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## GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY RETURNS NEXT MONTH

GFS BISHOP Auckland comes from a long history of supporting girls and women across England and Wales.

GFS AYCC is already well established, working with girls and young women aged 11-14.

GFS opened a brand-new sister group for younger girls, just before summer break.

The new group runs out of Henknowle Community Centre and is open to girls aged 7-11.

This means girls can get support in individual spaces targeted more specifically to their age group, while still having a sense of familiarity and comfort should they decide to move into the higher age group as they grow older.

Sessions provide a welcoming space where



Durham County Council has bought the Newgate Centre as part of the planned regeneration of Bishop Auckland.

## COUNTY COUNCIL BUYS NEWGATE CENTRE

THE REGENERATION of a County Durham town has received a further boost following the sale of a shopping centre to the local authority.

Durham County Council is already working with partners to transform Bishop Auckland, with millions of pounds of

government cash set to be spent in the town over the coming years.

Now the authority is planning on using the Newgate Centre to support the planned transformation of the town.

The £3.31 million investment in the shopping centre will open up

significant opportunities for development and also allow the authority to breathe new life into the facility.

Cllr Richard Bell, Deputy Leader of Durham County Council, said: "This is a significant investment for the council and the first time we have purchased

such a development.

"However, the Newgate Centre is a key part of regeneration plans for the town.

"If we want to revitalise Bishop Auckland and create a vibrant and inviting town centre, it is crucial

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The Angel Trust Community Pantry is open to anyone that may need it.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY PANTRY OPENS

FOUR YEARS after setting up the Angel Trust, Chief Executive, Clair McGregor and the team, did not expect to be in the position they have found themselves in.

With the cost of living crisis the way it is, the charity has been inundated with referrals, and people from the local community, ranging from

people on benefits to working people who are paying bills but then have no money for food, and those that have lost their jobs.

Clair says that they have also had teachers coming in saying that children were not being fed and asking for food parcels.

With a large increase in demand for food parcels,

each morning when they arrive to open the shop, people are queuing, with 100 people on average visiting every day.

The charity is the only Trussell Trust foodbank within Bishop Auckland.

A spokesperson for Trussell Trust has said that people are turning off cookers and fridges as they are unable to afford the cost.

A spokesperson from the East Durham Trust, has commented that the situation is only going to get worse.

For a membership of £5 a year, people are able to fill a basket for £5 each shop.

With referrals from officials to the food bank, people can collect a box of essentials and have a free shop.

The Community Pantry is open Tuesday and Friday 10am until 2pm.

The foodbank is open Monday and Friday 11am until 2pm.

The Angel Trust are hoping local businesses could help by donating surplus food that they would otherwise throw away.

The Angel Trust are also looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office on 01388 737270.

### THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM JUBILEE STREET AND CHAPEL STREET REARS, TORONTO (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 25 metres of rear Jubilee Street and Chapel Street, Toronto between property numbers 50 to 55 Jubilee Street to enable sewer repair works to be undertaken. Alternative route via front Jubilee Street and the accesses to Chapel Street via side numbers 35 and 60 Jubilee Street. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 12/9/22 and are anticipated to be completed in 5 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

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Jack Warters, Freya Dhiman, Adam Hughes and Brooke Moore celebrating their A-level results.

## SIXTH FORMERS CELEBRATE 100% PASS RATE AT KING JAMES

SIXTH FORM students from King James I Academy are celebrating another fantastic set of A2 and AS results.

Across all academic and vocational qualifications pupils achieved 100% pass rate and many achieved A\*, A and B or equivalent grades.

They will now go on to study a wide range of university courses and undertake apprenticeships in a variety of subjects.

Pupils achieved particularly well in Maths with a number of pupils achieving the higher-grade boundaries, and in History, half of all pupils achieved either an A or B grade.

Whilst pupils performed well in all subject areas, results in the popular sports-based and other vocational disciplines were also especially positive.

Top grades were achieved across the range of academic subjects, including Maths,

English, Geography, History, the Sciences, Photography and Computer Science, in which many pupils achieved 'A' grades.

Pupils also achieved the highest possible grades in Psychology, Business, Human Biology, Criminology, Media and Performing Arts.

