



Maya Watson and Macinlay King, winners of the Young Carers Award with Elaine and Keith Gordon from the Gaming Hideaway

TOWN COUNCIL YOUTH AWARDS HONOUR YOUNG PEOPLE OF BISHOP AUCKLAND

LAST WEEK, on Monday 19 June, Bishop Auckland Town Council hosted their Youth Awards, where they had the pleasure of issuing 26 awards to deserving young people as their achievements, selfless determination and dedication were celebrated.

The award winners were met on the red carpet at the iconic Bishop Auckland Town Hall by town Mayor, Cllr Sam Zair and the Town Clerk, Sarah Harris.

The event commenced with a fabulous afternoon tea where winners were joined by the local dignitaries and business representatives who kindly sponsored some of the awards. The compere was Channy Thompson, a TikTok influencer, singer/songwriter, ambassador for NR Youth and Girl Guiding, from Newcastle Upon Tyne, who intro-

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All the evening's attendees gathered in the Town Hall for the presentation ceremony.

BISHOP AUCKLAND YOUTH AWARDS

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duced the awards and
closed the event with a
couple of songs.

Maxine Jordan, Youth
Worker at Auckland Youth
and Community Centre
said: "It was a wonder-
ful evening where young
people from Bishop Auck-
land were given recogni-
tion for their accomplish-
ments, as many of them

don't realise how special
some of the things that
they do are.

"This celebration show-
cases our young people
in a positive way, and it
has helped them to rec-
ognise not only their own
achievements but those
of others.

"They are able to take
inspiration from the
evening so that they can
continue to grow and

strive for great things, all
whilst flying the flag for
Bishop Auckland."

A range of achieve-
ments were honoured,
from acts of bravery, to
those who have overcome
personal challenges in
face of adversity, to those
who provide inspiration
to others, to dedicated
young carers, to environ-
ment campaigners and
many more.

Each winner received
a certificate, trophy and
gift voucher.

Chris King, father of
Macinlay King, one
of the winners of the
Young Carer Award said:
"Tonight the young peo-
ple have been treated like
royalty and their needs
were the foundation of
the whole evening.

"There were lots of tears
and moments of true
pride. It was definitely
an evening our son and
others will treasure and
remember for a long time.

"Thank you to everyone
involved."

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sign posted.

COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM

WOODHOUSE CLOSE
Church Community Cen-
tre will be holding its
Annual General Meet-
ing on the 4th of July at
Proudfoot Drive, Bishop
Auckland, at 9.30am.

The centre has been
very busy over the previ-
ous year, especially with
their foodbank and cri-
sis intervention service,
which has seen a 13%
increase in referrals from
the previous year.

The centre would like

to thank the many many
people and all the local
supermarkets who supply
the centre with food items
throughout the year.

If you would like to hear
more about the work car-
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If you are interested in joining the Learning Library or require more information, you can visit atthelearninglibraryspennymoor on Facebook, call 01388 420 0267 or email info@learninglibrary.org.uk.

rary.org.uk.

The Learning Library was established in 1987, and has supported thousands of people throughout County Durham.

We are currently recruiting new Trustees to join our management group. If you would be interested in this role, please contact us for an application form.

BASH AAP CALLS FOR PROJECTS

THE BISHOP Auckland and Shildon AAP has funding available for not-for-profit organisations and groups to support projects that address the AAP's priority of Community/Covid Recovery.

They would like to invite organisations and groups to submit potential project proposals based on the themes highlighted below:

- Health and wellbeing: improving mental and physical health as well as building the confidence of individuals;
- Employability and training: including volunteering and other upskilling activities;
- Increasing household income: activities including debt and benefit advice, feeding families and employability;
- Tackling inequalities as a result of the cost-of-living crisis: including advice and guidance, food provision, support and social isolation;
- Support for the Voluntary and Community Sector.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and there may be other issues that need to be taken into consideration.

AAP funding should plug gaps in mainstream provision and add value to other funds and programmes wherever possible and projects should therefore complement existing activity.

Match funding is expected and will be looked upon favourably.

A minimum of £5,000 funding can be applied for. Funding can be applied for both revenue and capital projects.

A maximum grant per project has not been set but every application will need to show that projects have been costed and calculated to represent value for money.

"We would encourage and welcome a discussion about your proposals prior to submission and we look forward to hearing from you," said a spokesperson.

