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FUN AND FOOD PROGRAMME MAKES ITS RETURN

DO YOU find the school holidays a struggle?

Finding fun things for your children to do that don't cost the earth is difficult.

As a result, Durham County Council's Fun and Food programme is back for the summer holidays.

Children across County Durham can enjoy a fun-packed summer break by taking advantage of a range of free activities during the school holidays.

The sessions are part of the Fun and Food programme, which provides holiday activities with healthy food for families on low incomes.

Durham County Council has received over £2.3 million from the Department for Education to provide the activities, which have been organ-

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Bishop Auckland Town Hall and St Anne's Church, by Paul Simpson.

LOCAL PAINTER GIVES TO CHARITIES

BISHOP AUCKLAND artist, Paul Simpson has been painting in aid of charity.

After not picking up his paintbrush for 35 years, Paul found his passion reignited during lockdown.

It all started when he posted a photo of the

Deer House in Auckland Park on Facebook, alongside a painting he'd completed of it.

The post was popular, and after suggesting he auction off the painting, he promptly did so.

He chose to donate the funds to Woodhouse Close foodbank.

Paul realised then that he could put his paintings to good use.

"After this first fundraiser, two families asked if I could help with their fundraising for the Great North Air Ambulance so I painted a scene of the 2019 Food Festival from the top of the newly built

Auckland Tower.

"I sold prints for £5 and the money from all sales went to GNAA."

Paul is currently leaving prints at Woodhouse Close foodbank in Proudfoot Drive, the Community Pantry in St Helen's

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Some of the volunteers getting their awards from the Mayor.

JUBILEE VOLUNTEERS AWARDED MEDALS

BISHOP AUCKLAND Town Council invited the volunteers who helped to make the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Bishop Auckland a huge success to the Town Hall last week, where they were presented with a certificate and medal by the Town Mayor as recognition for their contribution to the celebrations.

Volunteers from King James WI, Volunteer Durham, the Town Council and Bridge Creative were amongst those who attended the intimate event.

The Town Council worked with lead partners Baccanalia, the Auckland Project and Bridge Creative to deliver

an ambitious programme of four celebration events across three of the four days of the Jubilee bank holiday weekend.

A Platinum Party was held on the Thursday which culminated in a beacon being lit by the Bishop of Durham.

Friday brought a Platinum Car Show in partnership with the Northern Bygones Society.

On Saturday, a free children's fun fair was held in the Market Place and a Platinum Picnic with entertainment took place at Auckland Castle.

Mayor of Bishop Auckland, Cllr Michael Siddle said: "Bringing all the volunteers who enabled our Platinum Jubilee Cel-

ebrations together was really special.

"These people were key in enabling our town to have the wonderful celebrations we had.

"Volunteers helped with everything from the Women's Institute knitting the Beefeater Soldiers and bunting, the bugler, the piper, to all of our event photos being taken by volunteers. The queue managers, the litter pickers and the event stewards were all volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

"The Town Council wanted to share our appreciation and thought it only fitting that the volunteers got a Jubilee medal to remember the wonderful event that

they helped make happen."

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, Mrs Sue Snowden said: "Bishop Auckland Town Council certainly took advantage of the opportunity to celebrate, and hosted some lovely community projects over the bank holiday weekend, which would not have been possible without the support of volunteers.

"I am constantly inspired by volunteers who give so generously of their time, energy and expertise.

"They are without any doubt the most amazing people, our region's biggest assets, our strength."

BRIDGE STREET, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2022

The Council on 11/7/22 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on 40 metres of Bridge Street, Bishop Auckland to enable sewer repair works to be undertaken. Alternative route via Lower Bridge Street and Newton Cap Bank. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 18/7/22 from 8am and are anticipated to be completed in 10 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

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Dali El Greco exhibition at Bishop Auckland's Spanish Gallery. Image courtesy, House of Hues.

SPANISH MASTERS DISPLAYED TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME

TWO SPANISH masters have traversed centuries of time to finally meet in Bishop Auckland's Spanish Gallery.

Doménikos Theotokópoulos, known as 'El Greco', can lay claim to a similar notoriety in his day to that of his twentieth century compatriot, Salvador Dali.

