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For the past two decades, our four community newspapers have thrived primarily through advertising revenue, with some assistance from grants and government support during the Covid pandemic. However, in recent times, we've realised that relying solely on advertising isn't enough to ensure our long-term survival. Various factors have contributed to this challenge, including rising costs, economic fluctuations, and the emergence of new digital platforms like websites, podcasts and social media.

While these digital avenues offer valuable information, we recognise that they may not reach everyone in our community, especially those who are isolated. At SWDN, we remain committed to reaching every member of our community. For some,

the local paper is their main link to the world just beyond their doorstep. To achieve this, we're launching a multifaceted funding campaign that offers everyone the chance, not only to support us, but to participate.

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The Faith Museum opens to the public this Saturday, 7 October.

FAITH MUSEUM OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

THIS SATURDAY, 7 October - the Faith Museum opens its doors to the public for the first time.

The Faith Museum explores the myriad ways in which faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain, through rarely seen objects, personal testimonies, and contemporary commissions.

Leading visitors on a journey through British history, the museum comprises a series of gallery spaces with an active programme of rotating displays and temporary exhibitions.

The ground floor traces a path through 6,000 years of faith, beginning in the Neolithic period with the tactile Gainford Stone and ending in the year 2000.

The displays feature objects on loan from 50 national and local institutions and private lenders, which complement The Auckland Project's own collection.

The objects are often enigmatic, poignant and beautiful; they are witnesses to deep reverence and forgotten customs that speak directly through time to us today.

The upper floor of the museum houses a diverse programme of temporary exhibitions and installations, reflecting contemporary issues

and timeless ideas.

The galleries open with a display of works by ten contemporary British artists, offering their individual perspectives on faith today.

For many, faith is associated with a power bigger than ourselves. The challenge of defining the nature and impact of something seemingly intangible is a foundation of the museum, which does not seek to force a definition of faith but rather invites visitors to consider how people across history have described and demonstrated it.

This style of presenting objects is suggestive – often powerfully so – but the power of suggestion is located within the viewer, who is not directed towards any particular interpretation or conclusion.

Local faith leaders, academic specialists and community groups have provided thoughts and perspectives throughout the development process; the museum aims to welcome visitors from all walks of life, whether they identify as religious, spiritual, or neither.

Walking through galleries housed in the 14th-century Scotland Wing of Auckland Castle, a never-before-displayed object found less than a

mile from the Castle is one of the smallest and most remarkable items on show: the Binchester Ring.

Excavated in 2014 at Binchester Roman Fort, this extraordinary silver ring with carved carnelian stone inscribed with an anchor and fish is rare early evidence of Christianity in Britain.

While the Faith Museum builds its own collection, it will display objects from institutions from across Britain including The Jewish Museum London, The Ashmolean Museum, The Bowes Museum, The Imperial War Museum, National Museums of Scotland, The Salvation Army and the National Museum of Football.

The British Museum has lent 18 objects to the Faith Museum, including a mirror from an iron age cart burial showing how early societies in Britain buried their dead, a late 11th-century ivory crozier head, and a 17th-century clog almanac showing how the agricultural year was measured by saints' days.

Upstairs, visitors will encounter contemporary expressions of faith in a series of temporary exhibition displays.

Dominating the Great Gallery upstairs, with its high-pitched ceiling, is a dramatic installation by Mat Collishaw, *Eidolon*,

specially created for the space.

This large-scale work is complemented by more intimate pieces in the adjacent galleries, inviting us to consider how faith can be both awe-inspiring and public, yet personal and private.

In a gallery looking out across the Castle's walled garden, a collection of paintings by artist Roger Wagner depict Biblical scenes in modern landscapes in a poetic juxtaposition.

The final gallery space invites visitors to reflect on three central questions present throughout the museum: Where do I belong? How do I live? and Am I alone?