The deadline for receiving applications is 12pm on Friday 4 August.

To obtain an application form, call 03000 268 664, 03000 268 075 or 03000 268 663, or email: bishopshildonaap@durham.gov.uk.

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Barry Nicholson, Paul Anthony Glynn, Shaun Whittaker and Ryan Sutton have all been jailed.

BUNGLING BURGLARS BANGED UP

A BUNGLING gang of burglars have started prison sentences after a failed conspiracy to target a Poundland store.

Barry Nicholson and Shaun Whittaker travelled to Scotland in October 2019, stole a Ford Transit van and drove it back to County Durham.

Days later, Ryan Arthur Sutton and Paul Anthony Glynn stole a Manitou telehandler vehicle from a Coundon industrial estate and that night, all four attempted to ramraid the Poundland store in Bishop Auckland.

The defendants tried to steal the store's safe by ramraiding the building but were spooked by the alarms and abandoned the vehicles at the scene with the safe

still attached to the telehandler.

An investigation was launched and Glynn's DNA was found on the ignition of the telehandler.

Glynn, 53, of Langley Park, and 36-year-old Whittaker and 29-year-old Sutton, of Bishop Auckland, pleaded guilty whilst Nicholson, of Bishop Auckland, was found guilty following a trial.

The four were sentenced at Durham Crown Court on June 23.

Nicholson, 40, received four-and-a-half years in prison.

Whittaker was handed a three-year prison sentence.

Sutton was sentenced to 27 months in prison and Glynn, 18 months

which will be served consecutively following his conviction for firearms offences earlier this year which resulted in a 19-year prison sentence.

This type of activity will continue under the banner of Operation Sentinel - a partnership initiative targeting serious and organised crime across the region.

Detective Inspector Amanda Howe, said: "This was understandably a shocking incident for the residents of Bishop Auckland and it has been a lengthy investigation.

"I'd like to thank the staff whose diligent work and tenacious efforts brought about the charges to remove these criminals from our streets."



The motorbike, believed stolen, is recovered from the scene.

POLICE IN WITNESS APPEAL AFTER TWO-VEHICLE COLLISION

POLICE ARE appealing for information following a two-vehicle collision in Bishop Auckland on Monday, 26 June.

The incident involved a red Mazda 2 car and a blue and black Yamaha XT motorbike in South Church Road at around 4.30pm.

The rider of the motorbike, an 18-year-old man wearing a bright blue body warmer, made off from scene and was arrested in Newgate Street after a short foot chase.

He was treated by paramedics before being

taken to James Cook Hospital for treatment where he remains.

The driver of the Mazda is not thought to have been injured.

The bike, which was believed to have been stolen, was also recovered and an investigation is ongoing.

Officers want to hear from anyone who might have witnessed the incident or seen the motorbike shortly before the collision.

If you have any information, call 101 with incident reference number 317 of June 26.

NATIONAL AWARD FOR CARE PROVIDER

A BISHOP Auckland residential care provider for male adults with learning disabilities has been recognised on a national level for its commitment to providing care to neurodiverse service users, with the award being presented by ITV's Josie Gibson at a glittering ceremony in London.

Resolve Care, which employs a staff team of over 30 people and has bespoke homes in Bishop Auckland and Spenny-moor, has achieved the Above and Beyond

Team Award (specialist services) in the Stars of Social Care Awards, which 'shines a light on the stars of social care, paying tribute to the workforce, who through dedication and a commitment to care, go above and beyond to support those who are most vulnerable.'

This is the latest in a string of awards the company has won, having recently been given Advanced Accreditation status by the National Autistic Society.

Anne Graham, Director and Service Manager said: "It's a real honour to be given this award, which recognises the hard work and dedication of everyone at Resolve Care. We are so proud to provide the highest quality of care to the neurodiverse people we support and it's a special moment for the team to be given national recognition."

Both of the company's homes are inspected by the Care Quality Commission and continue to be rated as 'Outstanding'.

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at Bishop Barrington Academy

From September 2023, students will have an exciting opportunity to take part in an array of enrichment activities before, during and after the school day. The academy will provide daily opportunities for young people to extend their learning and participate in new and exciting clubs, activities and events.

