Residents and businesses in Bishop Auckland are being handed a major boost with the creation of hundreds of new car parking spaces. Durham County Council is set to invest around £800,000 in more than doubling the size of the Bondgate car park, which is in a key location near the Market Place. The major investment will increase the car park's current 170 spaces to around 400 spaces and it is hoped that work will commence in 2015. It is the latest in a series of investments in the regeneration of town centres in County Durham. Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet member for economic regeneration said, “We have listened to concerns raised by small businesses and the public about car parking in Bishop Auckland. “As a result this investment is a long term one into the town centre of Bishop Auckland. This will ensure that the needs of people visiting Bishop Auckland’s businesses and retailers in the town centre are firmly met. “In addition, this investment will support Auckland Castle Trust in their exciting plans in the town centre by ensuring those visiting Auckland Castle can park their cars nearby. We hope that this major investment will ensure that visitors, whether local or from much further afield, will be able to park in good quality facilities and make the most of all the town has to offer.” Durham County Council has initiated a number of programmes across the county as part of its support for Small Business Saturday. This includes ‘free after three’ parking throughout December in Durham County Council owned car parks.

Major steps are about to be taken towards the multi-million pound regeneration of Auckland Castle. Four ground breaking schemes totalling more than £24m will be lodged with Durham County Council before Christmas. If approved the multiple projects will see the Palace of the Prince Bishops, as well as the Market Place, undergo the most far reaching and visionary changes for 300 years, but herald the economic revival of the once prosperous town of Bishop Auckland. The plans include:

- The £17m restoration of the castle, including the construction of a new museum wing telling the story of all religious faiths in Britain
- The creation of a £2.5m visitor welcome centre incorporating a 27 meter tower
- The £3m transformation of a former bank in Bishop Auckland Market Square, designed by the local Victorian architect George Hoskins, into a Spanish art gallery
- A £1.5m development to turn an adjacent derelict building into a study facility for post graduate students of the arts.

Together, the proposals total £24.25m and will create new jobs and investment into the area. Subject to planning approval, work will begin in 2015. (Continued on page 3).
Families enjoy cooking and eating together

A group of churches in Bishop Auckland is supporting a new community project to encourage families to cook and eat a meal together. Twelve adults and six children (plus one baby) enjoyed preparing, cooking and eating together after school. They soon shared out the jobs and triumphed by making a small starter and two main hot meal options before tucking into pudding. The shared meal was held at Woodhouse Close Church Community Centre and was supported by the parish of St. Mary’s and St. Wilfred’s R.C. Churches in Bishop Auckland. The diners also received a donation of muffins from a local supermarket which had been damaged in the packaging but were still delicious to eat!

The aim of the project is to run a low-cost monthly shared meal where local families can meet new people, learn some new cooking skills and encourage children and adults to eat a healthy and nutritious meal together at the table. If you would like to attend, know a family who may enjoy going along, or just want to help, contact Fiona Ewing on 01388 606281.

The youngest love taking part in the shared meal – particularly eating the muffins which were donated by a local supermarket.
On Thursday 27th November, The Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Mrs Sue Snowdon, presented 19 awards to Royal Air Force Air Cadets from 2505 (Bishop Auckland) Squadron at their annual presentation evening in the Reserve Forces Centre, Bishop Auckland. With well over 100 guests, family members, officers, staff and cadets present, the awards presented included those for target shooting, adventure training, swimming, leadership, community involvement, overall achievement and promotion.