Among the artists featured are Newcastle-based artist Mani Kambo, Nicola Green, The Singh Twins, and the late Khadija Saye.

Programming will be a central part of the museum going forward, with events, talks and workshops enabling yet more stories to be told and more perspectives to be explored. Educational sessions for schools will ensure children of all ages are able to have their learning enriched by inspirational visits.

For more information, including opening times and planning your visit, see aucklandproject.org.



Several options have been launched to cater for readers, businesses, community groups and volunteers.

BISHOP PRESS FUNDING CAMPAIGN

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Membership Scheme: Empowering Future Journalists

Last year, we introduced a Membership Scheme that allows readers to contribute just £2 per month, or more if they would like and can afford it, to support aspiring young local journalists.

Members receive a special privilege - they get to read the latest issue of their local paper 24 hours before it's delivered to homes, thanks to a PDF copy emailed directly to their inbox.

The funds raised from the Membership Scheme will be dedicated to compensating local reporters for investigative reporting on issues that matter most to our communities.

We believe in standing up for our communities when they need us the most, and this initiative reflects that commitment.

These funds will also provide young talents in our community with mentorship and hands-on experience to nurture

their journalism careers. **Sponsorship Opportunities for Businesses: Supporting Local News**

We are extending our support network by offering sponsorship opportunities to businesses that may not require traditional advertising but recognise the value of local news in our community.

For a small monthly fee, these businesses will have their names prominently displayed on the front page of all our papers.

Charities and Community Groups: Showcasing Your Impact

Local charities and community groups that benefit from our platform to showcase their work and promote fundraising activities now have the chance to make a low-cost contribution.

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Open Invitation to Volunteers: Be a 'Citizen Journalist'

We warmly welcome volunteers, or as we fondly call them, 'citizen

journalists.'

Whether you have a passion for unearthing local stories, capturing events through photography, dabbling in podcasting, video production, fundraising applications, or simply lending a hand in our day-to-day operations, there's a place for you in our vibrant community news publisher.

Studies reveal that over 75% of people want to stay informed about what's happening within a ten-mile radius of their homes.

We are not just dedicated to providing this vital information; we consider it our duty to support and advocate for our communities when they need us most.

Your support is the cornerstone of our ability to keep current and future generations informed and empowered.

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How do you like them onions? Some of the produce on show at this year's inaugural show.

SUCCESSFUL HORTICULTURAL SHOW

IN THE stunning setting of the Auckland Project grounds, a feast for the eyes of fabulous flowers, vegetables and home produce was displayed for all to see on Saturday 23 September.

Fresh from shows including RHS Wisley, Harrogate and Malvern, the dedicated prize-winning growers were out in force for the inaugural Bishop Auckland Horticultural & Produce Show,

along with many other exhibitors, young and of more experienced years, from around the region.

The organisers were amazed at the community spirit which brought together the Auckland Project staff, ably assisted by Pollards Allotment and Hathaway Roofing volunteers helping to pull off a stunning show.

"We hope that the many visitors enjoyed their visit

as much as the volunteers enjoyed the experience," said Liz Drake, secretary of the Pollards Allotment Association.

"All proceeds from the sale of exhibits will be donated to Wear Rivers Trust," added Liz.

If you are interested in taking part to make it even bigger and better show next year, call 07931 792723 for advance notification of the next event.

AYCC IN DRIVE FOR VOLUNTEERS

AUCKLAND YOUTH and Community Centre, at Walker Drive in Bishop Auckland, are currently recruiting for a variety of volunteer roles in their busy community hub.

"Opportunities are available most days, from 3-8pm in our after school clubs, multi-sports sessions, youth clubs, our new jumble sale and the homework club, which is coming soon," said

Volunteer Co-ordinator, Samantha Townsend.

"I'm really looking forward to welcoming new volunteers into the centre to enhance what we offer here at AYCC.

"You would join us in an exciting time in AYCCs growth, join a supportive team who are interested in hearing your views and open to helping you whatever your personal goals might be."