Notable students achieving fantastic results include Aimee Benson, who achieved an 'A' grade in Criminology and a 'Distinction\*' in both Psychology and Health and Social Care.

Aimee will now continue to study Philosophy at the University of York.

Adam Hughes achieved an 'A' grade in Maths and History, a 'C' in English and a 'Distinction\*' in Music.

Adam will now study Music at Leeds Conservatoire.

Lucas Stewart, who achieved an 'A\*' in Maths, an 'A' in Computer Science, and a 'B' in Chemistry and Further Maths

is planning to study Computer Science at Northumbria University.

Jack Warters, who has achieved a triple 'Distinction\*' in Sport will now undertake an apprenticeship in Sport in a local primary school.

Krisztina Szabo, who achieved a Distinction\* in Psychology and 'B' grades in Criminology and History, will progress to study Archaeology and Ancient History at the University of Durham.

Brooke Moore, who achieved a triple 'Distinction\*' in Creative Media Production and a 'B' grade in Extended Project will now study Creative Writing at York St John University.

As the Sixth Form continues to grow in terms of the rapidly increasing number of pupils on roll, and in terms of the range of academic and vocational options available to young people, the Academy is looking forward to further success in the 2022-23 academic year.

## Letters to the Editor...

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### A-level Achievement

We would like to say how proud we are of our oldest grandson Jack Shaw, 18, who gained admission to study Computer Science at Durham University after achieving top grades in his A-level results. Jack attended St John's Sixth Form College.

He gained an A\* in Maths, A in Further Maths, A in Computer Science, B in Geography and a B in Extended Project.

We wish Jack good luck for his next journey to achieve his goals in education at Durham University.

Well done Jack.

From Stephen and Barbara Race.

### Thank you, Holly

A brave young lady helped an elderly gentleman while on her paper round on Woodhouse Lane.

Holly Woodham thought quickly and showed initiative after seeing a man had fallen over his step. Holly alerted the neighbours and rang an ambulance.

She was very calm and got him the help he needed.

The family of the gentleman would like to thank her for her help and are very grateful to her and the neighbours.

From Sarah Guy.



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On 19th August 2022, The County Council of Durham confirmed the orders below made under sections 119A and 118A of the Highways Act 1980 (respectively).

#### PUBLIC PATH NO.37 BISHOP AUCKLAND PARISH (RAIL CROSSING DIVERSION) ORDER 2022

The effect of the order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from a point north of the railway, proceeding in a generally westerly then south-westerly direction across the railway then southerly to a point in the field south of the railway to a line running from the same point north of the railway, proceeding in a generally south-westerly, then westerly, then south-westerly direction to cross the railway via a new level crossing to the same point in the field south of the railway as shown on the order map. The above order will also modify the Definitive Map and Statement of the Public Rights of Way for County Durham by deleting and adding the footpath described.

#### UNRECORDED FOOTPATH BISHOP AUCKLAND PARISH (RAIL CROSSING EXTINGUISHMENT) ORDER 2022

The effect of the order as confirmed is to Extinguish Unrecorded Footpath Bishop Auckland Parish from a point north of the railway, proceeding in a generally west-north-westerly then south-westerly direction across the railway then south-south-easterly to a point in the field south of the railway as shown on the order map. A copy of the orders as confirmed, and the order maps have been placed and may be seen free of charge at Bishop Auckland Library during normal opening hours and via the council's website. The orders comes into force as from 19 August 2022, but if any person aggrieved by the order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 of the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 of the Act, within six weeks from 27 August 2022 make an application to the High Court.

DATED: 27th August 2022



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Bishop Auckland Rotary Club members and friends recently attended their annual barbeque.

## ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL BARBEQUE

**BISHOP AUCKLAND** Rotary Club members and friends thoroughly enjoyed their annual BBQ at Bill and Jill Robson's home on Woodhouse Lane.

As usual, the Robsons were great hosts and all the guests enjoyed the excellent food on offer

with the sunshine in their garden.

Monies raised by this, and other Rotary events will be used to support international, national and local charities during the year.

Bishop Auckland Rotary Club meets on Tuesday evenings 6.15pm for

6.45pm at Bishop Auckland Golf Club.

Visit their website to find out more about the activities that are planned or alternatively contact their club secretary, Dave on 01388 662665 if you would like to join one of their meetings.