After a formal squadron parade with a march past for the Lord Lieutenant, the evening was concluded with a fantastic drill sequence to music which was followed by a light buffet for all. The cadets achieving awards and promotions were Cadet Sergeant Sean Tague (16), Cadet Corporals Nathan Woodcock (16) and William Calderbank (15), Cadets Luke Hardman (15) and Joseph Smith (14) all from Bishop Auckland, Cadet Flight Sergeant Dominic Edwards (17) and Cadet Sergeant Tilbrook (17) both from Spennymoor, Cadet Flight Sergeant David Churn (18) from Shildon, Cadet Samuel Cooper (16) from Frosterley, Cadets James Brennan (14) and Kalon Robson (15) both from Tow Law. One award winner, Cadet Samuel Cooper, 16 and from Frosterley said, “Wow, to receive an award is great, but to have it presented by the Lord Lieutenant is fantastic”.

The Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Ian Pepper said, “The cadets have worked extremely well over the past 12 months, as we celebrate 50 years as a squadron. It is a great honour for us to have the Lord Lieutenant present our annual awards”.

2505 (Bishop Auckland) Squadron Air Cadets meet on a Monday and Thursday from 7pm in the Reserve Forces Centre, St Andrews Road, Bishop Auckland.

For more information about the Royal Air Force Air Cadets visit www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets.

David Ronn, chief executive of the Auckland Castle Trust, the charitable group behind the developments, said while the Palace of the Prince Bishops of Durham had undergone many changes since it was first built, few had been as “far reaching and visionary as those set to take place in the 21st century.”

But it was intended the developments at both the castle and the north end of Bishop Auckland should act as a spur to revitalise the once highly prosperous town.

Since its inception, the Auckland Castle Trust’s vision has been to help drive the social and economic regeneration of the town and the surrounding area for the benefit of the community.

Mr Ronn said, “Our aim in all this is to be a catalyst for the regeneration of Bishop Auckland and especially the historic and very fine Market Square at the northern end.

“By working closely with responsible organisations such as Durham County Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund, as well as the Town Team, the Civic Society of Bishop Auckland and a wide range of local people and businesses, we believe that the Market Square and surrounding streets will become once more places of fine and functional buildings, busy and active with people and trade, and a source of pride for those who care about it.”

The developments, which circle the Market Square, have been dubbed the ‘string of pearls’.

“If you set everything that we are intending to do alongside those places that we don’t own, such as Newgate Street, St Anne’s Church and the Town Hall, and you join them together, you can see the potential for the town and the important role that we have to play in its future,” Mr Ronn said.

Further planning submissions are expected to be made in the coming weeks for a £2.5m endeavour to drill for geothermal energy to heat the palace and other buildings, the castle’s derelict 300 year old walled garden and the Postchaise and Queen’s Head Hotels.

A planning application for the Eleven Arches site is also being prepared with a view to its being submitted either before or just after Christmas.

---

**Tony Pearson**
Gardeining & Painting

**Alan Pearson**
Joiner & General DIY

We would just like to thank all our clients over the last 3 years for their custom & wish you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Tel Tony: 776156 Tel Alan: 776250

---

**HARRISON BROWN WINDOWS**

**TEL: 01388 777606**

For all your UPVC windows, doors and conservatories. If your double glazed units are all misted up, call us.

We now supply and install UPVC Internal Doors

Furnace Industrial Estate, Shildon
Panto dates changed

Would anyone who has pre-booked tickets for the Disney Pantomime at Shildon Civic Hall please note that the dates for the production have been changed to Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th January at 7.30pm, and Sunday 25th January at 2pm. For more information phone 01388 774858.

Library closures

Bishop Auckland Town Hall Library and Woodhouse Close Library will be closed from Wednesday 24th December at 1pm until 10am on Monday 5th January.

Helping construction students build careers

National firm Lovell Repairs and Maintenance has launched a new partnership with Bishop Auckland College to help young County Durham construction students build careers. The company has become the new sponsor of the Plastering and Multi-Skill Workshop where young trainees hone their practical skills at the College’s Centre for Construction. The firm’s support includes funding for new equipment and a donation of personal protective work gear for students. The company will also give timber and other construction materials to the workshop which is used by up to 50 students a week, including youngsters from local schools. In the future, Lovell Repairs and Maintenance hopes to offer trade apprenticeships to construction students at the College as well as holding practical demonstrations and giving students careers advice and help with interview techniques to help them secure their first jobs.