For more information please email volunteering@AYCCLimited.co.uk or call Samantha on 07857 891171 or centre hotline 01388 604575.

Auckland Youth and Community Centre is supported by funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and the volunteering programme is supported by Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland.



Over a dozen insulation sheets were stolen from the site of the new extension, which will be used to house the many donations made to Woodhouse Close Church foodbank.

FOODBANK EXTENSION THEFT

AFTER ALMOST three years of planning and fundraising, construction of a long-awaited extension began recently at Woodhouse Close Church to accommodate the many foodbank donations in a safe working environment, writes the church's property steward, Peter Hall.

However, a few days after the work started, a theft of over 12 insulation sheets took place on Tuesday 27 September from the site at around 11pm.

CCTV shows a person carrying individual sheets to a house on the estate, taking over an hour to do this.

The theft has left the many volunteers shocked as over the last twelve years, the foodbank has

supported many hundreds of people and families in the community and surrounding areas.

As winter approaches and the cost of living crisis is not getting any easier, the centre is already seeing an increased demand for help.

Hopefully the police will be able to trace the culprit.

The centre receives much support from all our local supermarkets and many individual donations, however due to us all feeling the pinch, a drop in donations has been noticed lately.

Any help is always grateful and donations can be left at the Church Centre daily or contact 01388 450838 for further details.

HISTORY SOCIETY TALK

MIDDRIDGE HISTORY Society's Autumn season begins on Thursday 12 October at 7.30pm in Middridge Village Hall

Alastair Fraser will talk on *Hadrian's Wall: A journey through time, place and imagination*.

Alastair will examine

the different remains to be seen along the wall and how they relate to its construction and history, as well as covering the logistics of walking the wall.

Entry is £3.50, which includes refreshments and all are most welcome.

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A journey through 6,000 years
of British history begins in
Bishop Auckland, County Durham.



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ENRICHMENT, REWARDS AND PRAISE CULTURE at Bishop Barrington Academy

At Bishop Barrington Academy, we strive to offer our students as many opportunities as possible with the aim of creating happy, motivated and active students. With this in mind, September 2023 has brought us the Academy's most ambitious year yet with a more robust programme of enrichment, rewards, educational visits and praise culture.

Students have the opportunity to take part in an array of enrichment activities before, during and after the school day. The rewards programme continues to be modern, motivational and unique to the area, and is tailored around our students and rewards which they are motivated to earn. In addition, there is a huge menu of educational visits planned across the academic year.

Assistant Headteacher Antony Bibby, who leads on enrichment, rewards and educational visits, 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 only access enrichment sessions after school; however, we are pleased to announce that students now have access to a wide array of lunch time clubs (50 in total). This makes the total offer of enrichment clubs to over 60 per week."

The clubs range from the Arts including, singing club, guitar club and drama club, to practical clubs such as crafts, jewellery making and food cookery. Additional clubs linked to Personal Development, such as mindfulness colouring, Pride club and wellbeing club and over 15 Sport and PE clubs per week, are also included in the enrichment programme. There is also a key focus on academia, consolidating and building upon the teaching and learning in the classroom, with daily access to the school library for reading, revision and Lexia, as well as many subject based clubs too.

There is a positive praise culture in the Academy, where we ensure that we reward students when they 'get it right' and when they go above and beyond our high expectations. Each student has a bespoke Class Charts account which allows them to access





their rewards points. Every point that is earned is converted to money, which can be spent on the online rewards store. Students receive daily points, based on the Academy RISE values, as well as weekly points for things such as Learner of the Week and Head of Year Learner of the Week. When commenting on the rewards store, Mr Bibby said: "The popular rewards store is open weekly and it is my favourite time of the week. Students come and collect their purchased items. The items range from stationery, confectionery, gift vouchers, sports equipment and much more. To complement this further, the rewards store is an excellent way of teaching students life skills linked to saving and budgeting, where students have the opportunity to save up their points for a much bigger reward when they have earned enough points."

