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AYCC PARTNERS WITH CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND

A BUSY and much-loved Bishop Auckland community hub, which has also supported young people in Shildon, is set to smash an important target in its drive to raise much-needed funds to keep its doors open - and to continue welcoming local children, young people and families to its popular clubs and activities.

Since October 2021, Auckland Youth and Community Centre Limited (AYCC) has been working in partnership with the Co-op Community Fund, after being chosen as one of three local good causes to benefit from a year-long fundraising campaign, thanks to the generous support of the Co-op and its customers.

As the current campaign ends on Saturday, October 22nd, the Wood-

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The 'monumental' 18th century Neapolitan Crèche Presepe will be on display inside the Faith Gallery.

AN AUCKLAND PROJECT CHRISTMAS

A TRADITIONAL Christmas with a seasonal surprise mixed in awaits those visiting The Auckland Project this winter.

Tickets for the Winter Experience are now on sale, offering visitors the chance to explore and enjoy series of festive spectacles across the

charity's Bishop Auckland attractions from 18th November to 31st December.

A stunning Christmas Garland and a monumental Neapolitan Nativity scene from the 18th century, together with 100 Christmas trees and a top-secret treat sure

to delight one and all, will ensure a visit to The Auckland Project should be top of everyone's Christmas list.

As well as welcoming people into Auckland Castle and Auckland Tower, the Winter Experience will offer visitors the chance to be among

the first to see inside the much-anticipated Faith Museum, scheduled to open in autumn 2023.

The magnificent Throne Room inside Auckland Castle will be beautifully adorned with an exquisite 50ft garland, created

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Auckland Castle in winter.

STEP INTO CHRISTMAS WITH THE AUCKLAND PROJECT

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using more than 30,000
flowers grown in the
Walled Garden and the
wider Castle grounds.

Inspired by the use of
floral displays in houses
over winter – something
which has been done for
centuries – the design
will echo architectural
features of the Castle's
State Rooms, which were
designed by James Wyatt
for Bishop Barrington in
the 1790s.

Andy Nesbitt, Curator of
Parks and Gardens at The
Auckland Project said:
"It's going to look abso-
lutely stunning and will
offer a real 'Instagram
moment' for visitors. The
display will accentuate
the Castle's architecture
and resonate with the
Throne Room and its his-
tory."

Among the flowers
which will make up the
Christmas Garland are
Teasel, Salvia Clary,
Opium Poppies, Helichry-
sum, Bells of Ireland, Lav-
ender, Ferns, Hydrangea,
Ornamental Grasses,
Hops and Amaranthus.

Andy added: "In order
to get the 30,000 flower-
heads we need to create
the garland, we've grown
around 40,000-50,000
flowers in the Walled
Garden and throughout
the estate, which are
now being dried out.
Every cupboard you open
seems to be full of flowers
drying at the moment!"

Next on the Winter Expe-
rience trail is the Faith
Museum's dramatic gal-
lery where visitors will be
invited to take in the rare
sight of an 18th-century
Baroque Crèche known in
Italian as a Presepe.

The monumental Nea-
politan Nativity Scene,
which measures a
remarkable 11ft tall and
15ft wide is one of the
most impressive and
important examples
outside Italy and brings
together classical and
Christian mythology with
the traditional folk cul-
ture of everyday Naples.

Purchased by Zur-
burán Trust from the
Porcini family's private
collection, the incredi-
ble display features 421
items including bawdy
street-sellers, raucous
musicians and boister-
ous children alongside
the familiar sacred ele-
ments of the holy family,
wise men, angels and
shepherds.

A wonderful and rare
example of a Neapolitan
Crèche, boasting high
quality craftsmanship and
detail, the display is sure
to become a staple of
The Auckland Project's
Christmas offer for years
to come.

In the tradition of Christ-
mas surprises, the final
stop on The Auckland
Project's Winter Experi-
ence is being kept tightly
under wraps until the sea-
son begins on November
18th.

Jon O'Donoghue, Com-
mercial Director at The
Auckland Project said:
"This is the first time The
Auckland Project has
offered a full Christmas
programme of events
and experiences and we
thought an element of
festive mystery would
add something extra to
the excitement.

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be surprised, simply book
your tickets, turn up, and
expect the unexpected.

"For those with curious
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Cllr Samantha Townsend, Yasmin Trehwella, Tracey Ablett and Natalie Fox at the AYCC.

COMMUNITY HUB FUNDRAISING NEWS

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house Close-based charity is pulling out all the stops to raise as much money as possible in the time remaining.

AYCC intends to smash its initial target of £1,200 and hopefully go on to raise much more besides.

Always keen to help local causes to benefit as much as possible from their charitable initiatives, the Co-op Community Fund is working to help out as much as possible, wherever possible.