Lovell Repairs and Maintenance is a national maintenance specialist whose major schemes include a large-scale facilities management contract for the Solutions 4 North Tyneside (S4NT) consortium in North Tyneside. Jason Howe, construction learning area manager at Bishop Auckland College, with students and staff.

Jason Howe, construction learning area manager at Bishop Auckland College, with Will English, said, “The response from Lovell Repairs and Maintenance has been outstanding. We’re very grateful for their support and proud to have formed this valuable link with a national company. It is hugely beneficial for our students to have the opportunity to learn directly from people working in the industry, make contacts with potential employers and broaden their knowledge and understanding.”

Lovell Repairs and Maintenance project manager Will English said, “We’re delighted to be launching this new partnership with Bishop Auckland College and look forward to working with students and staff.”

IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW?

Crime and Road Traffic Offences • Matrimonial
Family • Children • General Litigation

Personal Injury Claims • Conveyancing
Business Leases • Wills & Probate

Tel: 01388 606660
www.cwbooth.co.uk

Bishop’s Sports Bar
Kingsway - 01388 601439
Saturday 13th December from 5pm
‘SOUL REBELS’
Sunday 14th December from 5pm
‘HIGH TIDE’
Friday 19th December
‘KARAOKE’
Saturday 20th December from 8pm
‘AMERICA GIRL’
Saturday 21st December from 5pm
‘FRANKIES MULLLET’
Boxing Day
‘MISSING LINK’
Saturday 27th December from 8pm
‘OILY BUM PRINT’
Sunday 28th December from 5pm
‘ROUNDEL MOD BAND’

New Year’s Eve
‘SIX NOWT’
Tickets now on sale £5 each. (Limited number)
Cockton Hill infants turn blue for Butterwick

The school wore blue to raise funds for Sheila Blenkin, who will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in January.

On Friday 28th November, Cockton Hill Infants School turned “Blue for Butterwick” and raised over £120 to support their former school nurse, Sheila Blenkin, in her fundraising efforts. In January 2015 Sheila will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for this worthy cause.

What’s on at the Town Hall?

An uncannily true and heartfelt tribute to the music and legacy of the great Johnny Cash is taking place at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Saturday 13th December from 8pm. Tickets £13.50.

Durham-based songwriter Jez Lowe brings his multi-talented band The Bad Pennies and special guest Geordie folk balladeer and actor Benny Graham to put together a unique take on Christmas in the North: ‘Cauld Feet Again, Pet’, part folk concert, part music-hall revue, with songs, humour and music, on Wednesday 17th December at 8pm. Tickets £10 / £8 concessions.

The children swapped their usual red uniform for a range of blue outfits. Sheila went along to the school’s Toddler Group with her 2 year-old grand-daughter, as the mums and young children had also entered into the spirit and dressed in blue for the day. Headteacher, Anne Graham said, “Our parents are incredibly generous and readily support all of our fundraising activities. The children will be following Sheila’s progress on her trek and look forward to seeing photographs of the view from the top!”

The Toddler Group is held in the infant school hall each Friday from 1pm till 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

Town quiz success

Thirty teams took part in Bishop Auckland Civic Society’s Annual Quiz in the Town Hall on Wednesday 3rd December. Questions had been set as usual by quizmaster, Glynn Wales but, due to illness, Lee Brownson stepped in to ask the questions on Glynn’s behalf, and made an excellent job of helping to raise the magnificent sum of £827 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

“Thanks to all who took part and to those local businesses who so generously supported The Grand Raffle by donating prizes,” commented a spokesperson for the Bishop Auckland Civic Society.

