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THIEVES PUT LIVES AT RISK IN ETHERLEY LANE

A recent spate of thefts across County Durham is putting motorists' lives at risk.

Thieves have repeatedly targeted temporary traffic management systems across the county, including those in Etherley Lane, operated by the County Council's contractor, Premier Traffic Management. They steal the batteries operating the lights leaving Durham County Council Highway sites without any safe traffic management.

County Council Highways Operations Manager, Mark Readman, says the situation is extremely serious, "Over the last three months over 100 batteries have been stolen from sites. Not only has this cost the contractor £10,000 but frankly, these thieves are putting motorists' lives at risk.

"The batteries have very limited alternative uses too. They really are specialist batteries for these systems."

Cabinet Member for Strategic Environment, Cllr Bob Young, is asking residents to help, he said, "We take a great deal of pride at the new Unitary Authority in providing first class services. These reckless actions are jeopardising people's safety and could result in a serious accident.

"I would ask anyone with any information about this to let the police know."

Motorists are asked to report any suspicious activities to the police as a matter of urgency by contacting Durham Police on 0345 60 60 365 or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Official vehicles will have Premier Traffic Management or Durham County Council branding.

The locations that these thefts have arisen more recently are:- Evenwood / Cockfield, Coundon Gate, Etherley Lane, Middridge, Gainford, Cassop and Brancepeth.

SCHOOL RECOGNISED FOR QUALITY STUDY SUPPORT

ABishopAucklandsecondary school has become the first in County Durham to achieve the highest recognition for its out-of-hours study support.

King James I Community Arts College on South Church Road, has achieved the advanced level award from Quality in Study Support (QiSS).

The award recognises quality in activities for young people which take place outside of normal school hours.

Research has shown that young people's participation in study support has a direct and positive impact on their levels of attainment in the classroom, their motivation and their confidence.

At King James, GCSE results have seen significant improvements in recent years, with out-of-hours learning activities playing an important part in driving up standards.

The College works closely with the King James I Community Association, which shares the college site, to provide study support.

Emma Marley, Study Support Co-ordinator at Durham County Council, said, "This award is something for the college and the community association to be immensely proud of.

"The staff and young people have worked extremely hard to achieve this level of recognition, adopting an approach of continuous development and improvement.

"Hopefully King James I Community Arts College will serve as a positive example for other schools in the county to strive to achieve similar levels of quality in study support activities for children and young people."

The school has been working towards the advanced level award for seven years, having previously achieved the emerged and established levels.

In order to reach advanced



King James I Community College.

level the school was visited and assessed by a senior representative from QiSS, staff from Durham County Council, and a peer scrutineer from a school in Cumbria. The assessment looked at the facilities and activities provided by the school for out-of-hours study support and included presentations by the headteacher and students. Janet Stephenson, senior teacher at King James I

Community Arts College, said, "We are very proud to receive the QiSS advanced award.

"We place great value on our study support activities and they are an integral part of our college life.

"This award recognises the hard work and dedication of staff in delivering a wide range of activities and also the enthusiasm of students who participate in the activities."

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Due to Christmas day falling on a Friday, here at The Bishop Press, we want to make sure you get your weekly paper in time for Christmas. This means that issue 20 will be hitting the streets two days earlier on Wednesday, December 23rd. Therefore, any classifieds, adverts or stories for this issue must be submitted by Friday, December 18th. You can post them into us at

3 - 4 First Floor Offices, Town Council Building, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, DL4 1AH, or email bishoppress@yahoo.co.uk. You can also leave items in either Woodhouse Close Library or the Town Hall Library.

Please make sure you get your items to us in plenty of time, as the next issue after Christmas will not be distributed until January 8th.

KEEPING GREEN THIS CHRISTMAS

To help residents stay green this Christmas, Durham County Council has published its festive refuse and recycling collection dates. In the Wear Valley area, collection dates will be the same as usual up to and including Christmas Eve. From Friday, December 25th until Wednesday, December 30th, bins will be collected one working weekday later

than usual, including Monday, December 28th, even though it is a Bank Holiday. Bins that would usually be collected on Thursday, December 31st will be emptied on Saturday, January 2nd, and a usual collection on Friday, January 1st will move to Monday, January 4th. All collections will be back to normal from Monday, January 4th.

GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be a hectic time for many, with all the preparations and anticipation for the festive period, giving blood can fall down the 'to do' list. And with Christmas falling on a Friday there will be a reduction in the number of blood donor sessions taking place over the two week Christmas period; six full days and two half days instead of the usual 10 full days. Donated blood cannot be stockpiled as two blood components taken from a

donation have short shelf lives. Platelets, a clotting factor used to help treat leukaemia and cancer patients, last for just five days. Red cells last a little bit longer at 35 days and are often transfused to patients suffering from severe anaemia or severe blood loss. Therefore it's vital that both regular and new donors come forward to give blood and ensure sufficient blood is available for patients. Anyone aged between 17-65, weighing more than 50 kg (7

stone 12lbs) and in general good health could potentially start saving lives by becoming a blood donor. There is no upper age limit for donors who have donated in the last two years. For those who would like to donate, a session is taking place in the Main Hall Scout Centre in Kingsway, Bishop Auckland, on Thursday, December 17th. To book an appointment, call the Donor Line on 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk.

MEN APPEAR IN COURT IN RELATION TO BEEHIVE DEATH

Two local men will appear before Teesside Crown Court after being charged with affray connected to an incident which culminated in the death of a man from fatal head injuries. Paul Barker, 29, of The Cumberland Arms in Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland, and Dean Whitworth, 25, of Elliott Way in St. Helen Auckland, were jointly charged with

affray in the early hours of Monday 10th August. Mr Barker's uncle, Stephen Wilson, 48, of Hardisty Crescent died the next day at James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough, after a fight outside the Beehive pub. A third man, Maurice Rowell, 26, also of Hardisty Crescent, is charged with Mr Wilson's manslaughter, and will stand


trial at Teesside Crown Court on Monday, December 14th. Mr Rowell is the son of the Beehive's landlord, also called Maurice Rowell. Barker and Whitworth entered no pleas before Bishop Auckland Magistrates' Court, and were granted unconditional bail before they appear at Teesside Crown Court on a date to be confirmed.

'CLASH' AND 'JAM' TICKETS UP FOR GRABS

A pair of Clash and Jam tickets are up for grabs, courtesy of The Bishop Press. The concert features Rebel Truce as "The Clash" and Setting Sons as "The Jam"; the support act will be Shildon band, The Last

Fakers, who have just released their debut L.P. Doors open at 6.00pm on December 19th at Shildon Civic Hall, where tickets can be purchased now. For a chance to win free tickets answer this question: What was The Jam's first no. 1

hit single? Send your entry, with your name, address and telephone number, to 3-4 First Floor Offices, Shildon Town Council, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, DL4 1AH, or email crier@talk21.com by Wednesday, December 16th.



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MAIN TRAFFIC ROUTE TO CLOSE FOR UP TO A MONTH

Traffic in Bishop Auckland will be disrupted by repair work to the Cockton Hill railway bridge, which is scheduled to begin at the end of March.

The repair work will cause disruption to road traffic for up to a month and rail services for 12 days.

A county council spokesperson said, "The council is in the process of arranging to replace the deck, at a cost of more than £1million.

"It will be necessary to close the road over the bridge for about four weeks from March 29.

"Train services will also terminate at Shildon for 12 days from the beginning of April. However, we

are working closely with Network Rail, Northern Trains and local bus operators to minimise the disruption to travellers.

"We will be installing a temporary footbridge alongside the bridge in January and are planning to start work on replacing the main bridge at the end of March.

"A shuttle bus will also be operating between the railway stations at Shildon and Bishop Auckland while train services are suspended and diversions for road users will be clearly marked.

The spokesperson went on to say that further information would be provided at a public exhibition, which would take place early in the new year.

BISHOP PIZZA DEAL THEFT

Two 18 year-olds appeared before Magistrates at Newton Aycliffe recently, facing charges of stealing a Pizza Deal worth £18.50 from Pizza Place, causing harassment, and resisting a P.C. in the execution of his duty.