Public acts of appreciation at the Academy can be seen and heard on a daily basis. Staff naturally positively frame interactions with students which helps build strong relationships. Around the Academy and within the classrooms and corridors, two claps of appreciation can often be heard. In addition, we look to recognise true academic excellence with Academy excellence boards displayed on all classroom doors, and Proud Thursday. Proud Thursday is the latest addition to the Academy this year, offering students the chance to receive proud stickers for outstanding work.

In addition to everything which has already been mentioned, the Academy runs a robust programme of educational visits and rewards trips. There are many planned activities including local, national and international visits across the academic year. Mr Bibby said: "We try to offer as many chances for students to access reward events and educational visits across the year, including events such as the annual Spain trip, the epic ski trip, drama and dance theatre trips, Christmas shopping trips to the Metro Centre, private cinema screenings, visits to some of the best theme parks across the country, fun with inflatables on the school field, regular ice cream van visits to the Academy and movie reward mornings with popcorn, just to name a few."

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Paul Jackson of Northern Bygones with the winner of the Car Show and Mayor Sam Zair

HERITAGE FESTIVAL RECORD NUMBERS

BISHOP AUCKLAND was a hive of activity on Saturday, with over 1,000 people visiting the town centre as it played host to a number of family friendly activities as part of this year's Bishop Auckland Heritage Festival.

The main activity was focused around the Town Hall and Market Place where a range of activities included talks by guest speakers Ed Waugh, Bryan Harris and Tony Nicholson.

Tom Hutchinson, a Bishop Auckland born and bred author, was in attendance for his new book signing along with a number of groups from the County Durham History and Heritage Forum, Weardale Railway, the Young Archaeological Club and a many more.

This all tied in nicely with the new art exhibition in the Town Hall called The Quest for the Perfect Shirt by Richard Bliss.

A vintage car show rolled into the Market Place thanks to The Northern Bygone Society with 26 vehicles on display, one of which had travelled all the way from Manchester.

Mayor of Bishop Auckland Cllr Sam Zair had the privilege of presenting

the 'Best in Show' award to an E type Jaguar series 2.

Mayor Sam Zair said: "It is lovely to see such a range of coordinated activities taking place across partner organisations in the town, to celebrate the rich history we have in Bishop Auckland and across the County.

"The speakers, tours, workshops and exhibitions have been excellent with something to see and do for all ages.

"The sock puppets and vintage cars have been a huge hit".

Historic England hosted walking tours, which proved to be very popular and managed to dodge the showers and enable Bishop Auckland to shine in the sunshine as well as promoting their new book *Bishop Auckland: The growth of a historic market town*.

Jules Brown, Historic Places Advisor for Historic England said: "We're really pleased Bishop Auckland has put on yet another successful Heritage Festival and we were excited to be part of it again, with our walking tours and selling our new book on the town's historical development.

"The five-year Heritage Action Zone project,

which ended in March, has left a brilliant legacy of people actively taking part in their local history and connecting folk to their past.

"It's very exciting and we hope it continues for years to come."

The Bishops Museum partnered with Durham Amateur Football Trust artist, Alastair Flindall, to chat with people about mid-century amateur elite football and encouraged people to get involved with his latest piece, a football collage, which will become interactive.

The Auckland Project opened their doors to No.42 and hosted a number of children's interactive activities with a historical twist whilst the Save The Odd Sock Society ran two popular puppet shows and workshops for the younger children at the Town Hall.

St Andrew's Church, which boasts a 749-year history, also opened its doors for visitors.

Auckland Castle opened the gardens and played host to Bishop Auckland Horticulture and Produce Show, with a range of classes and competitions for both the professional and novice flower and vegetable growers.



MEMORY CAFÉ

Our memory group, is for people who are experiencing memory issues and their care givers company.