Cinderella

Bishop Auckland Theatre Society are set to stage their winter pantomime ‘Cinderella’ at Bishop Auckland Town Hall next month. The show takes place on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th January at 7pm, and on Saturday 17th January at 2.30pm and 7pm. All tickets are £7.50 and are available by calling 01388 775508 or by visiting www.bishoptheatresociety.co.uk.

First stage complete

The first stage of redevelopments at King James I Academy is almost complete, with classes set to start in the new building in January.

Focus for the development will then move into the Middle School listed building, which will undergo an extensive but sympathetic refurbishment programme. The main building will then be demolished in June to make way for more sports pitches. Headteacher Nick Grieveson said, “It is all very exciting and we can’t wait to get started in the new year.”

The Bishop Press

Issue 148

Saturday 13th December 2014

Page 5
Man attacked in Tenter Street

Officers in Bishop Auckland are appealing for witnesses after a man was seriously assaulted when walking home along Tenter Street in the town in the early hours of Sunday 30th November.

The victim, a 20-year-old man from Bishop Auckland, was returning home from a night out with friends when he was attacked, just after 3am on Sunday morning.

He sustained serious head injuries during the assault and was admitted to hospital. The suspect is described as a man in his twenties, of medium build, and wearing a black top with dark trousers. He left the scene in the direction of Edgar Grove.

Detective Constable James Vance said, “This was a nasty attack for which we have so far been unable to find a motive. The victim had enjoyed a night out with friends and was walking home when he was set-upon. Anyone with information is urged to call police on 101.”

20mph speed limits to be discussed

Speed limits could be reduced to 20mph on roads near some Bishop Auckland schools if councillors approve the proposal. Members of Durham County Council’s Cabinet will be asked next week to agree a new approach to establishing 20mph limits and zones.

Only two such zones and one limit have been introduced in the county during the past 10 years. However, the authority is reassessing its policy following a review by the authority’s Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and scrutiny Committee.

The proposed new approach would see part-time 20mph speed limits come into force on roads near 33 schools in County Durham where the highest number of accidents involving children have occurred. In some areas, traffic calming measures could also be introduced. This would be accompanied by an educational programme which would have three strands – making children more road aware; promoting cycling and walking as alternatives to driving; and promoting speed awareness among motorists.

Areas where the speed limit would be implemented include roads around King James 1 Academy, Etherley Lane Nursery, Etherley Lane Primary, Evergreen, Bishop Barrington, St Anne’s CE Primary and Woodhouse Community Primary.

If the proposals are agreed by Cabinet when it meets at County Hall on Wednesday 17th December, residents, schools, AAPs and other groups would be consulted before any 20mph zones are introduced.

Carol service

St Andrew’s Church played host to a Special Carol Service on Saturday 6th December. Assisted by The Andreas Ensemble and organist Brian Varley, the all-singing congregation entered into the Christmas spirit, assisted by seasonal refreshments in the interval and a reading by Glynn Wales of ‘The Night before Christmas’.

All monies raised will be divided between the church and Marie Curie Care.

A festive warning to thieves

Shoplifters operating in Bishop Auckland will receive festive greetings and a seasonal warning from their local beat team, when officers deliver Christmas cards to known offenders in the area.

The idea is designed to try and drive down crime on the run up to Christmas. PC Kimberley Marshall explained, “As the shops become busier over the coming weeks we want to remind regular offenders that we are watching them. “They’ll be receiving a Christmas card from Durham Constabulary, along with a little note reminding them that they are banned from the shopping centres in and around Bishop Auckland. “We’ll be running extra patrols, both uniformed and plain clothed, in the Tindale and St Helen’s Retail Park and the town centre. The stores have also been issued with photographs of known offenders and will be using the Shop Watch scheme to keep them out of stores.”

For more details about the scheme or to speak to a member of Bishop Auckland police, call 101.