A new exhibition, *Dali El Greco*, places each artist's singular depiction of the crucifixion scene alongside each other and poses the question: are we looking at the same thing?

The gallery's founder, Jonathan Ruffer, spoke to the *Bishop Press* at the launch of the unique exhibition.

Mr Ruffer was keen to credit Scottish financier and patron of the arts, Sir Angus Grossart, who died in May of this year, with securing the loan of the Dali to the Spanish Gallery.

"He has been a real friend to us here," said Mr Ruffer, who developed a close relationship with the former banker through their mutual connection to the world of finance.

"His day job was in finance but his life's work was supporting the arts in Scotland and he very much warmed to what we were doing here in Bishop Auckland. 'If you can get the Spanish Gallery open, I'll get you the Dali,' he promised."

It was a promise kept,

but as a result of the delay caused by the pandemic, one he was sadly unable to witness fulfilled.

El Greco's *Christ on the Cross*, painted between 1600 and 1610, forms part of the permanent collection at the Spanish Gallery and, as Mr Ruffer explains, was one of the first depictions of what became an art industry.

Dali's *Christ of St John of the Cross*, painted in 1951, bookends the subject as modern artists' interest in the theology of Christianity waned.

As to whether they are images of the same thing, Mr Ruffer places the viewer at the centre of the question.

"Looking at a picture is an encounter," he suggests. "The picture itself is unchanging, but our responses to it will be completely different."

"If you look at this El Greco, above his head there is a statement explaining who he was - the king of the Jews - in Hebrew, Greek and Latin."

"Now here," he says, gesturing at the scroll nailed above Christ's head in the Dali. "There appears to be a similar statement there, but look closer, and the scroll is blank."

"My own thought is that Dali is teasing us. He is inviting us to look at a picture that is painted today but in the same way as El Greco looked at the subject. But it can't be done."

Asked whether he likes the Dali, which has been a

source of controversy for some over the decades - indeed it was attacked and torn in 1961 by a visitor to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, where it permanently hangs - he says: "What I don't think it is intended to be is an object of piety."

"So, as opposed to the El Greco, if you are an old lady who gets a warm feeling inside when you look at it, you are probably missing the point."

Dali's departure from his iconic surrealist images to paint his version of the crucifixion, came after he had returned to his native Spain, then under the despotic rule of General Franco.

His decision to live under the dictator alienated him from his compatriots, but Mr Ruffer suggests that this too may have been part of his idiosyncratic nature.

"Franco got his political support from the church, so by painting an old fashioned crucifixion, he was absolutely condemned by his fellow artists, but actually I think he was teasing them."

While the crucifixion would ordinarily speak to faith, Dali and El Greco offer an alternative.

"For those who have trouble with faith, I want to encourage them," says Mr Ruffer, "and for those with a strong faith, I want to unsettle them."

This unique exhibition, on display until 4 December, provides that friction.



200,000 people attended the Big Meeting. Photo: Sharifah Rahman.

THOUSANDS ATTEND DURHAM MINERS' GALA

AFTER A two-year hiatus, Durham Miners' Gala returned to the city on Saturday 9 July, dedicated to all the key workers who got us through the pandemic.

Former coal mining communities brought banners and bands represented their heritage and arrived with noise.

Thousands attended the event for its 136th anniversary, which has been held in Durham City since 1871.

Speaking to the crowds, General Secretary of Unite, Sharon Graham said, "Well let's send a clear message - no more."

"We won't let the rich and powerful take us for a ride yet again."

"We won't let them put one hand in our pocket

and the other up our back."

"We must now organise, we must mobilise and crucially, we must act together."

Around 200,000 were said to have attended the event.

Mangrove Steel Band from the Notting Hill Carnival also took part in the parade.

The Durham Miners' Association brass band will in return take part in the Notting Hill Carnival this August.

One attendee said "The events atmosphere was memorable."

"I think it's an emotional one after being cancelled for the previous two years."

"Seeing everyone together again is fantastic."

HIGH TOWN, WESTGATE, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2022

The Council on 11/7/22 made the above 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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POLICE OFFICERS HOSPITALISED

ON THURSDAY 7 July, two police officers were taken to hospital after their vehicle was rammed in Bishop Auckland.