Ian Damian McPherson, of Teesdale Walk, Bishop Auckland, pleaded guilty to the theft but denied the other charges. John Robert

Cawley of Constantine Road, North Bitchburn, pleaded not guilty to the single charge of harassment. The pair were released on unconditional bail to appear at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court on February 10th.

Magistrates were requested to fit in the trial before Cawley leaves the country in March, as he has a one way ticket for Thailand.

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COMMUNITY IS ALL EARS THANKS TO LEADER GRANT FOR RADIO STATION

Local radio station, Bishop FM, is celebrating the success of its first month on air, broadcasting local news and views to thousands of enthusiastic listeners across South West Durham.

The Community radio station, which is based behind The Postchaise in the town's Market Place, is run by more than 60 volunteers from all walks of life. The not-for-profit venture has been granted a five year licence and is broadcasting on 105.9FM from 7.00am to 11.00pm daily from Bishop Auckland.

Programmes feature local news, views, sport and music from folk and blues to indie and rock and roll with outside broadcasts, covering everything from village events to local businesses.

One of the first visitors to the station was Sue Ellwood, Project Manager of North Pennine Dales LEADER that supported the venture with a grant of £11,500.

"We are delighted that our grant has helped Bishop FM get up-and-running," she said. "LEADER is here to support projects that improve the basic quality of life in rural areas and the station will help to foster community spirit and keep



Sue Ellwood (centre) of North Pennine Dales LEADER, tries her hand at broadcasting with help from presenter Rosie Smiles and producer Gary Waldron of Bishop FM.

people in touch with what is going in their local areas. It is also providing volunteers with the chance to learn a whole range of new skills."

"We are delighted to be actually on the air at last as the project was originally launched in 2006," said Bishop FM's Finance Director Gillian Campbell. "So much time and effort has gone into this and the support from LEADER has been vital.

"The grant was an invaluable contribution to the £22,000 we needed to purchase equipment and launch the station. We have also had help from the Lottery Awards For All and local authorities and our volunteers organised everything from

discos and sponsored walks to bag-packing in order to raise the money we needed.

"We have been bowled over by the enthusiasm people are showing for the station as we had 12,000 hits on our website before we broadcast a single word. The district has quite a large number of elderly and disabled people who are often housebound, so bringing local news and events into their homes makes them feel part of the community," she added.

The Bishop FM team are all ages and from all walks of life including DJs, former radio presenters, IT specialists, accountants, students and retired people.

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FAMILY THANKFUL TO QUIZ-GOING FUNDRAISERS

Bishop Auckland Civic Society and Bishop Auckland Town Hall have expressed their appreciation to everyone connected with the Town Quiz and Orchid Show, recently held at the Town Hall. A total of £1,055.50 was raised for the Rebecca Sands appeal. Of that sum, £194 came from a donation from the Darlington and District and North East Region Orchid Societies, including £70 from Mr Ray Creek, £50 direct from the Societies, and £130 from individuals and visitors to the show. At the quiz, Rebecca's mother, Gemma, said, "I would like to thank everyone for their efforts and for helping to raise money

for Rebecca. It is very hard to get any help for Rebecca for specialist equipment due to the fact that I work and due to the fact that there is no charity linked to lissencephally, which is the condition that Rebecca has, due to it being so rare. So, unfortunately, it is left to us and our friends and family to fundraise, which as you can appreciate, is very time consuming- but obviously very worthwhile. Equipment is very specialist, a car seat is roughly a £1,000, so the efforts that will be put on this evening will help greatly. We obviously don't know much about Rebecca's illness, as there are only 2 children in Europe with the genetic condition which

has caused the lissencephally- Rebecca being one of them! We do know that Rebecca will have a short life, and that is why we want her to have the best life possible with everything that she needs and the fundraising that you do tonight will help with that." A Town Hall spokesperson went on to say, "A total of £861.50 was raised by the Civic Society's Town Quiz, and we'd particularly like to thank the winning team - Blocki's Boys - for donating the £50 prize money back to the appeal. A big thank you also to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle, and to Glynn Wales who did a magnificent job as Question Master."