Meanwhile, AYCC staff and volunteers are working hard to spread the word in the local community and online – to encourage people to consider lending their support whilst shopping at the Co-op.

John Wiseman, AYCC Business Development Manager, said:

“Everyone at AYCC is really excited about our current partnership with the Co-op Community Fund.

“We’re so grateful to the Co-op’s staff and cus-

tomers for giving us this opportunity. We’re ready for the last leg of the campaign, which has raised over £1,000 so far.

“Before it closes in a few weeks, we aim to smash our original £1,200 target, and hopefully raise much more.

“It’s vital that we raise as much as we can. £1,000 will pay for two weeks keeping the doors open, the lights and heating on, the building clean and tidy and all running smoothly.

“After that, every £200 we raise will pay for us to run one full After School Club session. The Club has been running for decades and it’s now more popular and over-subscribed than ever.”

Tracey Ablett, Member Pioneer for Bishop Auckland, Shildon and Newton Aycliffe, said: “It has been fantastic working with AYCC this year and Co-op colleagues would really love to see them smash their fundraising target.

“Since the introduction of the Local Community

Fund the Co-op members have raised over £95 million for UK causes, and in the local community our members have raised £44,962 for causes which promote our community missions of Fair Access to Food, Fair Access to Mental Wellbeing and Fair Access to Employment, Training and Opportunities for Young People.”

Durham County Council, who represents the Shildon and Dene Valley division said: “Many people may be unaware of the great work that AYCC do for the young people of Shildon.

“They provide excellent detached youth work services in our town and recently have set up a very successful youth club in the Foundations building on Tuesday nights.

“Following the pandemic our young people are desperate for high quality youth services and the youth workers at AYCC provide that.

“Please support them in their fundraising efforts.”

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Addictions are far more prevalent than most realise. Society often shuns people with addiction problems rather than try and comprehend why and how people end up with this serious and often tragic condition.

The media’s portrayal of addiction has spread stigma, shame and fear rather than empathy, compassion and understanding.

Many start as a result of feeling a sense of unease. Whether it’s to relax, fit in, feel more confident, less anxious or sad, reduce worrying, overcome boredom, numb physical or emotional pain or to forget; most ingest mood altering substances or engage in certain behaviours to change their thoughts and escape uncomfortable feelings.

Addiction is a complex biopsychosocial disorder characterised by a compulsive obsessive need for a substance or certain behaviour.

The behaviour become a coping mechanism which can quickly become habitual and then one is powerless to control it, let alone stop.

Many people wrongly think it is a matter of willpower and don’t understand why people who indulge too much can’t just control it or stop.

After a while the body changes physiologically and there becomes both a physical and mental dependency. Experiencing withdrawal symptoms can be very unpleasant, even fatal in some cases; which is why many people can’t or don’t stop.

As the guilt and shame increases, so does the denial; including feeling indifferent and kidding oneself it’s not so bad.

Addiction can quickly strip you of your dignity, morals, core-values, self-esteem, self-re-

spect and destroy your relationships with family and friends.

The recent pandemic was a good example of where more people than usual were stressed, depressed, lonely, isolated, angry, scared, bereaved and so addictions rose exponentially during lockdowns as mental health declined.

Obviously it’s important to stop doing something that’s causing you harm, but recovery is also about understanding why one is unhappy, learning how to heal that and how to cope with living life on life’s terms with new healthier coping strategies.

Likewise, those who are close to someone with an addiction or dependency problem often need professional help to process their experiences and heal their hurt.

More often than not they are going to be part of the addict’s recovery network; so it’s essential that they are given emotional support and education on how best to help the recovering addict without enabling them.

Recovery from addiction is certainly possible; but it takes dedication, determination and is far harder if you try to do it on your own.

If someone you know needs help, please don’t shame or judge them; but encourage them to reach out for treatment and support.

David Stanton is a Senior Psychotherapist and Counsellor.

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The Astronomical Society are to hold their event on October 25.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

BISHOP AUCKLAND Astronomical Society, are holding a Partial Solar Eclipse at the Dairy Barn High House Farm, North Bitchburn Crook, DL15-8AN on Tuesday, October 25th from 10am until 12noon.

See Sun Spots and Solar Prominences rising

up from the Solar Surface.

They have telescopes with specialised filters so observing is totally safe.

This event is free, with refreshments served all day.

It is important to note that this outside event is weather dependant.

COFFEE MORNING RAISES FUNDS

OVER £970 was raised at the Macmillan coffee day on Friday 30 September at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church.

A spokesperson said: "Thanks to everyone who attended on the day, despite the dreadful weather! A special thanks

to shops and companies that provided raffle and tombola prizes, without your generosity we couldn't have made such a fantastic amount.

"The money will be used to help anyone who needs it through Macmillan Cancer Support."



A group of Andreas singers in the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle.