Our first session is Tuesday 5th October these will run fortnightly

Come along between 1-2:30pm our sessions are free to attend at Bishop Auckland Baptist Church.

Care givers can take time out, to talk along with other care givers, to share experiences and skills to help support one another.

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CHAMBER CHOIR TO HOST "COME ALONG AND ENJOY A SING WITH US" EVENTS

BISHOP AUCKLAND'S Chamber Choir, The Andreas Ensemble, is providing an opportunity for choral singers to enjoy some of the great works of the renaissance masters.

Byrd, Palestrina and Tomkins, together with some popular choir favourites like Ave Verum (Mozart and Byrd), even a couple of Northumbrian folksongs for light relief, and the great welsh hymn Cwm Rhondda are set to be performed.

"The Andreas Ensemble, first formed in Spring 2005 in Bishop Auck-

land, offers a wonderful opportunity for capable amateur singers to rise to the challenge of performing music from our glorious heritage of church music, the music of the great cathedral choirs of England and of Europe, alongside secular items like madrigals and part-songs," said Brian Varley.

"This is a friendly and enthusiastic chamber choir, which sets itself high standards of choral singing, drawing singers with a real love of church music from all over County Durham," he added, "and

from churches of all denominations: Methodist, Roman Catholic, Anglican and others, but including individuals not currently associated with any particular religious organisation."

The Ensemble rehearses each week, on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9.15pm, in the lovely spacious acoustics of St Mary's RC Church, Bishop Auckland.

There is also a coffee break in the interval to enjoy a chat.

"Don't miss this opportunity to sing some glorious music," said Brian.

THE ANDREAS ENSEMBLE

Bishop Auckland's Chamber Choir

Come along and have a sing with us!

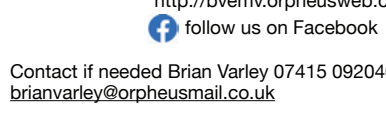
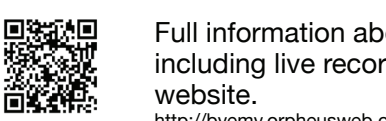
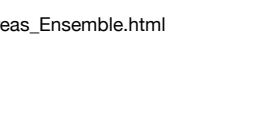
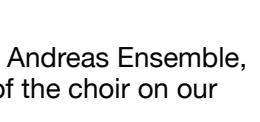
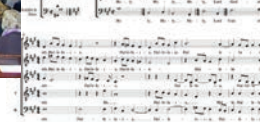
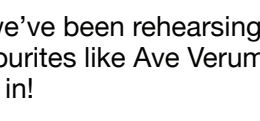
Two informal events when you can enjoy singing with us in the spacious acoustic of St. Mary's RC Church, Bishop Auckland, near the swimming baths.

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2PM FOR 2.15 START

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 7 FOR 7.15 PM START.

Open night at our regular choir rehearsal

We'll be singing some of the pieces we've been rehearsing, together with some popular choir favourites like Ave Verum (Mozart & Byrd), Cwm Rhondda. Join in!

