

CHRISTMAS WITH THE AUCKLAND PROJECT

FESTIVE TRAINS are back on track at Weardale Railway this year with a Christmas timetable set to delight families across County Durham and beyond.

Tickets have been flying out the door for a schedule of special Christmas services, which will run throughout December, complete with Santa and his elves, festive food and drink, all the decoration trimmings and sacks full of yuletide cheer.

Christmas services have not operated on the much-loved heritage line since 2019, but following the partial reopening of the line earlier this year - and the success of the summer timetable which ran between Stanhope and Wolsingham - staff were more than delighted to bring services back for the season of goodwill.

Wayne Dixon, General Manager at Weardale Railway, said: "When we reopened between Stanhope and Wolsingham in the spring, people immediately started asking about our plans for Christmas.

"A visit to Weardale Railway became part of so



The popular STACK Newcastle before its recent closure.

STACK TO OPEN IN BISHOP AUCKLAND

STACK BOSSES have unveiled plans to open two new sites in Bishop Auckland and Durham.

Famous for turning ordinary containers into bars, food outlets, shops and outdoor spaces for live music, the operators have STACK venues are already enjoyed by many.

STACK Bishop Auckland will take shape as a part new-build, but taking advantage of the existing structure, the former WH Smith in Newgate Street.

The site, taking over units 9 to 11, will transform the former WH Smith building, while a new complex will be built.

The Bishop Auckland site will be slightly smaller than the Durham site but will still include a number of street food options, three bars, a central plaza area with a stage for live events, communal seating and also a retractable roof.

Many have shared their excitement at the prospect of Bishop Auckland becoming a new destination for food and drink.

Cllr Elizabeth Scott, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economy and partnerships, said, "We are delighted to be welcoming STACK to both Durham and Bishop Auckland.

"These exciting venues complement our ambitious plans to regenerate the county and attract visitors from far and wide."

Graham Soult, retail expert, said: "Well I think it's obviously good news, it is always good news when you get a big company wanting to invest in places and to improve them and create jobs.

"What's quite interesting in both places - it's going to be a version of what people have come to understand the STACK is, that's quite exciting."

It is expected that STACK Bishop Auckland will open in early 2024.

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The College's Act of Remembrance took place in the Woodhouse Lane Campus.

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MIKE DONNE, President
of the County Durham
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charity the Soldiers, Sail-
ors, Airmen and Families
Association (SSAFA),
presented the Act of
Remembrance at the col-
lege's main Woodhouse
Lane Campus.

Two minutes' silence
was followed by *The Last
Post* played by Trumpeter
Harry Rose, aged 15 from
Shildon who travelled
from Chetham's School
of Music, Manchester,
with veteran Piper Ruth
Wright, a former Captain
with the Royal Corps of
Signals, also performing.

The veterans, who
included Royal Navy,
Royal Air Force and
Royal Marines, were
also invited to a coffee
morning in the college's
restaurant Ambition,
where they were served
refreshments, pastries
and cakes produced by
hospitality and catering

students.

More than £550 was
raised from the sale of
food and drinks for dona-
tions, alongside other
fundraising activities
including a raffle and
tombola.

It will be shared equally
between the Royal British
Legion and SSAFA, which
supports Uniformed Pub-
lic Services and Criminol-
ogy students with various
opportunities throughout
the academic year.

Mike Donne said: "Over
the years I have seen
the numbers of stu-
dents, staff and visitors
increase at the Remem-
brance Service at the col-
lege. For me personally, it
has always been a great
pleasure to carry out the
Act of Remembrance on
behalf of the college and
I look forward to many
more years working with
the college's students
and staff."

Sharron Trevor, Lecturer

in Uniformed Public Ser-
vices and Policing, co-or-
dinated the event. She
added: "This is such an
important event; the local
veterans had an amazing
time and said it was such
a lovely day.

"The total raised today
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CHRISTMAS RAIL SERVICE RESUMES

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many people's routine in the run up to Christmas and we're delighted to be able to run these special services during December."