AN EDWARDIAN CHRISTMAS

A Christmas event with an Edwardian flavour will take place at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Sunday, December 20th, from 7.30pm.

The Ravenswood Singers and Opera Live present Celebrate Christmas, which will be an evening of Christmas songs and carols, sure to put

everyone in the festive mood. All tickets cost £8.00. For further information call the Town Hall Box Office on 01388 602610.

METHODIST FESTIVE SERVICES

Bishop Auckland Methodist Church will be holding festive services in the upcoming weeks, with services running up to and including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Advent services will take place on Sundays 13th, 20th and 27th December. Reverend Keith M Phipps will lead the

church in Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 13th; Miss Christine Bennett will perform a service at 6.00pm of the same day. On Sunday 20th Rev. Phipps will preside over a Nativity Service on 10.30am and a Carol Service at 6.00pm. A Christmas Crib Service will begin at 4.00pm on Christmas

Eve, later, at 11.15pm there will be a Holy Communion for Christmas. On Christmas Day there will be a Family Service. A spokesperson said, "We wish you a happy and holy Christmas and Peace-filled New Year." The services will take place at The Methodist Church on Cockton Hill Road.

TORONTO ROBBERY

A would-be robber fled empty handed from a mobile post office after a quick-thinking cashier pressed the panic button.

The man, who targeted the van at around 11.15am on Wednesday, December 9th. The man entered the van while it was parked in Jubilee Street, Toronto, before producing a Morrison's carrier bag and demanding money.

After the alarm was raised, the assailant quickly ran off, snatching the GPS security device as he fled.

Police described the suspect as white and slim. He was wearing a grey tracksuit top with red sleeves and a white stripe on the arms, he was also wearing a blue Umbro baseball cap, dark tracksuit bottoms with a white motif, white trainers and black gloves, he covered his face with a dark scarf.

Police reported that no threats were made and no violence

was used, however, the cashier was thoroughly shocked by the incident.

A car, described as a "not new", green four door vehicle was parked in the vicinity, police are urging the owner of the vehicle to come forward.

Investigating officer, DI Simon Orton said, "It may be connected with the incident, it may not.

"If not we would urge the driver to come forward.

"We also want to hear from people who were in the area from 10.30am who may have seen someone acting suspiciously.

"We are also keen to speak to anyone who may have seen people watching the post office over the past few days and perhaps preparing for this raid."

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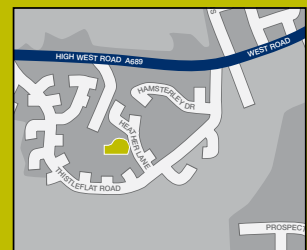


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COLLEGE HELPS CHILDREN IN NEED



Pudsey with students who helped raise £965.39 for children in need.

Bishop Auckland College staff and students have raised nearly £1,000 for Children in Need. Students helped raise £965.39 for children in need, more than the College has previously raised for the charity, through a variety of a activities.

Students from all parts of the College and even the College nursery children took part in the fundraising. The fun events undertaken to raise money included a sponsored wall climb in the College's gym organised by Sport students, a concert

by the Performing Arts & Music students, fancy dress collecting by Beauty & Hair students, sponsored waxing, cake making and selling by Catering students, various stalls including tombola, prize draws, and bucket collections throughout the week.

TOWN CENTRE EVENTS

Bishop Auckland Town Centre will play host to numerous Christmas Events this year. There will be festive street entertainment in Newgate Street, Fore Bondgate and Theatre Corner between 11.30am and

3.30pm on Saturdays 12th and 19th December. The Market Place will also be the venue for a Christmas Show Extravaganza, which will run from 12noon until 4.00pm on Sunday December 20th.

On top of this, the Market Place will be the venue of extra Christmas markets, which will be held on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd December. There will be no market on Boxing Day.

EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Evergreen Primary School in Bishop Auckland is selling special Christmas Cards this year. The pictures on each card have been designed and drawn/painted by the children who study at the school.