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The Tour of Britain heading through St Ives in 2021. This year's race will visit Bishop Auckland on Tuesday 6th September. Photo: SWpix.

## TOUR OF BRITAIN TO RACE IN BISHOP

THE TOUR of Britain, the UK's most prestigious and longest-running international cycle race will be racing through Bishop Auckland this year when the third stage takes place in County Durham.

The 17th edition of the modern Tour of Britain will take place between Sunday 4 and Sunday 11 September.

This year, the Tour's first foray into England comes on stage three, which takes place between Durham and Sunderland on Tuesday 6 September.

History will be made when riders roll out in the shadow of the famous cathedral: Durham has never previously hosted a stage start or finish in a professional edition of the Tour of Britain.

Stage three's route will initially head west, taking the peloton through the North Pennines AONB, before heading back through County Durham and into Sunderland.

On its way it will visit Bishop Auckland before passing through Coundon, Leeholme, Kirk Merrington and Ferryhill.

The Bishop Auckland section will also feature one of the stage's three sprint sections where riders contest points and time bonuses in fast and frantic action.

The riders are expected to pass through Bishop Auckland around 2pm with spectators advised to find their viewing spot well in advance to make the most of the excitement.

They will enter Bishop Auckland at Etherley Moor via Etherley Lane, with the sprint taking place on Woodhouse Lane as they approach the college.

The riders will then continue on along Woodhouse Lane and St Andrew's Road before turning left and heading up the bypass towards Canney Hill, turning right at the roundabout and

heading into Coundon where they will keep left to race along Leeholme Road and on to Kirk Merrington and Ferryhill.

The free-to-watch sporting spectacular features Olympic, World and Tour de France champions.

Famous past participants include Sir Bradley Wiggins, Mark Cavendish, Geraint Thomas, Chris Froome and Tao Geoghegan Hart.

It attracts an annual roadside audience of over 1.5m spectators.

Live coverage of the Tour is shown daily in the UK on ITV4 and Eurosport, as well as being beamed to over 130 countries around the world. A total of over 30m TV viewers watched the 2019 event.

People on or near the stage route can obtain detailed guides including maps, timetables and information on the road closure system by visiting the page at [tourofbritain.co.uk](http://tourofbritain.co.uk).

## COUNCIL BUYS NEWGATE CENTRE

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that a facility such as the Newgate Centre provides a viable and attractive offer.

"If we can attract more people into the town then we can expect to see more money spent there, which in turn also increases opportunities of employment for local residents.

"We are already working extremely hard to attract new tenants to the centre to provide something different for the future and are confident that we will be able to provide more information on these opportunities very soon.

"This is an exceptionally exciting time for Bishop Auckland, and the purchase of the Newgate Centre is a further step on the road to making the ambitious plans of ourselves and our partners for the town a reality."

It is hoped that the purchase of the centre will provide a catalyst for private sector investment, with the authority already in discussions with retail and leisure providers about opportunities within the centre.

In addition, the council has plans to carry out improvements to the interior and exterior of the building.

The council has secured £19.9 million of government funding for Bishop Auckland Town Centre through the Future High Streets Fund, with cash earmarked for projects including a new bus station, and additional car parking, as well as a scheme to bring vacant properties back into use.

A further £33.2 million is heading to Bishop Auckland from the government's Stronger Towns Fund, with the funding allocated to a range of regeneration projects across the town.

The council's hope is to attract an additional 1.5 million visitors to Bishop Auckland each year, which would substantially boost the county's visitor economy by £240 million and creating almost 4,000 jobs.

Tens of millions of pounds are also being invested in the town by partner organisations such as The Auckland Project, which has so far committed £275 million.

## GFS RETURNS NEXT MONTH

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girls can come to try new things, build their confidence and just be themselves.

Each week, activities take place in a safe, non-judgmental, single-gender space where play and socialising are encouraged through pos-

itive relationships with fellow GFS girls and volunteer role models.

Groups like GFS offer girls their best defense against new and growing challenges.

GFS Bishop Auckland resumes sessions on 20 September. Register your daughter online at [girlsfriendlysociety.org.uk](http://girlsfriendlysociety.org.uk).