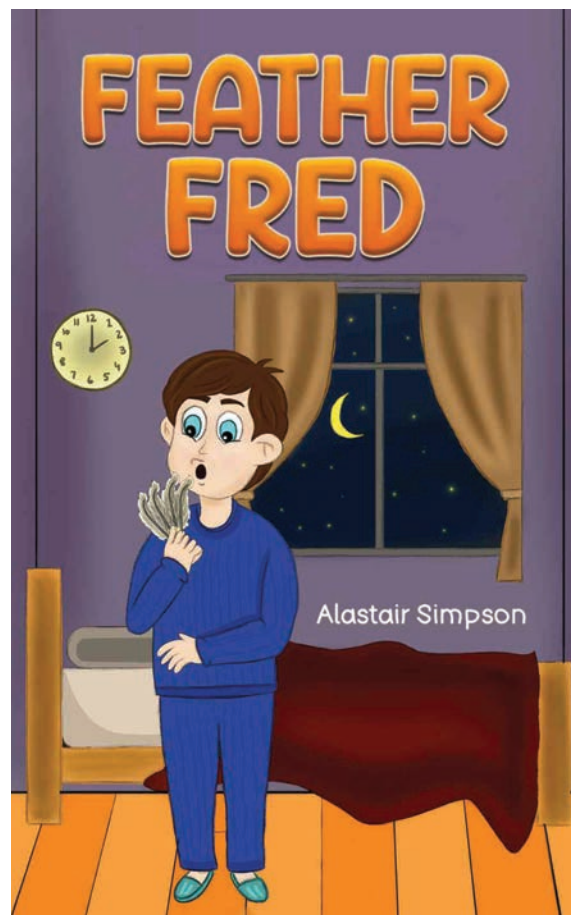


Full information about the Andreas Ensemble, including live recordings of the choir on our website.

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Feather Fred is available on Amazon and Kindle.

FORMER TEACHER PUBLISHES FIRST CHILDREN'S BOOK

A FORMER Bishop Auckland primary school teacher, Alastair Simpson, has published his first book, aimed at children of that age.

The book, which is available on Amazon and Kindle, is centred on a small boy called Fred.

On a school visit to a farm, he sees farm animals and takes a special interest in the chickens,

and even holds one.

Several days later he develops an itch and his big brother teases him, convincing Fred that he is turning into a chicken.

When strange things happen to Fred's body, his worst fears become real and he has to devise ways of hiding the fact from his family and the doctor and try to stay one step ahead.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM TINTERN ROAD, ST HELEN AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2023

The Council on 2/10/23 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 35 metre length of Tintern Road between no.21 The Square and the road leading south toward no.23 The Square, St Helen Auckland to enable telecom duct works to be undertaken. An alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic from the eastern side of the closure from Tintern Road east onto Melrose Drive, south onto Manor Road, then west and north onto Leazes Lane to the junction with Tintern Road to the western side of the closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence between 8am and 4pm on 9/10/23 and are anticipated to be completed in 3 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be on site signed accordingly.

DATED: 7 October 2023



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



The team at Inspiral Cycles in their shop at Bishop Auckland.

BISHOP BUSINESS INSPIRED TO TRIAL FOUR-DAY WORKING WEEK

WHEN THE sales staff and cycle mechanics at Bishop Auckland's only independent bicycle shop were asked how they would like to celebrate winning the award for best bike shop in the UK, their answer was 'ride our bikes more!'

Inspiral Cycles, established in 2014 by Fiona and Gary Ewing, has gained an excellent reputation for offering expert advice, high quality cycle repairs and servicing plus selling a wide range of new bicycles, including electric bikes, perfect for the hills of County Durham.

Over the past five years, the Newgate Street shop has quadrupled in size to keep up with demand and Inspiral Cycles now employs eight staff, some part time.

As current holders of the bike industry's prestigious UK award: BikeBiz Independent Bike Dealer of the Year, the team were very proud they won as a result of their own customers' votes and want to ensure the shop continues to flourish.

Inspired by the results of a 2022 pilot project of more than 60 UK companies, the high street bike shop is going to trial closing on Mondays from October to allow their staff to have an extra day off, reducing their over-

all working hours for the same pay, but keeping the shop open 5 days a week.

Gary Ewing, director of Inspiral Cycles, said, "The pilot project showed companies who offered the same pay for working reduced hours in exchange for a commitment to maintain 100% productivity improved staff motivation.

"We already have good retention and are very aware of our staff wellbeing as all our team members, including Fiona and me, have worked in previous jobs where a lack of flexibility can lead to poor productivity.

"Our team work really well together and we want to evaluate if this new working pattern will see our employees coming to work feeling refreshed and even more motivated to work smarter."