Response PCs Hanratty and Jackson were on mobile patrol around the Etherley Lane area when they came across a group of people shouting and fighting in the street.

As they pulled over, one of the suspects jumped into their car and reverse rammed the vehicle that PC Hanratty was driving forcing him to push the emergency button.

The suspect vehicle made off and was located shortly afterwards in the Etherley Dene area.

It has since been recovered for forensic examination.

The police vehicle was

also recovered as it was no longer driveable.

Both officers attended hospital to be treated for their injuries which included whiplash and concussion.

A Durham Constabulary spokesperson said: "Thankfully our officers escaped with only minor injuries. However, it has understandably shaken them up.

"The individual responsible showed no remorse by running away and had shown a blatant disregard towards our communities and our ability to service their emergency calls.

"I hope they feel embarrassed and ashamed of their actions."

A full investigation is now ongoing.

NETOA WURLITZER TEACH-IN

NORTH EAST Theatre Organ Association present a theatre organ appreciation Teach-Day at the New Victoria Centre, Howden-Le-Wear, DL15 8EZ, on Saturday 13 August from 11am to 3pm.

It will feature Joe Marsh

at the console to give inside information and tips about theatre organ settings and more.

Admission is free but you must book a ticket beforehand.

Call 01388 762467 to book a ticket or visit www.netoa.org.uk.



The Get Into Teaching campaign is encouraging graduates to choose teaching as a future-proof career.

BISHOP AUCKLAND TEACHER SUPPORTS CAREER PATH CAMPAIGN

NEW MARKET research conducted by Censuswide, on behalf of the Get Into Teaching campaign - which is encouraging graduates to consider teaching as a career path - reveals that nine out of ten final year university students and recent graduates surveyed in the North East, feel anxious about making the right decision when it comes to what their future career should be.

Samantha Burlison, 35, an art and technology teacher at Bishop Barrington Academy, who has been teaching for two years, said: "Making the decision to train as a teacher when I was 32 years old was the best career move I ever made, even when there were lots of options open.

"It's a role that allows you to go home each day knowing you've made a difference whilst teaching a subject that you're passionate about.

"For me, the best part about teaching is knowing that in some way you have had an impact on a child's life.

"My parents, even though I went into teaching later in life, are incredibly proud of what I have achieved as it does take hard work and dedication to become a teacher.

"Every lesson can help shape a life, and the impact of a good teacher can go far beyond the classroom.

"Making that child feel welcomed and included, and above all else that you care about them as an individual, is paramount to building strong and successful classroom relationships."

Almost two thirds (64%) of those surveyed in the region agree that, given the number of graduate career options that exist, at times they have felt overwhelmed and unable to make a definitive decision when it comes to their future career path.

When asked what factors influence their thinking the most, nearly half (48%) say choosing a career that will allow them a sense of pride in what they do, whilst a similar amount (44%) want a stable salary and financial security.

This is reflected by the fact that more than three quarters (76%) of respondents in the North East feel they ought to future-proof their career prospects by searching in an established or growing sector where their subject knowledge and skills are in demand.

Roger Pope, spokesperson for the Get Into Teaching campaign and a National Leader of Education, said: "I would encourage anyone who has an inkling that a career in the classroom could appeal, to take the first step and visit the Get Into Teaching website at <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk> to find out more."



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Christmas Light Switch on and Christmas Market

Friday 25th November 2022
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Children across County Durham can enjoy a fun-packed summer break.

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used in response to the fact that some families can struggle to keep children fed and entertained while they are off school.

Activities are offered through the council's leisure centres, family centres and libraries, including free swimming sessions, while some are provided by schools and voluntary and community sector groups.

Among the hundreds of sessions on offer is Carnivals of the Animals Theatrical Adventure, which will see children aged between three and 10 go on a magical and musical theatrical adventure, designed to spark imagination.

STEAM Ahead is offering exciting skills-focused activities, from building ride-on hovercrafts and coding drones, to launching compressed air rockets and taking part in archery and bush-

craft.

Children can also splash in puddles, wander through trees and cook on a campfire with Stomping Grounds Forest School.

Durham Area Disability and Leisure Group is hosting events in which children can design and make a sandwich with a range of different ingredients.