Tree of remembrance

The Butterwick Hospice Tree of Remembrance opened on Monday 8th December of Remembrance opened The Butterwick Hospice Tree and was admitted to in injuries during the assault He sustained serious head a night out with friends was returning home from a man from Bishop Auckland,
The victim, a 20 year-old man in the town in the early were appealing for witnesses after a man was seriously attacked when walking home along Tenter Street in the town in the early hours of Sunday 30th November.

The victim, a 20-year-old man from Bishop Auckland, was returning home from a night out with friends when he was attacked, just after 3am on Sunday morning.

He sustained serious head injuries during the assault and was admitted to hospital. The suspect is described as a man in his twenties, of medium build, and wearing a black top with dark trousers. He left the scene in the direction of Edgar Grove.

Detective Constable James Vance said, “This was a nasty attack for which we have so far been unable to find a motive. The victim had enjoyed a night out with friends and was walking home when he was set-upon. Anyone with information is urged to call police on 101.”

20mph speed limits to be discussed

Speed limits could be reduced to 20mph on roads near some Bishop Auckland schools if councillors approve the proposal. Members of Durham County Council’s Cabinet will be asked next week to agree a new approach to establishing 20mph limits and zones.

Only two such zones and one limit have been introduced in the county during the past 10 years. However, the authority is reassessing its policy following a review by the authority’s Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and scrutiny Committee.

The proposed new approach would see part-time 20mph speed limits come into force on roads near 33 schools in County Durham where the highest number of accidents involving children have occurred. In some areas, traffic calming measures could also be introduced. This would be accompanied by an educational programme which would have three strands – making children more road aware; promoting cycling and walking as alternatives to driving; and promoting speed awareness among motorists.

Areas where the speed limit would be implemented include roads around King James 1 Academy, Etherley Lane Nursery, Etherley Lane Primary, Evergreen, Bishop Barrington, St Anne’s CE Primary and Woodhouse Community Primary.

If the proposals are agreed by Cabinet when it meets at County Hall on Wednesday 17th December, residents, schools, AAPs and other groups would be consulted before any 20mph zones are introduced.

Carol service

St Andrew’s Church played host to a Special Carol Service on Saturday 6th December. Assisted by The Andreas Ensemble and organist Brian Varley, the all-singing congregation entered into the Christmas spirit, assisted by seasonal refreshments in the interval and a reading by Glynn Wales of ‘The Night before Christmas’.

All monies raised will be divided between the church and Marie Curie Care.

A festive warning to thieves

Shoplifters operating in Bishop Auckland will receive festive greetings and a seasonal warning from their local beat team, when officers deliver Christmas cards to known offenders in the area.

The idea is designed to try and drive down crime on the run up to Christmas. PC Kimberley Marshall explained, “As the shops become busier over the coming weeks we want to remind regular offenders that we are watching them. “They’ll be receiving a Christmas card from Durham Constabulary, along with a little note reminding them that they are banned from the shopping centres in and around Bishop Auckland. “We’ll be running extra patrols, both uniformed and plain clothed, in the Tindale and St Helen’s Retail Park and the town centre. The stores have also been issued with photographs of known offenders and will be using the Shop Watch scheme to keep them out of stores.”

For more details about the scheme or to speak to a member of Bishop Auckland police, call 101.

Tree of remembrance

The Butterwick Hospice Tree of Remembrance opened on Monday 8th December of Remembrance opened The Butterwick Hospice Tree and was admitted to in injuries during the assault He sustained serious head injuries during the assault and was admitted to hospital. The suspect is described as a man in his twenties, of medium build, and wearing a black top with dark trousers. He left the scene in the direction of Edgar Grove.

Detective Constable James Vance said, “This was a nasty attack for which we have so far been unable to find a motive. The victim had enjoyed a night out with friends and was walking home when he was set-upon. Anyone with information is urged to call police on 101.”
The Bishop Press Issue 148

Saturday 13th December 2014

 Appeal after pedestrian injured

The Gaunless Gateway Big Local is bringing Santa, along with his festively decorated truck, to the doorsteps of residents of South West Bishop Auckland. He will be stopping at various locations in the area handing out goody bags to the children.

