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NEW MAYOR ELECTED FOR BISHOP AUCKLAND

BISHOP AUCKLAND Town Council met on Tuesday 16 May for their Annual Meeting, at which they appointed the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023-24.

Cllr Sam Zair has been appointed as the 16th Mayor of Bishop Auckland, and Cllr Michael Siddle has been appointed Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Zair said: "I am both honoured and delighted to have been chosen to represent Bishop Auckland Town Council as the 16th Mayor.

"I look forward to the year ahead and all the opportunities it may bring.

"I will be working with my fellow town councillors to ensure that the town council can address the needs of our constituents.



Outgoing Mayor, Cllr Michael Siddle presents his fundraising cheque to Jane Crawford, Director of Daisy Arts CIC.

OUTGOING MAYOR FUNDS DAISY ARTS

OUTGOING MAYOR of Bishop Auckland, Cllr Michael Siddle used his time as Mayor to raise £3,415 for Daisy Arts CIC to support their youth theatre group at Woodhouse Close.

He handed over the cheque for fundraising at the Annual Parish meeting of Bishop Auckland on 16 May.

Cllr Siddle has hosted a number of events and activities, including his Valentine's Ball at Bishop Auckland Town Hall, catered by MasterChef contestant Mike Bartley; a Meet the Mayor afternoon tea at Auckland Castle, a fun Quiz Night at the Pollards Inn, as well as *Steaming from the Past to the Future* where art

works were presented by talented artist Derek Siddle, and key note speakers earlier this month.

All events were well attended and local people and organisations were generous in their donations of raffle prizes which helped to raise such a great sum of money.

Cllr Siddle said: "Being

Mayor for 2022-23 has been wonderful.

"Bishop Auckland is a great place full of fantastic people and grass roots organisations who are all working really hard to make a difference for the people of the town.

"As Mayor, I have been honoured to have met

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THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM **BRIDLEWAY NUMBER 12 ETHERLEY PARISH.** **BURNHOUSE LANE, HUMMERBECK.** **ST HELEN AUCKLAND** **(TEMPORARY BRIDLEWAY CLOSURE) ORDER 2023**

The Council on 31/05/23 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all traffic from proceeding on a 970 metre length of Bridleway no. 12 Etherley Parish that extends south westerly from its junction with Bridleway 11, Hummerbeck, south of St Helen Auckland to enable bridleway resurfacing works to be undertaken. The alternative route is from the eastern side of the closure from Bridleway no. 11 south to Brusselton Wood, then west on Bridleway no. 9, then north on Bridleway no. 4 to Bridleway no. 12 Burnhouse Lane to the western side of the closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 6 months. The proposed works are to commence on 05/06/23 and are anticipated to be completed in 5 weeks. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed on site accordingly.

DATED: 3 June 2023



Helen Lynch
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL



Bishop Auckland Rotary Club members enjoying the collection at Andrew Hardy's Vintage and Classic Vehicle Museum.

ROTARIANS VISIT VINTAGE MUSEUM

BISHOP AUCKLAND
Rotarians recently visited Andrew Hardy's Vintage & Classic Vehicle Museum at Cornforth.

Andrew has a magnificent collection of vehicles and motoring memorabilia at his Cornforth Lane base.

One of his vehicles is a 1904 Renault which has completed the famous

London to Brighton Vintage Car Run.

Andrew and his wife hope to participate in this year's 54 miles drive from Hyde Park to Brighton on Sunday 5th November.

Thanks were offered to Derek Ward of D Ward Auto, members of the Hardy family and Mark the Mechanic for organising the visit.

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THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM **MELROSE DRIVE, ST HELEN AUCKLAND)** **(TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2023**

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all pedestrian traffic from proceeding on a 40 metres length of Melrose Drive, St Helen Auckland between Kirkstall Walk and Tintern Road, to the rear of no. 118-128 Melrose Drive to enable gas main reinforcement works to be undertaken. The alternative route available to pedestrian traffic to the front of no. 118-128 Melrose Drive. The maximum duration of the Order is 6 months. The proposed works are to commence from 8.00 am on 19/06/2023 and are anticipated to be completed in 21 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed on site accordingly.

