played in 1960, requires each club to enter a team of four players who each have a Handicap Index of 5.5 to 18.4. The three best net scores from each team are combined and the club with the lowest aggregate total wins the title.

This year, Bishop Auckland Golf Club focused on the promising junior section when selecting their team.

Along with former Club Captain and Team Manager Gerry Johnson, current Team Manager, Mark Walker selected Cameron Hamilton aged 18, Ben

Mawson aged 14 and Finley Hall aged 13 to represent the club.

Mark said: "When I asked Gerry if he would play, I told him that this team aren't just going there for the experience and the day out, we are going there to win."

"Once the news came through on late Saturday evening, I couldn't hide my sheer delight, nor could the rest of the team and supporters at BAGC."

"The icing on the cake was Ben Mawson winning the prize for the best individual score of the day. He also made his debut this year for our men's team, who are the defending champions in the first division of the Teesside Union."

"Ben joins Cameron Hamilton, who made his

debut aged 16 in 2020 and Callum Brown who made his debut aged 14 in 2021, both of whom remain members of the current squad."

"This is the sixth time we've won this title and the third time in the last 11 years. As Team Manager of my hometown club, I couldn't be prouder of the team, after such a magnificent achievement."

"We certainly believe in advancing and promoting youth at BAGC and are blessed with a very hard-working junior setup within the club."

"We are always looking for ways to include youth as we compete and aim for success in competitions throughout the county and country, as we have done over the years. Well done team."



Comtek are Bishop Auckland FC official 2022/23 season kit sponsor.

COMTEK SPONSOR BISHOP FC

COMTEK HAS signed a last-minute one year agreement to be the kit sponsor of Bishop Auckland FC.

The agreement is worth five figures, and includes both the home and away kits for the forthcoming season.

The Bishops new Home and Away kits, both of which feature a new design provided by current teamwear manufacturers O'Neills, was unveiled at a launch event on Saturday 25 June.

Richard Cooke, owner and CEO of Comtek and long-standing director of the football club said, "Bishop Auckland Football Club have really struggled with sponsorship in the past few seasons and it broke my heart to see the Bishops looking at starting this season without a main shirt sponsor."

"I feel strongly that a club like Bishop Auckland deserves more investment. I am hoping my

investment encourages more local businesses to get involved as ultimately it will enhance the wellbeing of the town."

Kevin Bowker commercial manager for the club said: "We have to give a huge thank you to Richard and Comtek for coming in and sponsoring both the home and away shirt for the new season."

"It's been very difficult obtaining sponsors for the new season but we keep working on various initiatives and we're looking forward to seeing some fruitful results."

First team manager, Chris Hardy said: "Going into the new season I'm hopeful that we can restore the standards that were once set by the famous Two Blues shirt and create a real sense of pride."

"Huge thanks to Richard for his continued support for BAFC and hopefully a successful season will give Comtek some welcomed exposure."

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