A major card company has printed the cards free-of-charge, meaning that all proceeds will go towards school funds. The high-quality cards are available for £2 a pack from the school.

DUE IN COURT

Shane Harland, aged 45, of West Lane, Bishop Auckland faces a charge that on November 15th he assaulted, by beating, a woman. Thirty five year-old Stephen McGuinness, of Grey Street,

Bishop Auckland, faces charges that on October 7th he drove a V.W. Passat in New South View, Chilton, without licence or insurance and of resisting a P.C. in the execution of his duty.

BUS DEPOT CLOSURE

The Arriva Bus Depot in Bishop Auckland is to be closed in the new year, according to recent proposals. Arriva claim that no drivers will lose their jobs and services will not be affected, although some engineering and supervisory staff will lose their jobs.

Managing Director, Jonathan May, said Arriva had also asked management level staff to volunteer for redundancies, so that compulsory redundancies would not be necessary. The cuts come amid a cost-cutting drive by the company, which began last year.

TAXI RANK CHANGES

The temporary taxi rank in Bishop Auckland has been moved after drivers lobbied for a change of location. The rank has been moved from North Bondgate car park to the forecourt of the former Belton

Tyres garage; the change will be in effect for 28 days while a planning application is considered. The rank will operate at the Belton Tyres site on a daily basis from 6.00pm to 6.00am.

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CONSERVATIVE SHADOW MINISTER VISITS BISHOP

Dominic Grieve MP, the Conservative Shadow Secretary of State for Justice visited Bishop Auckland last week. He attended a meeting of volunteers and voluntary sector organisations including representatives of the Teesdale Farm Watch at the Four Clocks Centre in Bishop Auckland where they discussed justice related issues.

Later he went on to Darlington

where he met with Senior probation officials and the Darlington Parliamentary Candidate Edward Leggard. He also saw some community payback projects which were cutting back overgrown vegetation, litter picking and removing graffiti and visited a community organisation supporting offenders on unpaid work.

Barbara Harrison the

Conservative Parliamentary candidate for Bishop Auckland accompanied Dominic Grieve on this visit, she said

"It was really good to see a shadow secretary of state like Dominic Grieve in Bishop Auckland, he clearly understands issues relevant to our area and this demonstrates constituencies like Bishop Auckland are important to senior Conservatives."

COLLEGE STUDENT GIVEN CHANCE TO PLAY FOR DURHAM

Bishop Auckland College Sports Level 2 student, Rachelle Colley 16, from Chilton has been given the opportunity to try out for Durham Cricket Board (DCB) under 17 female squad.

Rachelle was spotted by Darren Brown, Cricket Development Officer for DCB when he came into the College to coach sports students.

Darren said, "I spotted Rachelle straight away during practice sessions, she has great eye-hand coordination which is a vital skill in becoming a good cricketer."

Rachelle's ambition is to become a football coach (which is her passion at the moment) but who knows, if she does well cricket may be her future.

College Sports Lecturer, Wayne Collins, said, "We have introduced our students

to a variety of sports this academic year in an attempt to capture their interest and imagination including cricket, basketball and netball and have other sporting activities planned. By offering a diverse range of activities it has become possible to identify talented students just like Rachelle."



Budding cricketer Rachelle Colley with Darren Brown from DCB.

CHRISTMAS CHEER EVENT

The Castle Players are presenting an evening of festive entertainment and a traditional Christmas Fayre at the Town Hall.

The Christmas Cheer event

will be jam-packed with early festive treats with Dickens, drama and readings all chosen to fill guests with Christmas cheer.

Christmas Cheer will begin at

7.30pm on Sunday, December 13th.

Tickets are priced £5.00, £4.00 concession. For further information call Box Office on 01388 602610.

SANTA DAYS AT SURE START

Bishop's Sure Start Centres are holding three Santa Days this month.

Parents can take the chance to relax while their children visit Santa Claus and receive a gift. The events will be held at:

- Taylor Road Outreach Centre, Monday December 14th, 9.00am to 11.30am, tel:

01388 459130.