DATED: 3 June 2023



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NEW MAYOR FOR BISHOP AUCKLAND



New Mayor of Bishop Auckland, Cllr Sam Zair.

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"During my term of office I wish to fundraise

for two organisations, Alzheimer's Society, who provide dementia support in County Durham,

as it is a cause close to my heart and Angel Trust as they are doing some great work to support our local communities within Bishop Auckland.

"I am planning a range of events, including an afternoon tea event, and a ball.

"I hope to release the dates of these very soon."

Last year's mayor and this year's Deputy Mayor, Cllr Siddle said: "It's an honour to be chosen as the Deputy Mayor of Bishop Auckland Town Council, so soon after being Mayor.

"I will support the Mayor during his term of office, and I therefore look forward to working together with the new Mayor for the people of Bishop Auckland."



The group enjoying a well-earned rest and spectacular views from the summit of Fairfield.

WALKING CLUB RETURN TO LAKES

AYCLIFFE FELL Walking Club, which picks up walkers in Bishop Auckland, made their second visit to the Lake District earlier this month for a very hot day of walking, reports *Andy Jakob*.

Patterdale to Ambleside involved several different routes from Grizedale Bridge, The Patterdale Hotel, Deepdale Bridge and Ambleside for those who preferred a circular walk.

My group of eight set off from Patterdale with the target of the *Fairfield* summit at 873 metres.

It was tough going in the heat, but it wasn't helped when we missed an unmarked turn early on and had to backtrack to find the track up to *Birks*.

We took lunch just after the summit and moved on above *Grizedale Tarn* to *St Sunday Crag*, *Cofa Pike* and eventually *Fairfield* at about 3pm.

Each peak climbed was followed by a serious descent before climbing to the next, but we did it!

I tell you, the views were absolutely amazing from the summit of *Fairfield*. On looking west we could see four lakes and the sea beyond.

Here the group split up with two members taking the ridge route via *Hart Crag* and *High Pike* while the rest of us took the less direct route down over *Heron Pike* and *Nab Scar* into *Rydal* and thence on to Ambleside.

We arrived at Ambleside with very little time for refreshment whilst other groups arrived earlier and

had plenty!

One group even spotted a male adder which had come out from between some rocks to check them all out!

It should be noted that AFWC outings involve enough choice so, if you are new to walking, you can choose a shorter walk whilst braver and more experienced walkers may choose the longer and more demanding routes.

The walks are not 'led' as such, but there are enough walk suggestions for everyone's needs at a cost (to cover the coach) of only £15 per person per outing. Annual club membership is only £10 per person.

The coach picks up walkers in Darlington, Aycliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe, Middridge, Shildon, South Church and Bishop Auckland, and frequently Barnard Castle and the Premier Inn at Stockton if on route.

If you are interested in joining us on one or more of our walks, visit our website at www.aycliffefellwalkingclub.com and book a seat on the coach using the online form.

The next walk is on Saturday 10 June from Ingleton and Chapel le Dale areas to Horton in Ribblesdale.

This will involve opportunities to climb *Inglebrough* and *Penyghent* (two of the Yorkshire Three Peaks) or opt for one of the lower lying and less challenging routes to Horton in Ribblesdale.

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WORK TO START ON ACTIVE LINKS ALONG FORMER S&DR ROUTE

WORK TO improve active travel links between County Durham communities along the route the historic Stockton and Darlington Railway is to begin this summer.

Durham County Council is investing £7m from its allocation from the government's Levelling Up Fund to develop new walking and cycling routes along a 19-kilometre stretch of the former railway.

The new routes will be in place ahead of celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington line in 2025.

The routes will involve the creation of walking and cycling paths between Witton Park and its boundary with Darlington Borough, south of Newton Aycliffe.