There are also activities specifically for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, and sports, weather permitting, such as swing ball, short tennis, badminton, basketball and indoor activities including new age curling and boccia.

Sessions to support children and young people with social communication difficulties and/or a diagnosis of autism are being provided by K-9 Comprehensive with Durham Neurodevelopment Hub.

Young people can complete challenges and tasks alongside the team and learning dogs.

Information on more activities is available on the Fun and Food programme web page.

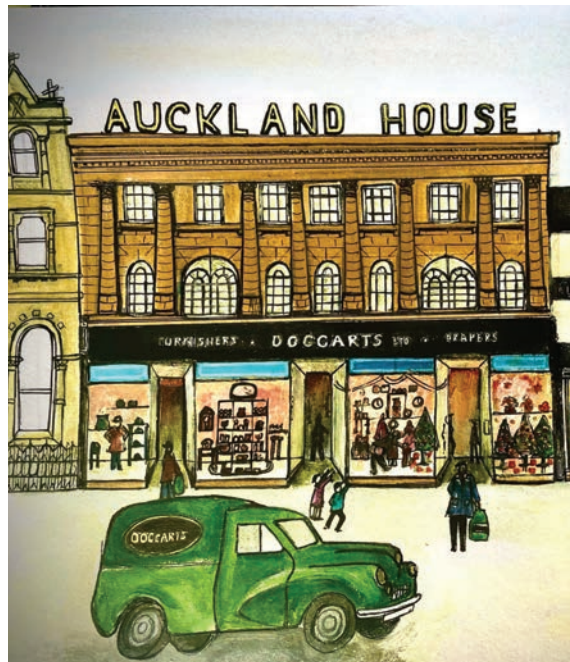
Cllr Ted Henderson, the council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "With the current cost of living crisis impacting on so many families, we appreciate that it is difficult for parents and carers to afford days out and trips which keep children occupied during the summer holidays.

"Our Fun and Food programme provides the ideal opportunity for children to enjoy free activities while also getting healthy and nutritious food at the same time.

"There are so many activities planned across the summer break so please take the time to find out more about what is going on."

If there are no activities listed, please check closer to the holiday.

For more information on the programme visit www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood.



Paul's nostalgic look at Doggarts, Bishop Auckland Market Place.

PAINTER DONATES TO CHARITY

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Auckland and at the Angel Trust in Kingsway.

People are able to collect a print if they leave a small food donation.

Proceeds from his art-

work and prints are put directly back into the charities.

Paul's paintings can be admired on his Facebook page, *Bishop Auckland Art Nostalgia* where prints can also be ordered.

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WOMAN PROSECUTED AFTER FLY-TIPPING INCIDENTS

A BISHOP Auckland woman has been fined after failing to comply with investigations into the fly-tipping of waste.

Caroline Helen Saunders, 36, of Princes Street, was prosecuted by Durham County Council for not assisting with the dumping incidents.

On October 4 last year, one of the council's neighbourhood wardens found three bags of fly-tipped waste at the rear of Princes Street in Bishop Auckland. On checking the waste for evidence, information was found linking it to Saunders.

A council tax check was carried out which confirmed that the defendant lived in Princes Street.

The location has been used for fly-tipping previously and as a result, there is a CCTV camera deployed there.

The warden checked the CCTV camera footage and this showed that on 2 October, a red car arrived in the lane and a man got out of the driver's side.

He then put the three



The fly-tip at Green Lane, High Grange contained evidence linked to Saunders.

black plastic bin bags of waste next to the lamp-post. The vehicle registration could not be obtained from the footage.

The matter was referred to the council's fly-tipping investigation team.

The investigating officer sent Saunders a letter asking her to contact him by 8 December but she did not respond.

On 14 December the warden sent a notice to

the defendant. It required her to either attend the council offices on 5 January so that he could progress his investigation or rearrange the appointment. The defendant did not contact the warden nor attend the offices at the appropriate date and time.

On March 28 this year, a warden attended Green Lane, High Grange, following a complaint of a

fly-tip. He found waste including a cardboard box containing various household waste items as well as evidence linked to the defendant.

The warden attended Saunders' address on 1 April and spoke to her. She claimed her ex-partner had removed the waste but would not provide further information.