Associate Assistant Headteacher Antony Bibby, who leads the enrichment offer, said: "The decision to increase students' lunchtime to one hour, provides us with a fantastic opportunity to increase our enrichment offer for students. Last academic year, students could access an after school enrichment programme only; however, we are pleased to announce that students will now have access to a wide array of lunch time clubs, as well as access to the school library before, after and during the school day. We are thrilled to now be able to offer a new enrichment programme, which is bigger than ever before."

The clubs range from the Arts including, music, art and photography, to practical clubs such as computing, science and the eco club, to Personal Development and Wellbeing clubs, which are all being offered to students in every year group, to enhance and extend the support and learning offer we provide in timetabled lessons, whilst having a keen focus on stress-management, resilience and wellbeing. There will also be a key focus on academia, consolidating and building upon teaching and learning in the classroom.

In addition to all these exciting new developments, we are also pleased to announce the launch of new clubs this year too, including film club, lego club, the litter picking team, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award, just to name a few.

Alongside this will run the Academy's prestigious sports and activity offer featuring the Bishop Barrington Elite Sport and Sports Leadership Academies, plus the opportunity to participate in and represent the academy in the full range of school, district and county sports. All of the activities and clubs are free of charge to students who attend Bishop Barrington Academy.

Access to a free breakfast and the library will be available everyday from 8am–8.20am, lunchtime clubs will run daily across the whole lunch hour as well as after school clubs running from 3–4pm. We strongly encourage our students to attend as many additional enrichment clubs and activities as possible.



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Ruth Wright and Mike Donne are presented with their Chairman's Medal by Cllr Joan Nicholson.

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS HONoured WITH COUNTY'S HIGHEST AWARD

TWO SSAFA volunteers from Bishop Auckland are among four County Durham residents who have been recognised for outstanding service to their communities.

Mike Donne and Ruth Wright, as well as Lesley Smith and Brian Nichol, have all received Durham County Council's Chairman's Medal.

Mike and Ruth, who are also the branch president and divisional treasurer for the South West Durham division of SSAFA, and founders of the Bishop Auckland Veterans' Group, have been recognised for their invaluable work on behalf of veterans and serving personnel and their families in the region.

They have both dedicated their lives to supporting the Armed Forces community and have become a vital lifeline of hope and support for so many, especially for those going through challeng-

ing circumstances.

The medal is the highest honour that the council award to individuals and organisations for outstanding voluntary contributions to the county.

The council's current Chair, Cllr Joan Nicholson, awarded the medals on behalf of her predecessor Cllr Beaty Bainbridge, who chose the winners soon before she passed away in February.

School secretary, Lesley, was the driving force behind the *Dare to Dream* project, which saw decommissioned railway carriages turned into an extra special learning environment for the children at Kirk Merrington Primary School.

Growing pupil numbers at the school meant it could no longer have a dedicated space for a library.

Lesley reached out to Network Rail who donated two railway carriages and, through her

hard work and tenacity, she fundraised to transform the trains into a library and a wellbeing hub.

Brian has dedicated his life to helping the people of Newton Aycliffe.

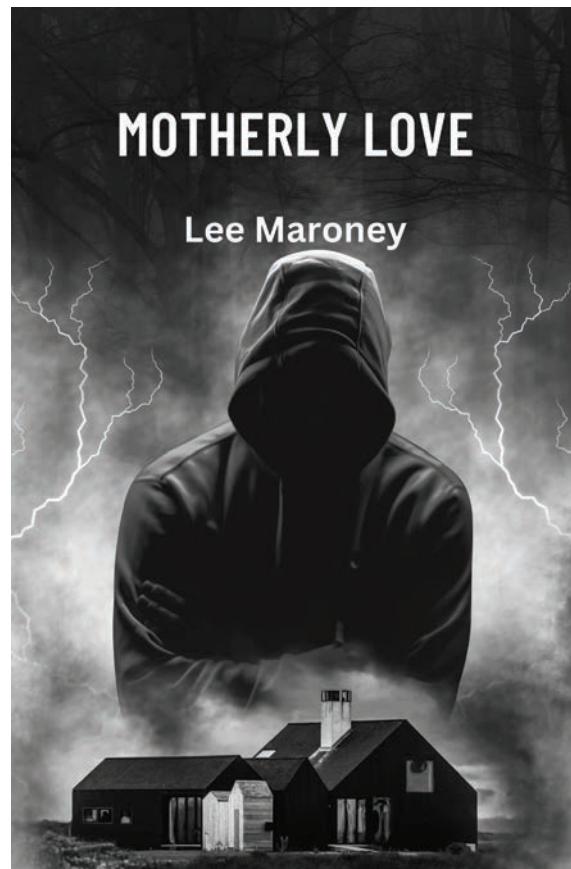
He has raised thousands of pounds for the Great North Air Ambulance through his charitable fundraising efforts, including setting up his home as a winter wonderland that delighted families for many years.