The UK trial was run by 4 Day Week Global in partnership with Autonomy, the 4 Day Week Campaign and researchers from the University of Cambridge and Boston College.

It found the majority of employers who took part in the project report they've seen productivity levels maintained, and improvements in staff retention and well-being.

Business revenue stayed broadly the same

and there was a 65% reduction in the number of sick days and 71% of employees reported lower levels of burnout.

Gary acknowledged some of the additional challenges for retail, "We have a rota to cover Saturdays in the shop, which is often our busiest day, so not everyone will be having a three-day weekend, and this also gives me more time on a Monday to work on the business rather than just in the shop.

We have always offered flexible working hours to staff so they can start and end work earlier or later if needed so the next few months will be an experiment to see if having an extra day off in the week helps with not only wellbeing but also allowing time to do those other 'life admin' jobs or fulfil other caring roles or responsibilities.

Or just ride our bikes more, as that helps all of us foster more positive mental health and fitness".

Inspiral Cycles shop and workshop will continue to be open 43 hours a week from Tuesday to Saturday, including until 7pm on Thursdays, at 137 Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland.

Their web shop is open online every day - www.inspiralcycles.co.uk



Kynren donated crisps and biscuits to the Food Bank.

DONATIONS TO ANGEL TRUST

BISHOP AUCKLAND Food Bank, managed by Angel Trust in partnership with the Trussell Trust, will begin to receive surplus food kindly donated by Kynren.

Over the last few years, Kynren, which is itself a registered charity, has donated their excess food to causes in the local area.

After the rehearsal and show season, Kynren locate their excess food and drink stock and donate it to where it is most needed.

Angel Trust is to become an ongoing recipient of their food donations, with CEO Clair McGregor saying: "We are excited and grateful to begin this partnership with a fantastic regenerative charity in our local area."

Last month, Kynren donated 1,200 packets of crisps and several large boxes of biscuits.

Kynren Estates Team Leader Derek Ward said it is "only right" that one charity should help another, adding, "we have surplus food that needs to go somewhere. What's the point of throwing it in the bin?"

Meanwhile, Bishop Auckland Mayor, Cllr Sam Zair, through the Small Grant AAP Fund, has donated 13 sleeping bags and five two-person tents to Angel Trust to help people experiencing homelessness.

The North-East has the highest number of homeless households with a number of people in Bishop Auckland now living on the streets.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM GEORGE STREET & SADDLER STREET, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AND SUSPENSION OF NO-ENTRY) ORDER 2023

The Council on 2/10/23 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on the following length(s) of road as follows: **Temporary Road Closure** a 205 metre length of George Street and Saddler Street between their junctions with Tinters Street and A689, Bishop Auckland **Temporary Suspension of No-Entry** It will also be necessary to temporarily suspend the No Entry Except Buses as detailed in the County Council of Durham (Bishop Auckland Town Centre) (Traffic Management) Order 2005 (Amendment Order No.1) Order 2017, between Tinters Street and Newgate Street to allow egress, to enable speed table removal and carriageway reinstatement works to be undertaken. An alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic from the south eastern side of the closure from Tinters Street, easterly onto Newgate Street, then southerly to the A689 traffic controlled junction, then westerly and north westerly on A689 to the north western side of the closure. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence from 8pm on 7/10/23 and are anticipated to be completed in 3 weekends between 8pm Saturdays and midnight on Sundays. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed on site accordingly.

DATED: 7 October 2023



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AUTUMN GARDEN VISIT FOR MARIE CURIE



The garden at Low Etherley is open on Sunday 8 October.

READERS ARE being invited to support the Bishop Auckland Fund-raising Group of Marie Curie which aspires to raise funds to provide end of life care in the Bishop Auckland area.

On Sunday, 8 October from 11am-2pm, the charming garden at 2 Hillside Cottage, Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland will be open to view.