The defendant was then sent a letter request-

ing that she contact the investigating officer but failed to reply. Saunders was sent further requests but did not respond or attend council offices.

Saunders was then charged with two counts of failing to assist an investigation and told to appear at Peterlee Magistrates' Court.

The defendant did not attend court nor enter a plea, with magistrates finding the matters proved in her absence.

Saunders was fined £240 and ordered to pay costs of £510 as well as a victim surcharge of £34.

Ian Hoults, Durham County Council's neighbourhood protection manager, said: "Fly-tipping is a significant offence that can cause environmental damage to our beautiful county.

"We investigate all instances of waste being illegally dumped, so it is important that people assist us in these matters so that we can take action against those responsible."

COUNTY ROLLS OUT MAJOR RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

COUNTY DURHAM residents are being given a helpful reminder of what to put in their rubbish and recycling bins.

Durham County Council is placing stickers on all household rubbish and recycling bins to reduce contamination of recycling.

Cllr Mark Wilkes, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and climate change, said: "It's really important that we all follow the guidelines.

"When the wrong items are put in the wrong bin, this is classed as contamination and the recycling can be rejected.

Items which are commonly found inside the blue-lidded recycling bins but cannot be accepted on the kerbside scheme include:

- Food waste;
- Black bags, plastic bags and ready meal film;
- Polystyrene;
- Pizza boxes;
- Nappies and pet waste;

This is your recycling bin

Yes please

- Paper and cardboard
- Cartons, cans, aerosols and foil
- Plastic pots, tubs, trays and bottles
- Recycle glass bottles and jars in your kerbside box

No thanks

- Black bags
- Food waste
- Pet waste
- Nappies
- Batteries
- Bedding or textiles
- Polystyrene
- Electrical items
- Crisp packets

Clean, dry and loose ✓ **Thank you for recycling**

For more information about reuse and recycling visit:
www.durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere and www.durham.gov.uk/reducereuseandrecycle

- Bedding and textiles, should be taken to a charity or household waste recycling centre

where possible;
 • Electrical items and batteries, which can cause fires in refuse vehicles

and must be taken to a dedicated battery recycling point.
 Details can be found at

durham.gov.uk/WEEE.

For more on what goes where, visit durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere.



Principal and Chief Executive Natalie Davison-Terranova in one of the new IT suites with IT and eSports lecturer, Anthea Caulfield and students Alana Thornton and Alex Wenzel.

STATE OF THE ART COLLEGE FACILITIES

EMPLOYERS WANTING to upskill their staff will be able to benefit from new investment at Bishop Auckland College's Woodhouse Lane campus, which includes 86-inch smart interactive display boards, 28-inch 4K gaming monitors, bespoke gaming benches and chairs, and a pro virtual reality suite.

The suites will be used by students on a range of new full and part-time digital courses covering in-demand areas for the digital sector including hardware and networking, cyber security, software development and eSports.

The £91,000 investment is from a £750,000 advance allocation from a Towns Fund award to finance projects that will have an immediate impact in the town and help build a stronger and more resilient economy.

Investment in digital skills and other training

is one of the key areas for the Government scheme, alongside urban regeneration, culture and heritage, connectivity and infrastructure.

Natalie Davison-Terranova, Principal and Chief Executive of Bishop Auckland College and Skills lead on the Bishop Auckland Stronger Towns Board, said: "The college has carried out extensive research to establish the key in-demand skills in the region's digital sector, which is creating jobs almost three times faster than any other sector."

Employers looking to upskill their workforce can secure free IT training, with staff eligible to study Level 1, 2 or 3 course modules funded via the European Social Fund (ESF).

Cllr Elizabeth Scott, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for

economy and partnerships and Stronger Town Board member, said: "The digital sector is a key area of growth in the region and one that offers significant opportunities for our young people."

"These new facilities will not only enable students attending the college to gain the skills to access a wide range of career paths, it will also allow those already in employment to develop their skills and knowledge."

"I am pleased that we have been able to support the launch of the two new IT suites through the Stronger Town Fund."

Students and employers interested in full and part-time digital courses at Bishop Auckland College can find out more information and enrol on the website at bacoll.ac.uk.