He has also been an integral part of the Pioneering Care Centre, volunteering as a driver, ensuring that those less able could attend vital appointments.

Now, in his 80s, Brian has been offering his skills as a photographer to people in need who may not be able to afford to capture their special moments.

Cllr Joan Nicholson, Chair of Durham County Council, said: "It was an honour to be able to present the medals on behalf of my friend Beaty.

"Thank you and well done to all of the recipients, the awards are so well deserved. It is inspiring to see how these individuals have truly dedicated their time to helping others across the county."



Motherly Love is Lee Maroney's third thriller.

BISHOP AUTHOR PUBLISHES THIRD NOVEL

BISHOP AUCKLAND author, Lee Maroney, has just published his third book.

Motherly Love is a psychological thriller centres around Andrew Law, a spoiled but unhinged man who has been supported and enabled all his life by his equally unhinged and possessive mother.

When Law starts to yearn companionship, he begins abducting victims off the streets in the

hope of creating the perfect subservient partner, someone he has no hope of finding with conventional means.

But when his final victim manages to escape their evil clutches, the race is on for lead detective Earl Wallace to apprehend the culprit and his deranged mother before it's too late.

Motherly Love is available now from the Amazon Kindle store for £1.19 and in paperback for £6.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM CLARENCE ST, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2023

The Council on 26/6/23 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on a 22 metre length of Clarence St, Bishop Auckland to the rear of nos. 2 to 4 Clarence St to enable sewer repair works to be undertaken. The alternative route is from east side of closure in a westerly direction on Clarence St Rear, then north on Etherley Lane, then east on Clarence St to eastern end of closure and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence from 8 am on 3/7/23 and are anticipated to be completed in 5 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed on site accordingly.

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MAJOR NEW CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED BY PCC IN ASB AWARENESS WEEK

A MAJOR new campaign to help people take a stand against anti-social behaviour has launched across County Durham and Darlington.

The campaign, funded by the county's Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen, will appear at bus shelters throughout the county and across social media to coincide with national ASB Awareness Week, which runs from July 3-9.

Under the headline, 'Don't Suffer in Silence', the media campaign signposts people to the PCC's website where they can access rele-

vant support and report ASB to the appropriate agency whether the police, a local council or a housing provider. It also aims to reduce the number of inappropriate calls to the force by making the system for reporting ASB clearer.

The campaign is in direct response to feedback from the public that showed many people still do not know how or who to contact to report ASB. It also highlighted the need for better signposting to services.

The PCC, who has unveiled a series of dedi-

cated information pages on her website to help anyone impacted by ASB, is determined to provide more support to victims of ASB in recognition of the huge toll this behaviour has on emotional and psychological well-being.

Commissioner Allen has ensured officers and partners are able to use the full suite of powers available to prevent ASB and has refreshed the ASB Case Review scheme to make it easier for victims to complain about the handling of their case and seek redress for persistent problems.



George Todica, Maria Gilicel and Jobine Siekman are the Chloe Piano Trio.

NEXT BAMS CONCERT

BISHOP AUCKLAND Music Society's next concert is on Friday 14 July from 7.30pm at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church and features the Chloe Piano Trio.

Maria Gilicel (violin), Jobine Siekman (cello), and George Todica (piano), play trios by Shostakovich, R. Clarke and Brahms.

They perform for BAMS having been selected as Kirkman Trust Young Artists in 2022.

The Chloe Piano Trio, current winners of the

Royal Philharmonic Society Henderson Prize for Chamber Ensemble Award, were formed in 2017 at the Royal College of Music. They have performed across the UK and in Europe.

A notable appearance was to play for HRH King Charles (then Prince of Wales) during his President's Visit to the Royal College of Music in 2020.