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Dumped rubbish contained evidence linking the waste to Nathan Robinson, who was fined in his absence.

## FLY TIP COSTS BISHOP AUCKLAND MAN OVER £1,000

A SUSPECTED fly-tipper has been ordered to pay more than £1,000 after rubbish was dumped at the gates of Bishop Auckland Rugby Club.

At Peterlee Magistrates' Court, Nathan Robinson, of Bishop Auckland, was found guilty of failing to assist with an investigation into a fly-tip at the entrance to the town's Rugby Club.

Wardens found several bags of household waste at the site in November last year and evidence found in the bags linked the waste to Robinson, of Surtees Street.

A council tax check confirmed the defendant lived at that address, but the 22-year-old failed to respond to a letter and failed to attend an interview as part of the investigation.

As Robinson did not attend court, the case was heard in his absence.

He was fined £660 and ordered to pay costs of £338.20 as well as a £66 victim surcharge, totalling £1,064.

For more information on, and to report fly-tipping in confidence, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/fly-tipping](http://www.durham.gov.uk/fly-tipping).



Murillo's Virgin and Child hangs in the Spanish Gallery, Bishop Auckland.

## NEW EXHIBITION EXPLORES PARENTHOOD

THE EXPERIENCES of women who became new mothers during the Covid-19 pandemic will be shared in a new exhibition in Bishop Auckland.

The exhibition, *Can Any Mother Help Me?* and an accompanying publication is now on show at The Auckland Project's community venue, No.42 in the town's Market Place.

An eclectic mix of creativity including paintings, sculptures, writings and photographs will be on display in the exhibition, which is the culmination of a wide-ranging arts project in which women from the town, who gave birth during Covid lockdowns and restrictions, were invited to share their stories.

Working with artists including arts organisation, Daisy Arts, photographer Louise Taylor, Pui Lee and The Auckland Project's Arts Officer, Jillian Johnston, participants were encouraged to use creativity to express their thoughts, feelings and emotions about their experiences of parenthood in the pandemic.

The result is a moving collection telling stories of success, triumph and sadness.

Jillian Johnston, said: "Being pregnant, giving birth and those early weeks and months at home with a new baby are all intense – and sometimes scary – experiences.

"In normal times, so many women benefit immeasurably from sharing those experiences with others."

While the arrival of a baby is exciting and exhilarating for many, going through pregnancy and birth during a global pandemic led to lots of mums feeling isolated and alone as they undertook ante-natal appointments without their partners and had only limited – or no – contact with wider family after their baby was born.

Some women who also took part in the project shared the trauma of being trapped in impossible situations, such as living with an abusive partner and suffering postnatal depression and PTSD following a traumatic birth with no support because the health and care services were under so much pressure.

Jillian said: "The Covid lockdowns and restrictions took away so much

of this vital community support.

"It was very quickly clear to us that the women who would have normally attended our baby and parenting groups would be massively missing out and feeling unseen.

"With this project, we wanted to recognise the importance of their stories, and create that community among those who had been through something extraordinary together, if forced to be apart."

*Can Any Mother Help Me?* will be on display until the autumn (date to be confirmed) at No.42.

To find out more about the exhibition, and the rest of the The Auckland Project's activities and events, visit the website at [www.aucklandproject.org](http://www.aucklandproject.org).



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# Pastoral Care and Support

at Bishop Barrington Academy

Bishop Barrington Academy continues to remain committed to ensure that all of our students master the knowledge, understanding and skills to be academically successful. We want our students to understand their role in developing a common purpose across the Academy and beyond into our communities.

Bishop Barrington Academy has now celebrated its first year of operation. We have had a full and rewarding year which has resulted in fantastic learning opportunities for all of our students centred around our values of Respect, Inspiration, Resilience and Excellence. Students are immersed in an ethos and culture of opportunities and a relentless focus on achievement, with the firm belief that there are no limits to what our students can do.

The 2022 Summer School hosted by the Academy in late July was a huge success and parents and students alike have commented on how much this opportunity has contributed to the transition support programme between all of the primaries and our Academy ahead of September. We are excited to welcome our new Year 7 cohort as we introduce them to **The Barrington Way** where everyone succeeds.