PCSOs are vital to the local communities.

PCSOs HELP THE ELDERLY

ON 24 June, PCSOs Beth Mason and Steph Stoddart came across an elderly lady who had fallen in Bishop Auckland town centre.

The lady was in a lot of pain with a suspected broken hip and her son, who had called an ambulance, was also distressed.

Beth and Steph managed to flag down an ambulance transport vehicle for some extra supplies while they made the lady comfortable and stayed with them both until paramedics could get there, just in time before a big thunderstorm.

Inspector Pete Lonsdale received a note from Bishop Auckland Town Clerk a few days later thanking the duo for their quick thinking and support.

He said: "Our PCSOs always go above and beyond to help people in their hour of need, even if it does mean getting drenched."

"We hope the lady makes a speedy recovery."

Think you could make a difference to your community as a PCSO?

Apply online at durham.police.uk's recruitment page by Monday 18 July.

PRINCES STREET, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2022

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St Mary's Juniors new U7 Kings were crowned winners at this season's annual tournament.

U7S ARE KINGS OF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

AT THE St Mary's Juniors annual tournament, next season's U7 Kings will kick off full of confidence after being crowned Plate winners.

On a glorious day, over 30 teams competed at U7, U9, U11 and U13 age groups.

"It was a fantastic day all round," said chairman, Steve Coulthard, "with the

eventual winners coming from Hebburn U13, Hetton U11 and Escomb U9 as well as our own U7 Kings

"Massive thanks to Catherine Pearson for organising and all the volunteers for helping run it, especially Mike Pearson along with Bev and Marty keeping everyone fed and watered.

"It was a fun day for everyone with a bouncy castle and a very busy ice cream van and clubhouse, almost selling out of drinks.

"We would also like to wish a speedy recovery to the U13 player who suffered a broken wrist. Thankfully our first aid team were able to quickly attend to the injury."

BOWLS CLUB MID-SEASON UPDATE

THE SPRING General Meeting of Cockton Hill Bowls Club made a promising start with four potential new members in attendance.

There was also news of former players returning, however some of the potential new members decided it was not for them and two existing player members were unable to play owing to work commitments.

This has left the club with just 16 playing members.

On the playing front,

the club is in Division 2 of both the South West Durham Bowls League (played on Monday evenings) and the South West Durham Veterans Bowls League (played on Wednesday afternoons).

Club Secretary, George Elms said: "We have been unable to field a full complement of twelve players for the last two weeks on a Monday owing to holidays and Covid restrictions, but despite this, as of the beginning of July, we are still currently top of the Division.

"The Wednesday league sees us currently second in the Division at the half-way point of the season.

"We are hopeful of being able to continue the momentum to the end of the season.

"We have no game scheduled for Monday 18 July but will be at the green from 6pm for a Fun and Practice Night.

"Anyone who is interested in joining us to see what bowls is about, and to try it for themselves is very welcome to join us and have a go."



Darren Tait, Bishop Juniors FC, Simon Whitehead, Headteacher at King James, and David Dent, Chairman of Shildon AFC.

FOOTBALL PARTNERSHIP RENEWED AT KING JAMES

KING JAMES I Academy has renewed their partnership with Shildon AFC and Bishop Juniors FC, enabling the development of grassroots football in the Bishop Auckland area.

The agreement will see Shildon AFC first team, who currently play in the Northern Premier League East, undertake their training sessions at the Academy, whilst it is anticipated their reserves will play their home matches in the Wearside League Division 1 at the Academy.

The partnership also provides a progression route for elite footballers in the Academy Sixth Form, with the potential to represent Shildon in the future.

A number of King James Sixth Form students have previously gone on to sign contracts

with the Railwaymen.

Bishop Juniors continues to grow, developing more teams at different age groups.

Using King James I Academy as their base enables them to utilise some of the best facilities in the area to develop the stars of the future and grow the game at a grassroots level.

Simon Whitehead, Headteacher at King James said, "We are proud to continue our relationship with Shildon AFC and Bishop Juniors, and to enable even more young people to participate in our national sport.

"I am confident that all three members of the partnership will go from strength to strength in the coming years and we wish the very best of luck to the Shildon and Bishop Juniors teams for the coming season."



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