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THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM TINDALE CROSSROADS, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE & WEIGHT LIMIT SUSPENSION) ORDER 2023

The Council on 26/6/2023 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on 1. Approx.185 metres of Maude Terrace/Manor Road, from the access to Cambridge Court to numbers 26 and 27 Tindale Crescent 2. approx. 60 metres of Greenfields Road extending northwards from the junction with Maude Terrace/Manor Road to the side of number 7 Greenfields Road 3. approx. 60 metres of Dilks Street extending southerly from the junction with Maude Terrace/Manor Road to junction Boddy Street, Bishop Auckland to enable Section 278 engineering works to be undertaken. It will also be necessary to temporarily suspend the 7.5T weight limit on Greenfields Road and Leazes Lane as detailed in the County Council of Durham (Greenfields Road, Bishop Auckland) (Weight Restriction) Order 1997 during each works period. Alternative routes will be available to vehicular traffic from the 1. eastern side of the closure from Manor Road eastwards to Watling Road Roundabout then south westerly via A688 and north on Stadium Way to Manor Road to the western side of the closure, and vice versa 2. southern side of the closure southwards to A688 then westerly and northerly onto Stadium Way then westerly on Manor Road then northerly on Leazes Lane turning westerly onto Greenfields Road leading to the northern side of the closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 10/7/2023 between 8pm and 6am and are anticipated to be completed in 5 nights. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed on site accordingly.

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Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...



Stephen paddling with team mates at a Team GB training camp. Photo: Richard Connor.

LOCAL ATHLETE TO REPRESENT GB IN DRAGON BOAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

A MEMBER of Durham's local dragon boat racing club, Three River Serpents, will be heading out to Thailand in August to race for their country in the sport's bi-annual international championships.

Stephen Roe, 32, an Operations Manager from Bishop Auckland, will be racing as part of Team GB against competitors from across the world. He has been dragon boating since November 2021 and got into the sport because a friend convinced him to try it out. Since then he has been hooked!

"I would never have thought that from something I'd got into as a once a week hobby would lead to a spot on Team

GB," he said. "October last year was my first ever experience racing and that was at national level. I turned up for the trial thinking I wouldn't be selected based on my lack of experience. Nevertheless, I turned up and gave it my best and here we are. In dragon boating it doesn't matter where you've come from or how much experience you've got; everyone's welcome and it's all about working together as a team. If you put the work in, anything's possible!"

Alongside a packed training schedule, the squad are trying to raise funds to help meet the cost of entry into the championships.

This includes essential kit and entry fees as well

as travel and accommodation costs for every training weekend and the championships themselves – a total of nearly £3,000 per person. Funds are raised through a combination of donations and sponsorships, with a number of sponsorship opportunities available for businesses.

The international championships will take place in Pattaya, Thailand, from Monday 7 to Sunday 13 August.

Three River Serpents is based in Durham at Durham Amateur Rowing Club and always welcomes new members, with or without sporting experience.

For more information, visit threeriverserpents.com.



Winners Stephen Nicholson Jr and Vito Mackeen.

WEST AUCKLAND BOXING CLUB HOME SHOW SUCCESS

WEST AUCKLAND Boxing Club had their home show on the 10th June at West Auckland Club with a host of famous guests including Robin Reed, George Groves, Glenn MacRory and Steve Howie.

Stephen Nicholson Jr won Best Youth Boxer and Vito Mackeen won Best Junior.

On Monday 3 July, the boxing club are taking 11 boxers to train and box in Marbella, Spain.



John Yeomans was sent this photograph 45 years after the event.

PAST BADMINTON CHAMPS

BADMINTON WAS an extremely popular sport in this area in the 1970s and 80s, reports John Yeomans.

In the late 1970s, Bishop Auckland St John's BC ran a number Mens Doubles and Mixed Doubles teams in the Durham and Darlington Leagues.

During this time the Mens Doubles team won the Darlington League 1 title for a number of years.

The successful pairings were myself with Fred Birle, Len Watson and Mal-

colm Cresswell and Alan Cole and George Mawson.

On the front row of this photo of a mixed team are Len Watson, Malcolm Cresswell and John Yeomans.

Amongst the Ladies are their partners Eileen Mawson, Marie Hall and Janet Cresswell.

At the time the team's shirt sponsor was local Builders Merchant, Ferguson-Foster.

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