JOIN THE ANDREAS ENSEMBLE

THE ANDREAS Ensemble, founded in 2005, continues to perform some of the greatest choral music of all time, including that of the great Renaissance composers like Byrd, Palestrina, Vittoria, Gibbons and others, but also music from other periods.

This chamber choir, which is located in Bishop Auckland, provides the chance to enjoy singing this superb music, an opportunity relatively rare outside college

chapels and cathedrals.

The Ensemble is a friendly group, encompassing people from a wide range of ages and backgrounds, who enjoy a good social life together in addition to their musical activity.

If you might be interested in singing with the Andreas Ensemble, have some ability to read music and have a reasonable choral voice, they would be delighted to hear from you.

They rehearse each

Tuesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.15pm in St Mary's RC Church, (near the baths), with a convivial tea break at around 8.20pm.

A spokesperson said: "Things you are invited to do: come along to a rehearsal and meet the gang (the biscuits are good!), Google our website for more information and live recordings of the choir."

Contact Brian Varley on 07415 092040 or brianvarley@orpheusmail.co.uk

AUTUMN FAYRE AT WEST AUCKLAND

THE WEST Auckland Memorial Community Association, are holding an Autumn Fayre on Saturday the 22nd of October, taking place from 1.30pm.

It will be held at the Memorial Hall on Darlington Road, West Auckland.

This is to raise funds for

the upkeep of the Hall.

A spokesperson said, "We have an excellent Tombola Stall with one hundred prizes available to win, and a Cake Stall with locally baked produce, Bric A Brac, Book Stall, CD's and DVD's on sale, a Toy Stall for children and Craft Stalls.

"Plus, there's a Raffle with 20+ prizes donated by local businesses, and tea and scones from the kitchen, just to keep you going.

"Admission is free, so why not pop along and join us for the afternoon, and see what we have to offer?"

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS STILL OPEN

DURHAM COUNTY Council are still accepting applications for the 2023/24 school year.

If a child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, their parents need to complete an application form stating which primary school they would like them to attend.

The deadline for applications for primary and junior schools is midnight on Sunday, 15 January 2023.

If a child was born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, their parents need to complete an application form stating which secondary school they would

like them to attend.

The deadline for secondary school applications is midnight on Monday, 31 October. Families will still need to apply even if they have an older child attending the same school.

Applications can be made online at durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



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Bishop Barrington Academy is committed to ensuring that all students master the knowledge, understanding and skills to be academically successful. They believe that anyone who is successful in the broadest sense of the word must develop self-discipline and be given autonomy to make the right choices.

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Deputy Headteacher, Stuart Dixon, has asked parents/carers to support students to maintain the five learning habits of: Always on time, Be prepared for learning – uniform, Be prepared for learning – equipment, Always on task and Follow instructions first time, every time.

Mr Dixon said: "We provide all of our students with the equipment that they need for each learning day. It is then up to our students to follow our drivers of **Mastery, Autonomy** and **Purpose** to use their equipment, knowledge and understanding to be the very best students that they can be, so that the doors will be open to their future and they can access university or any credible alternative of their choice in the future. We are launching a number of new systems and structures in the new academic year to continue to develop an outstanding culture based around our RISE values of Respect, Inspiration, Resilience and Excellence."

Bishop Barrington Academy asks that students are focused on their learning. Lessons at the academy are expertly planned to maximise every minute. **The Barrington Way** judges every moment in learning as precious. Students should recognise the purpose of being on task no matter what is being asked of them in that moment. The Academy asks that students carry out every action of their school day with pace and purpose.

If you missed our **OPEN EVENING**, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a tour of our school with a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

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Durham County Council are looking for views.

RESIDENTS OPINIONS WANTED

RESIDENTS ARE being given the chance to help shape the future of the swimming pool programme at leisure centres across County Durham.

As part of a review, Durham County Council is asking people for their views on how they currently use the pools, what is important to them and what activities they would like to see in the future.

The council has 10 public swimming pools across the county, which all feature a busy timetable. This includes swimming sessions for adults and families, learn to swim programmes, club and school sessions along with other water-

based activities such as inflatables, pool parties, aquafit, scuba diving and water polo.

The hope is that future timetables will encourage people to be more active and take part in pool-based activities.

Cllr James Rowlandson, the council's Cabinet Member for Resources, Investments and Assets, said: "We know how popular our leisure centre pools are, which is why we're keen to hear their views on what timetables should look like."

Those interested in having their say as part of the review should go to www.durham.gov.uk/consultation. The survey closes at 5pm on Friday, 21 October.

MEN CHARGED WITH FLYTIPPING

OFFICERS ATTENDING an incident in Heighington, identified a vehicle involved and traced it back to Connor Goslin, of Randolph Street, Coundon Grange and Arron Cole, of Oxford Street, Eldon Lane.