They will take in the train stations of Shildon, Newton Aycliffe and Heighington; and the National Cycle Network as well as linking to Locomotion rail museum.

It is also hoped the route will include Gaunless Bridge, the world's first iron railway bridge, which was designed by 'father of the railways' George Stephenson. We recently secured funding

from Historic England for restoration of the bridge's abutments.

A mixture of tarmac paths and dust tracks will be created with Stockton and Darlington Railway-branded way-marker signs along the route.

Forty landowners have been engaged while planning the route of the tracks.

The work is funded from the £20m the authority received for the Bishop Auckland parliamentary constituency in the first round of the Levelling Up Fund.

This money is also contributing to work at Locomotion, including its New Hall development, which will create one of the world's largest collections of historic railway vehicles.

The council will be running information sessions at settlements along the route prior to work starting.

Information on these will be released in due course.

MAYOR FUNDS FOR DAISY ARTS



The funds will be used to cover ongoing costs and provide skilled artists to facilitate the weekly youth theatre, said Jane Crawford.

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so many people, and attended so many events over my term of office, all of which have been really enjoyable.

"I was particularly honoured to have read proclamations for both HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee and to lead the town's tributes on her sad passing.

"A special thank you goes to all those who supported my fundraising efforts by attending events and donating prize, especially to Derek who has put in endless hours into preparing the paintings for the exhibition to support my fundraising.

"Thanks to you, we can ensure that those engaging on youth programmes offered by Daisy Arts can continue with their arts and culture journey, learning new skills, building confidences and new

friendships, all so vital in providing encouragement to those attending the groups and improving their mental health and wellbeing."

Jane Crawford, Director of Daisy Arts CIC said: "We were delighted that Michael chose to fundraise for our organisation.

"This additional funding means that we can cover ongoing costs and provide skilled artists to facilitate our weekly youth theatre group sessions from September through until summer 2024.

Our youth theatre, now in its 26th year, has supported hundreds of young people over the years, providing them with life skills and opportunities and we thank Cllr Siddle, the Town Council and all those that have given so generously to help a programme such as this continue."

ROTARY CLUB JOIN FOUR CLOCKS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

THE FOUR Clocks Centre in Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland recently celebrated its 21st birthday and to help celebrate this landmark event, various groups were invited to set up displays at the centre.

Bishop Auckland Rotary Club were represented by Bill Robson, Tony Sanderson, Dr Kishor Velangi and John Yeomans.

"Rotary's motto is 'service above self', said Mr Yeomans. "We raise

funds to support local, national and international charities."

Bishop Auckland Rotary Club meets every Tuesday evening 6.15pm at Bishop Auckland Golf Club.

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The Barrington way is to support students to sustain the learning habits, day in, day out, to ensure that teachers can teach and students can learn.

Headteacher Grant Sowerby 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 Sowerby 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 at that moment. The Academy asks that students carry out every action of their school day with pace and purpose.



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Appleby Horse Fair takes place from Thursday 8 June. Image: Dave Atkins.

TEMPORARY STOP OVER AREAS SET UP AHEAD OF APPLEBY FAIR

PREPARATIONS ARE being made across County Durham ahead of Gypsies and Travellers making the journey to and from this year's Appleby Horse Fair.

As in previous years, Durham County Council is setting up Temporary Stop Over Areas (TSOAs) along roads traditionally used by Gypsies and Travellers heading to and from the fair, for the benefit of both those using them and residents living along the routes.

The TSOAs are being provided as part of a coordinated response also involving the South West Durham Business, Residents' and Travellers' Forum, and the Teesdale Residents' and Travellers' Forum.

The fair will be held on its traditional dates, from Thursday 8 to Wednesday 14 June. Nine TSOAs are being prepared along traditional travelling routes through Teesdale and the south west Durham area, with the facilities open from Friday 26 May until Friday 23 June.

Local TSOAs are located in south west Durham at Binchester Corner,

Tindale Park and West-erton Layby. There is also a TSOA at Gurney Valley, which is available throughout the summer.