The Christmas services will depart the magical 'Santahope' Station for a 60-minute roundtrip, giving Santa time to meet and greet all the children onboard the 'Bauble' car train, which will be decorated in suitably festive fashion.

As well as the on-board fun, a festive edition of the Weardale Makers Market will also be at Santahope station, allowing passengers to meet local craftspeople and tick some presents off their Christmas list before taking a souvenir photo inside the giant Christmas card frame.

Three Christmas ser-

vices a day will operate on Saturdays and Sundays in the run up to Christmas, as well as on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

Tickets are on sale now at www.weardale-railway.digitickets.co.uk/tickets

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 attractions from November 18th to December 31st.

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.

The Winter Experience

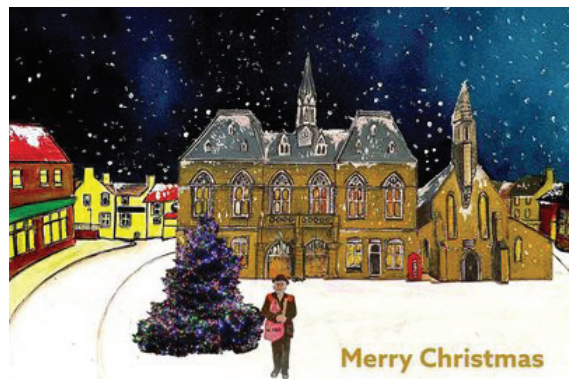
will offer visitors the chance to be among the first to see inside the much-anticipated Faith Museum, scheduled to open in autumn 2023.

Also on the Christmas menu will be festive afternoon teas and dining experiences in the Old Library.

The Auckland Project Winter Experience includes access to Auckland Castle, the Faith Gallery and Auckland Tower. Tickets cost £7 for children (under 5s free), £14 for adults, £21 for families with 1 adult and £35 for families with 2 adults.

Individual time-slotted tickets for the mystery Christmas event inside Auckland Tower will be available to purchase separately for £4 per person from 18th November.

All Winter Experience bookings can be made at www.aucklandproject.org



All proceeds of the sales go directly back to the Angel Trust.

CARD SALES GO TO CHARITY

BISHOP AUCKLAND man, Paul Simpson, has had his paintings included in the Angel Trust Christmas Card Campaign.

With all proceeds of the sales going directly to the charity, the nostalgic cards show the best of Bishop Auckland in the present and the past.

Each pack includes a selection of six Christmas cards designed.

Two of each design will be in the pack as well as

envelopes.

Artwork featured includes: Pick N' Mix, Bishop Auckland Town Hall and Doggarts.

You can purchase the cards by popping into the Angel Trust, Belvedere House, Kingsway, DL14 7JN, or order online at www.angeltrust.co.uk

Find further examples of Paul Simpson's work through his Facebook page @Bishop Auckland Art Nostalgia.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM **A689 SOUTH CHURCH ROAD, BISHOP AUCKLAND** **(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING ORDER)** **ORDER 2022**

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Students and staff held a remembrance service at King James I Academy.

STUDENTS COMMEMORATE FALLEN

STUDENTS AND staff from King James I Academy took part in a poignant Remembrance Service at the school, with the poppy wreath laid at the foot of the Academy's monument by Mr David Henderson.

David, who served with the Royal Armoured Core 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards from 1971-1986, was joined by Head-

teacher, Simon Whitehead, the school's Chair of Governors, Elizabeth Varley, and nine cadets from the student body, who proudly stood in uniform.

Across the Academy, whilst the service took place outside, students in classrooms were also able to get involved.

They watched a video which was created by the

school especially for the event.

This video combined carefully chosen music and a reading of Laurence Binyon's poem, 'For the Fallen' with photographs of soldiers from both world wars.

The film also included a recording of *The Last Post* and *The Reveille* to give students a complete audio visual experience..



Bishop Auckland Rotary Club recently held its annual tournament.

ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL DOMINOES YOURNAMENT

BISHOP AUCKLAND Rotary Club recently held its Annual Dominoes Tournament at Derek Ward's Museum.

The evening was organised by John Yeomans and his wife Kath, who served a tasty supper of Taylor's pork pie, pease

pudding, pickled onions and chutneys. The winner was John Atkinson who was awarded the Dr Sam Young trophy by Sam's widow, Jean.

The event raised £200 for Rotary local, national and international charities.

THE ANGEL Trust have officially opened their pop-up Christmas shop in the old Clinton Cards building, 30 Newgate Street.

CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOP

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The moving memorial was unveiled at Bishop Auckland's Remembrance Garden.

MEMORIAL FOR HER MAJESTY

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The stunning tribute made by Bishop Auckland's Charlie Devlin, was officially unveiled by local

actor and former Royal Navy man, George Newton.

The Scottish Piper Kevin York, otherwise known as The Bishops Piper, played the moving tune *Salute to Willie the Royal Fendersmith* which was the tune played at Queen Elizabeth II's state

funeral.

The tune was a favourite of the Queen.

A spokesperson said, "Many thanks to all involved at the very well attended ceremony, especially Michael Oneil and local councillor Sam Zair who organised the event."



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The Methodist Church are hosting Christmas Day Dinner, where all are welcome.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE METHODIST

BISHOP AUCKLAND Methodist Church are holding a Christmas Day Dinner, catering to anyone and everyone.

Rev'd John Purdy on behalf of church leaders in the Bishop Auckland area said, "Christmas this year could be more difficult than ever for some.

"The community has responded to this need in previous years where in the past, over fifty were

able to come and have lunch together on Christmas Day.

"This year we can cater for up to eighty, so if you know of anyone who would appreciate this safe, warm, friendly space on Christmas Day, please contact 01388 450838.

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TOP 5 results are in for the Bishop Auckland Best Cafe competition.

Run by Bishop Auckland MP Dehenna Davison, the constituency-wide competition is heating up as it enters the final round of voting.

Dehenna said, "Thank you to everyone who has voted for their favourite local cafe, a huge con-

gratulations to our top 5, who are: Curlew Cafe, Fifteas Vintage Tearoom, Steam 'N' Coffee Shop, Breaking Bread and The Grind."

Vote for your favourite cafe by visiting www.dehennadavison.com/best-cafe-competiton

The final round of voting comes to an end on Sunday, 27 November.

WARM SPACE AT FOUR CLOCK'S

THE BISHOP Auckland Community Partnership Ltd, Four Clock's would like to say thank you to The County Durham Community Foundation for awarding a grant from the Warm Space fund.

A spokesperson said, "We have made the Braithwaite and Ferens room, situated on the ground floor, available every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30am to 11.30am as a Warm Space.

"Our Warm Space will start on the Tuesday 29 November and end

on Wednesday 8 March 2023.

"Everyone is welcome and we will be providing free tea, coffee and WiFi, along with books and various games.

"If people want to share why they need a Warm Space, they will be listened to and signposted to where they can go for help where possible.

"If people need additional help with the cost of living, we will put them in touch with organisations that might be able to help."



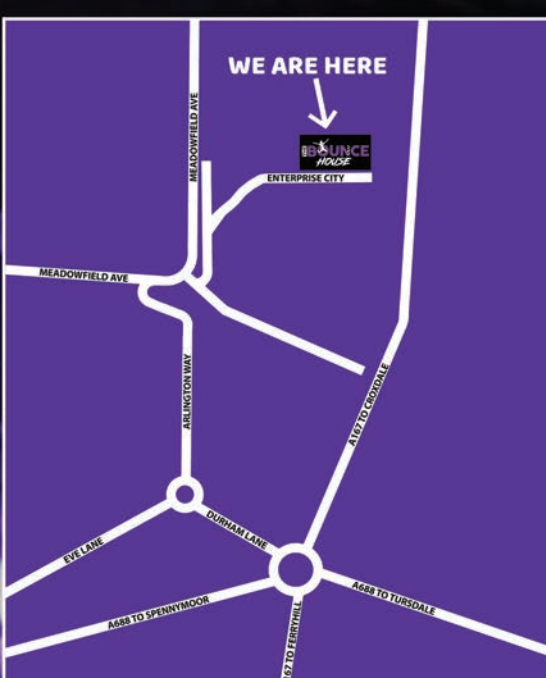
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MAYOR IMPRESSED BY RUGBY VISIT