The Big Local area covers Cockton Hill, Henknowle, Woodhouse Close, Tindale Crescent, St Helen’s and West Auckland.

The Santa Run is happening on Tuesday 16th December and will begin in West Auckland at 4.30pm, finishing at Cockton Hill school.

Clive Auld, Chair of the Gaunless Gateway partnership said, "It’s a fantastic opportunity for people to see Santa from their homes and the kids who are at the stop-off points will all receive a free goody bag!"

The route will be (stop off points in capitals):

- West Auckland - Windermere Drive through Leech estate, Copeland Road, Staindrop Road, VILLAGE GREEN (approx 4.45pm)
- Old Hall Car Park, St Helen's - Leazes Lane, Melrose Drive, MIDDLEWOOD GREEN REC GROUND (approx 5.15pm)
- Manor Road, Maude Terrace. Woodhouse Close - Greenfields Road, Weardale Drive, Walker Drive, FORD WAY SPORTS COURTS (approx 5.40pm)
- Cosgrove Ave, Brooklands, Henknowle - Hampshire Place, Dorset Place, Cheshire Place, HENNWOLVE MANOR CAR PARK (approx 6pm)
- Cockton Hill - St Andrews Road, Cockton Hill Road, McIntyre Terrace, COCKTON HILL SCHOOL (approx 6.20pm)

The Big Local is an opportunity for residents in 150 areas across England to take at least £1m to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their communities.

Projects involve individuals, groups and organisations who want to make the area in which they live a better place.

For more information about the Gaunless Gateway Big Local call 03000 268 664 or email bishopshildonapp@durham.gov.uk.

Cockton Hill WMC

Sat 3rd December: ‘PATRICK GEE’
Fri 9th December: ‘SUZANNE REECE’
Sat 20th December: ‘MARK HODGSON’
Christmas Eve: ‘JOHN ANDREW’
Fri 26th December: ‘THE MOJO MEN’ + ‘EXCALIBUR’
Sat 7th December: ‘GERRY GARCIA’
New Year’s Eve: ‘BECCA’ NO COVER CHARGE

Sky Sports + BT Football

Open daily from 11.30am till 11.30pm. You can watch ‘At the Races’ and ‘Racing UK’. Large free function room always available.

Tel: 01388 605136

The co-operative funeralcare

Our caring staff are here to listen and advise you, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Funeral Pre-payment Plans
- Memorial masonry
- Floral Tributes
Bishop Auckland Fylands House, Tindale Crescent 01388 603525

Off licence banned from selling alcohol

A Bishop Auckland off licence has been temporarily banned from selling alcohol after being caught serving underage children twice.

A G Lazenby, of Newgate Street, had his alcohol licence suspended for six weeks following the breaches, and conditions have now been imposed to prevent any further illegal sales.

A Durham County Council licensing committee meeting at Spennymoor Council Chambers on Tuesday 2nd December heard how in March 2014, a 15-year-old boy was sold a bottle of vodka at the store, which was then found to have been passed on to two 13-year-old girls who were picked up intoxicated by police in the street. A fixed penalty notice was issued to the seller.

The council’s Consumer Protection service followed the incident up by carrying out a test purchase where being a 16-year-old girl was served a bottle of wine by the same employee.

The council’s Consumer Protection service followed the incident up by carrying out a test purchase where being a 16-year-old girl was served a bottle of wine by the same employee.

A Bishop Auckland off licence has been temporarily banned from selling alcohol after being caught serving underage children twice.

A G Lazenby, of Newgate Street, had his alcohol licence suspended for six weeks following the breaches, and conditions have now been imposed to prevent any further illegal sales.