Officers from the council will be making regular visits to the TSOAs. In addition, representatives from other organisations in County Durham will also be visiting the TSOAs and unauthorised encampments to ensure appropriate support is offered to those present.

Owen Cleugh, the county council's public protection manager, said: "We have worked with our partners to prepare for Gypsies and Travellers making the journey to and from Appleby – for the good of everyone."

"Providing stop over areas benefits both Gypsies and Travellers who are able to access sites and aims to also reduce the number of unauthorised encampments, which can be an issue for local residents and businesses."

"We would encourage those travelling to and from the Appleby Fair to use the TSOAs provided."

Shirley Quinn, Chair of South West Durham Residents', Business and

Travellers' Forum, said: "Appleby Fair is a historic yearly event and we welcome the GRT communities to County Durham to enjoy activities with fellow travellers and local people."

"Durham County has a welcoming and inclusive attitude, supporting the communities throughout the summer."

"Partners including parish, town and county councils, the police and the Gypsy and Traveller communities work together to ensure everyone, both visiting and residential, enjoys this passage through County Durham."

Billy Welch, lead for Appleby Fair, said: "The fair this year has gone back to its traditional date, starting on Thursday 8 June. Durham County Council and forum partners have been working very hard to provide good safe stop over areas, which are available two weeks before the fair from Friday 26 May."

"I hope everyone has a wonderful time when you are camping on the stop over areas. Please be sensitive to local residents, keep the areas nice and tidy, look after them and be respectful, as we want to be able to return to them next year."

"We are extremely grateful to Durham County Council and forum partners for providing us with these areas, they are much needed and appreciated."

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BUSINESSES UNITE TO KIT OUT AMATEUR BOXERS

SEVEN BUSINESSES have joined together to buy 30 new tracksuits and t-shirts for young boxers at West Auckland Amateur Boxing Club ahead of its prestigious annual home show.

VIP guests attending the June 10 competition, which will involve boxing clubs from across the region, include former world cruiserweight champion Glenn McCrory, former world super middleweight champ, George Groves, and former WBC and IBO super middleweight champ, Robin Reid.

The home show signals the beginning of an exciting couple of months for club members, who in July fly to the Spanish resort of Marbella for a training camp – funded by a mystery benefactor – followed a month later by the Riviera Box Cup, the biggest competition in the club's calendar.

However, it had to issue a sponsorship plea after realising several members had outgrown their tracksuits.

The seven businesses donated between £200 and £500 each to cover the full £1,600 cost of the new kit.



Stephen Nicholson with Andrew Jackson, Wayne Dobinson, Neville Morris, Jeremy Smith and Ernest Spowart along with club members and coaches sporting their new t-shirts and tracksuits.

Head coach Ernest Spowart, who helped found the club in early 2020 with coach Stephen Nicholson, said: "It's great that our boxers are able to represent this club with pride, thanks to the generosity of these businesses in providing this new kit."

"It's the start of an important couple of months for our boxers, culminating in the Riviera Box Cup, which is the pinnacle of our whole year."

Those who have donated money for the new training kit are: Jeremy Smith, director of Northallerton-based NIS Insurance; Andrew Jackson, director of Bishop Auckland-based A-byte Computer Solutions; Mark Batey, managing director of fleet management company Q Fleet; Patrick Stephens, of Spennymoor-based Store A Box; Simon Whitfield, managing director of

Stockton-based access equipment specialist Halt Hire; Dave Peareth, founder of mortgage advisors Peareth Financial, which is situated in South Church, Bishop Auckland, and Neville Morris of St Helen Auckland-based NCM Paving and Landscaping.

The tracksuits and t-shirts were supplied at cost price by Wayne Dobinson of Bishop Auckland signage, clothing and

print company Crea8ive Graphics.

Stephen Nicholson, who is managing director of Bishop Auckland-based bespoke painting and decorating firm S Nicholson & Sons, said: "This is a facility founded for the good of the community and we could not have created something so special without the support and ongoing generosity of a host of organisations and businesses."

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