Goslin and Cole were charged in relation to a flytipping incident on 20 December last year.

They failed to attend an interview in March as required.

The pair were ultimately found guilty at Peterlee Magistrates' Court on September 7, each fined £660 and ordered to pay £150 costs and a victim surcharge of £66.

Councillor Mike Renton, Darlington Council's Cabinet Member for

Stronger Communities, said: "Fly-tipping will not be tolerated and our Civic Enforcement Officers work closely with police and other partners to tackle what is a blight on our environment."

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Durham County Council are holding financial workshops for those looking for advice.

WORKSHOPS AT THE FOUR CLOCKS

DO YOU need to save money? Head along and attend the Four Clocks, 154A Newgate Street, for free cost cutting workshops.

Start times on the 12th October are 10am, 11am, 12noon and 1pm delivered by Durham County Council Financial Ability Team.

There's no need to book, just turn up at your preferred time. The workshops will be on the ground floor in the Braithwaite and Ferens Room.

BASH AAP FUNDING AVAILABLE

FUNDING IS available for activities for children young people and families during the Christmas holidays.

The scheme aims to support local community groups and organisations based in the Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP area to deliver enriching holiday activities during the school holidays including healthy food.

Please note we cannot fund individuals or profit

making organisations.

Applicants can apply for amounts over £500 and delivery must take place during the school holidays.

Applicants must provide a healthy meal, breakfast, lunch or tea as part of the activity that aims to meet Food Safety Requirements.

Application forms can be requested from Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP by calling

03000 268 663 or emailing bishopshildonaap@durham.gov.uk

Fully completed applications and supporting documents must be received by Wednesday 19 October, 12 Noon. If any local schools would like to apply for funding please email ffapps@durham.gov.uk.

If you require any further information please get in touch with a member of the team.

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DATED: 8th October 2022



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BISHOPS LAUNCH HERITAGE SHIRT



The limited edition shirts are expected to become collectors' items.

BISHOP AUCKLAND FC has announced the launch of its limited edition Kingsway Heritage shirt.

"The shirt is intended to be a unique, limited edition piece of memorabilia to celebrate those players who graced the turf at Bishops' historic old ground," said the club's community director, Catherine Pearson.

The shirt will be similar to the final home shirt seen at Kingsway in season 2001-02, so it will include the EBAC logo on the chest and be enhanced by ten Amateur Cup images on each upper sleeve.

Each shirt will be individually numbered and will feature a different player's name below the club badge.

For a player to have his own name included he will either have been an Amateur Cup winner or an England amateur international.

The number of players who fall into these two categories number approximately 100.

The one-off shirts are being offered at a starting bid price of £55.

Only one shirt will be produced per player and are expected to become collectors' items.

Player names, which can be viewed on the club website, will be under the embroidered badge.

The initial closing date for bids will be Sunday 9 October so that winning bidders can have their shirts sent out in time for Christmas.

"Some names will be

particularly sought after so it is anticipated that there will be a very high demand for some of the club's most famous players from the past," said Catherine. "For example if you really want J Hardisty's shirt you can increase your bid."

"A number of shirts have been extremely popular - so please remember these will go to the highest bidder."

Once the initial Christmas order is placed, an updated player list will be published on the website at bishopafc.com for any remaining shirts.

For orders or further information please contact BAFC Community Director, Catherine Pearson on 07890 340138 or via email on catherine.pearson@bishopafc.com.



Wayne Whitfeld fires home to put Bishops 2-1 in front at Guisborough after losing the opening goal. Photo: Joe Gorman.

TWO BLUES STRETCH LEAD

BISHOP AUCKLAND FC's excellent early season form continues as the Two Blues remain top of the table after wins away from home at Heaton Stannington (0-2) and Guisborough Town (2-4).

And their away form extended to victory in the FA Vase at Sunderland RCA (2-3), earning a First Round trip to Bury AFC on 22 October.

Between now and then, the Two Blues have a busy schedule of four games to squeeze in.

On Saturday they entertain Thornaby at Heritage Park before the visit of Billingham Town in the Durham Challenge Cup on Tuesday evening (11 October).

The following weekend is another trip to Sunderland RCA, this time on league duty, and in the midweek before the

FA Vase tie, they return to Heritage Park where Redcar Athletic are the visitors on the evening of Tuesday 18 October.

In contrast to the Two Blues' winning run, successive draws by their nearest rivals, Whitley Bay, mean there is now clear daylight between the sides, with Bishops leading the division by four points having played one game more than the Bay.

Meanwhile, at St Mary's Juniors, all sides wore armbands last week, promoting FA Play Safe, to make sure all players are playing in a safe environment.

Six of the sides playing enjoyed wins, including the U7 Aces and Kings, U8 and U11 Kings, the U13 Kings in the cup, and the U18s with a 7-2 win over Durham Corinthians.

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