A Durham County Council licensing committee meeting at Spennymoor Council Chambers on Tuesday 2nd December heard how in March 2014, a 15-year-old boy was sold a bottle of vodka at the store, which was then found to have been passed on to two 13-year-old girls who were picked up intoxicated by police in the street. A fixed penalty notice was issued to the seller.

The council’s Consumer Protection service followed the incident up by carrying out a test purchase where being a 16-year-old girl was served a bottle of wine by the same employee.

A Bishop Auckland off licence has been temporarily banned from selling alcohol after being caught serving underage children twice.

A G Lazenby, of Newgate Street, had his alcohol licence suspended for six weeks following the breaches, and conditions have now been imposed to prevent any further illegal sales.

A Durham County Council licensing committee meeting at Spennymoor Council Chambers on Tuesday 2nd December heard how in March 2014, a 15-year-old boy was sold a bottle of vodka at the store, which was then found to have been passed on to two 13-year-old girls who were picked up intoxicated by police in the street. A fixed penalty notice was issued to the seller.

The council’s Consumer Protection service followed the incident up by carrying out a test purchase where being a 16-year-old girl was served a bottle of wine by the same employee.
St Mary’s weekend round-up

The Under 14s had a magnificent result in the County Cup quarter final playing against Wearside. St Mary’s took the lead through Zak Holywell and looked like going through in normal time, only for Wearside to equalise with the last kick of the game. Extra time followed with Carl Stout getting fouled in the penalty area. Carl took the penalty only for the keeper to make a tremendous save. This made St Mary’s more determined and Captain Carl Stout latched on to a half cleared header to volley a superb goal into the top corner to take the match.

The Under 11 Kings had a fantastic win over Spraire Lads with a great performance and goals from Jack Glasper and Andrew Burrows. The Under 14s also had a great 2-0 win over Normanby with goals from Ben Crinnion. The Under 15s had a fantastic 8-2 win over Cleveland Hawks with goals from Dominic Plum (2), Finlay Rose (2), Jake Pinkney (2), Joe Bates, Ellis Tait, Aidan Crooks, and Cieran Jackson. The Under 7 Aces had a very exciting draw against Aycliffe with Jayden Bowes man-of-the-match. The Under 8 Aces played Shotton Colts on the Saturday and won with goals from Liam Cunningham (3), Finlay Rose (2), Jake Pinkney (2), man-of-the-match Charlie Berry and Dylan Robson. They then played Leven AFC on the Sunday and had another great win with goals from Finley Rose (3), Jake Pinkney, Dylan Robson and Liam Cunningham with Charlie Berry again man-of-the-match. The Under 8 Kings played away at Golden Flats with Finley Stevens scoring and James Petty man-of-the-match. The Under 11 Kings played away at Marton whites and lost 3-2 in a very close game. The Under 12s had a great 6-1 win over Wnynard with goals from Regan Nixon (3), Oliver Johnson (2) and Dylan Kestle. The Under 13s lost out to New Marske with Noah Ellis scoring. The Under 13 Kings had a great 2-0 win over Spraire Lads with a great performance and goals from Jack Glasper and Andrew Burrows.

New strip for Bishop Girls

Bishop Auckland Girls FC have expressed their appreciation to local businesses Spice Lounge, Victorian Sweet Cart Company, Auckland Caravan Storage, Cruise 365 and Mira Showers for their generous sponsorship of the Under 10s/11s/12s/13s and 15s match strips. Currently the club have in excess of 100 girls from the ages of 5 up to Ladies, having started with just 40 girls in September 2012. There are six teams affiliated with Durham FA, with five teams playing in the Russel Foster League. The Under 11s have had a great first season, finishing 3rd in the league and preparation for their move to 9-a-side next September. The Under 10s were unbeaten in their league, winning all 21 fixtures, scoring over 150 goals and only conceding 7. The Under 12s have two fixtures to play and are also likely to finish 3rd in their league. The Under 13s, 15s and Ladies have also made positive starts to their season.

The girls show their new black and pink strips.