All students in the Academy have a strong network of staff around them including a tutor they see each morning. Our pastoral team underpins the support of all students within an environment of high expectations. It is led by an Assistant Headteacher and Year Leaders who work to ensure that every child is safe, cared for and happy, allowing them to become responsible and respectful young adults who will contribute fully to life in modern Britain.

We look forward to September when we will open our doors once again, providing a free and healthy breakfast to all students from 8am, in order to provide energy and prepare for a busy and productive day. Bishop Barrington Academy will re-open for the autumn term to Year 7 students on Tuesday 6th September and to the remaining year groups on Wednesday 7th September.

## Open Evening

Tuesday 27th September, 5-8pm

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# Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...



Back (L-R): Coaches Stephen Nicholson, Kevin Dixon and Ernest Spowart with gold medal winners (front centre) Thomas Nicholson, Alfie Campbell and Stephen Hutchinson.

## MEDAL HAUL FOR BOXING CLUB

**WEST AUCKLAND** Amateur Boxing Club has scored a major success after three of its fighters claimed gold at the prestigious Riviera Box Cup in Torquay.

Members from the club made the 700 mile plus round trip to South Devon to take part in the two day Olympic-style tournament for junior, youth and senior boxers.

Stephen Hutchinson, Thomas Nicholson, and Alfie Campbell were awarded gold medals.

In all the club entered eight fighters in a contest that attracted more than 60 amateur boxing clubs from across the UK.

Their medal haul, which also included five silvers, saw them finish in the top ten.

As part of his preparations for the Riviera Box Cup, 13-year-old Thomas Nicholson, was fortunate

enough to receive a personal invitation in June from two time heavy-weight champion Tyson Fury to join him on a five mile training run.

Thomas, from Bishop Auckland, said: "It was fantastic to meet and train with Tyson, who also gave me a few great boxing tips – which I've passed on to the others."

"He's a massive inspiration for everyone at the club and has definitely played a part in our success."

Thomas won the 44 kilo (13 years) category, while Stephen Hutchinson won the 43 kilo (12 years) category and Alfie Campbell, the 38 kilo (13 years) category.

Head coach Ernie Spowart said: "For the club to go all the way to Devon and return with three gold medals is a fantastic achievement."

"This is a competition that attracts some of the finest amateur boxers in the country and our success is down to hard work, dedication and self-belief."

It took a team of three to last year's Riviera Box Cup – the first competition the club had entered – when Kallum Stuart claimed its only gold.

Founder, Stephen Nicholson said: "For us to compete toe to toe with some of the country's most respected and well-established clubs is nothing short of amazing."

"While the boxers can be proud of themselves, part of their success is down to the volunteers, and the support we receive from the local community, businesses and organisations, which help keep the gym and the club running."

## BISHOPS REVIVAL CONTINUES

**AFTER** A dismal 21/22 season where they eventually survived a relegation scare despite finishing third bottom, Bishop Auckland FC's revival is continuing apace after recording three more entertaining victories in the past ten days.

A two-game winning start to the season, 6-0 at home to Pickering Town and 0-4 away to Whitby Bay, faltered as the Two Blues narrowly lost to Carlisle City and arch rivals, West Auckland Town.

But a 5-0 win over Penrith, followed by progress in the FA Cup last weekend and a midweek away win at Seaham Red Star has the side back on track.

A comfortable 5-2 win over Kendal Town last

weekend saw the Two Blues march into the FA Cup First Qualifying Round, where they will travel to take on Whitby Town on Saturday 3 September with the winners guaranteed a prize of £2,250.

Before that, Bishops will host West Allotment Celtic this Saturday before the 1pm Bank Holiday Monday visit of early league leaders, Newton Aycliffe, currently four points clear at the top of the division with a four-game winning streak.

In stark contrast to last season, the Two Blues currently lie seventh and are just seven points off the top of the table.

Their freescore form also makes them the division's top scorers with 20 goals from six games.

## U8S MEET UK'S STRONGEST MAN



The U8 Aces recently supported the UK Strongest Man competition.

**THE U8 Aces** had a great day supporting the UK Strongest Man competition at Bishop AFC last week, organised by Mark Lawson.

The Little Stars are still training every Sat 10-11 with the U6 9-10 if anyone wants to bring their children along, please turn up at the BA College.

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