ON SATURDAY 5 November, the Mayor of Bishop Auckland, Cllr Michael Siddle watched on as Bishop Auckland RUFC closed the gap on league leaders, Ryton, in a hard-fought clash between first and second place.

Mayor of Bishop Auckland, Cllr Siddle Said "It was great to be attend such an important game as the clubs clashed for first and second place in the league.

"The Club are a huge community asset and a bit of a hidden gem therefore, I look forward to attending again to see the Ladies, Juniors and Mini's sections in action."

Clive Booth, Chairman of Bishop Auckland Rugby Club said: "It was great to welcome the Mayor to our Club for such an important game.

"Securing the victory

meant that the team remains in a strong position in the league.

"We look forward to introducing the Mayor to more teams, as we are thrilled to have all ages of Rugby at Bishop Auckland from the BLT's who start at age three, through to the Juniors, and Colts as well as our strong Ladies sides, which has a growing junior section."

Bishop's opened the scoring with a try from James Imiela, converted by Bedford.

Bishop Auckland maintained the pressure until the half leading 7-0.

From the half, Ryton fought back adding a quick penalty and eventually a try to steal the lead at 7-10.

Bishop's pack dominated at the set piece and Ryton seemed to struggle

to gain momentum.

From an excellent kick from Luke Redfern, Ryton crumbled under scrum pressure and were intercepted by Redfern who strolled in under the posts before Bedford added another conversion.

Bishop Auckland began to control the midfield with Nareki and Wilson both making great runs deep into Ryton territory.

Eventually, the power of Nareki was too much for Ryton, and when they over-committed to the midfield, Andy Harrison was set free to score in the corner.

Ryton were dogged to the end and pulled back a late try, with just three minutes to go. The day however, belonged to Bishop Auckland, who held on to victory, with a final score of 19-15.



The teams observed the minutes silence.

FOG FAILS TO DETER UNDERS

ALL THREE St Mary's U7 teams performed well in cold, foggy conditions.

The U8s aces lost their game, but they played exceptionally well against a team much bigger than them. Goal each from Theo Cottrell and Joe Lawson, Roman Scott was man of the match

U8 Kings were able to win their home game against Cleveland.

U9 Kings listed out to a well-played Seaton Carew.

U10s Aces gained a home win against Red-

car Town, but the U10 Kings unfortunately lost out away to Guisborough Reds.

The U11Aces lost out to the U11 Kings in the local derby.

U13 Aces played away to top of the league Billingham Lions and fell slightly short, losing 1-0.

A spokesperson said, "The lads played awesome and deserved the win just couldn't convert our chances."

To round off, the Under 15s were unfortunately beaten by Darlington All Stars.

RADIO PLAY ACTORS WANTED

A RADIO play celebrating the links forged between Bishop Auckland Football Club and Manchester United is searching for men over the age of 18 who are interested in taking part in the show.

Bishop United tells the story of how a small town football club helped Manchester United fulfil their fixtures after the Munich Air Disaster on 6 February 1958.

Derek Lewin who had trained with the 'Busby Babes' to achieve fitness for playing in the 1956 Olympics, visited Old Trafford to pay his respects. There, he met Jimmy Murphy and was

asked if he could he get any of the Bishop men to help United out.

Three players went to Old Trafford from Bishop Auckland and helped stabilise Manchester United out.

The show has been requested by FC United of Manchester in early February 2023, to coincide with the anniversary of the Munich Air Disaster.

Actors who are interested in joining the cast of the radio show can get further information by contacting John Rowell on 077475 35364.

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