Experience autumn colour in this picturesque half acre mature cottage garden.

Grass paths lead past a variety of perennial-planted beds with a wide variety of shrubs, grasses and native trees.

Wildlife abounds, attracted by a large imaginatively-planted pond.

There are lots of places to sit and admire the views over Weardale and the surrounding countryside while being entertained by the Roundstone Folk Group.

Visitors will be warmly welcomed - with hot soup and delicious cakes to tempt the taste buds.

Admission is £5 for adults while children go free.

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IF YOU have an hour or two to spare, or even a day in the week free to volunteer, your local Sense shop in Bishop Auckland would like to hear from you.

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and make new friends," said shop managers, Tracy and Dawn.

"Pop on down and speak to any one of us in the shop about the volunteering opportunities we have on offer, we'll be very happy to see you."

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THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM BROOKLANDS TO ACLET CLOSE, BISHOP 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 55 metre length of segregated footpath that extends between side no.18 Brooklands and side no.19 Aclet Close, Bishop Auckland to enable street lighting works to be undertaken. An alternative route will be available to pedestrian traffic from Brookland and either Abbey Road or Cosgrove Avenue and Scott Road leading to Aclet Close, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 6 months. The proposed works are to commence on 30/10/23 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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THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM RAILWAY STREET, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2023

The Council on 6/10/23 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 250 metre length of Railway Street, Bishop Auckland from junction with Newgate Street at western side of closure in an easterly direction to junction with A689 South Church Road to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be undertaken. Throughout the period of closure, a diversion will be available to vehicular traffic from east side of closure in a northerly direction on A689 South Church Road, then west on Chester Street to western end of closure or north on Newgate Street, then east on Peel Street to eastern end of closure. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 13/10/23 and are anticipated to be completed in 3 days between 7pm and 6am. 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...



Charity Quiz & Curry Evening

Join us at **Spice Lounge** (11 Fore Bondgate, Bishop Auckland) on the **16th October 2023 (7:00pm)** for a charity quiz & curry evening. Proceeds generated at this event will be donated to The Captains Charity at Bishop Auckland Golf Club,



Tickets cost **£18**, a price which covers both entry to the quiz (compared by Prince Bishops Hospital Radio) and a curry tasting experience*.



Come along for what will prove to be a great night and supports a great cause.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Text/Call: 07904341260

Email: steve.ridley@marelli.com

Places are limited so be quick to get your team booked in

*Drinks are not included within the ticket price

TWO BLUES SLIP IN LEAGUE RACE

BISHOP AUCKLAND FC experienced their first setback in the league title race at the weekend when they lost the match, and their unbeaten record, to Heaton Stannington.

The Two Blues bounced back from their FA Cup defeat to South Shields three weeks ago by trouncing Yorkshire Amateur 0-5 in the FA Vase the following weekend.

Doubles from Louis Johnson and Liam Henderson, and a Dean Thexton goal on the final whistle, secured passage to the First Round, with Northwich Victoria set to visit Heritage Park on 21 October.

The win was followed by another high-scoring mauling in midweek, with former league leaders, Birtley Town beaten 1-4 on their own patch.

Bishops scored all their goals in the first half, flying out of the blocks with

two Henderson goals in the opening ten minutes.

John Howard (23) and Charlie Watt (44) ensured the second half, in which Birtley scored their consolation through Andrew Clarkson on 77 minutes, was no more than a formality.

And so the Two Blues marched on Groundsell Park in expectant mood, but were soon on the back foot when Leighton Hopper opened the scoring in the 18th minute.

Watt put the visitors back on level terms on the half hour, but it was Hopper's second on 49 minutes which secured all three points for the Newcastle side.

Bishops will look to bounce back when they host West Allotment Celtic on Saturday before entertaining second division Boldon CA in the Durham Challenge Cup on Tuesday night.

NEXT UP

West Allotment Celtic
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