- St Helen Auckland Children's Centre, Thursday, December 17th, 9.30am to 12 noon, tel: 01388 665665.
- Woodhouse Close Children's Centre, Friday December 18th, 1.00pm - 3.30pm, tel: 01388 743030.

An event organiser

commented, "If your child is under five years and you live in the Bishop Auckland area, then come along to one of the events at the Sure Start Children's Centres listed."

"Please contact the appropriate Children's Centre to book and ensure your child is registered for their gift."

TORONTO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Toronto Community Association will be holding a Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20th. The event will take place in the

Community Centre on Jubilee Street between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Admission costs just £2 per child, and there will be refreshments, party games and

a visit from Santa.

"Come along and join in the fun, everyone will be most welcome," commented an organiser of the festive event.

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ST MARY'S' SEASON CONTINUES

St Mary's Under 13 Angels played away at East Durham recently, and in the first five minutes of the game, East Durham took a 1-0 lead.

The goal seemed to shock the Angels into life and when the whistle blew for half time they were winning 4-1. An impressive second half saw another 6 goals from the Angels, and a dubious free kick for East Durham made the final score 10-2.

There were five great goals for Anna Colwell, a hat trick for Amber Hemming, Chelsea Nicholson hit the back of the net and there was a great goal for Briony Littlefair, who ran the length of the pitch to put hers in the away goal. Player-of-the-Match went to Laurie-Anne Wood.

St. Mary's Angels Under 11's remain top of the league after earning 2 more wins.

The first game was against Washington. Goals from Player-of-the-Match Emily Eggett (2), Sophie Wood (2) and Emily Scarr made it 5-0 to the Angels.

St. Mary's Under 14's managed to work hard for a well-deserved 3-0 victory against Brinkburn FC, their 5th consecutive league win. A hat-trick from leading scorer James Lupton was enough to give the Saints all three points. Liam Mather received Man-of-the-Match from his left wing position.

The Under 12's game took place in appalling conditions and the teams were soaked before the game kicked off. Saints took the lead early in the first half with a great effort from Smith that flew past the 'keeper. Just before half time, Stockton were back on level terms, but Saints

took a deserved lead midway through the second half. The game then turned on a controversial decision. Saints 'keeper Raisbeck claimed the ball from a cross only for the Stockton forward to kick it out of his hands and then into the net. Despite protests from Saints the goal was allowed to stand and Stockton were back on level terms again. Saints heads dropped, and within two minutes Stockton got a third and a mistake led to the fourth. Saints could not get back on level terms. Man-of-the-Match went to Metcalfe.

The Under 10's put in a great team performance winning 1-0 against 21st Allstars. Josh Oyston scored the only goal of the game. Man-of-the-Match Bailey Prudhoe was unlucky, hitting the crossbar and having a shot saved.

UNDER 16'S BATTLE BACK TO EARN DRAW

Bishop Auckland Rugby Under 16's battled back to earn a well deserved 14-14 draw away at Lanchester recently.

With Lanchester starting stronger, Bishop were on the back foot and having to defend. Lanchester's pressure was eventually rewarded when

they scored their opening try, which was converted.

Lanchester extended their lead to 14-0 early in the second half. Bishops' were back in the game when from a lineout won by Knight, the forwards set up a ruck. Clarey picked up the ball and set off on a powerful

run to the line and scored his team's opening try. Griffiths converted the extra points. With Bishop pushing forward, Sam Bolton made a strong, elusive run through the home defence to score an excellent solo try. Griffiths levelled the match 14-14 with the conversion for a well deserved draw.

BISHOPS CONTINUE WINNING WAYS

Bishop Auckland took on Esh Winning in the league on Saturday, December 5th.

The game started in explosive fashion when an Esh player, Lamb, thundered into a dangerous tackle on Bishop's Joe Grant and was lucky to only be shown yellow.

Bishop took the lead with 14 minutes gone. Salvin played in a wonderful cross from the left, which Strong headed in powerfully at the back post.

With five minutes of the first half remaining, Bishop thought they had a penalty when the referee blew for a hand ball. However, the referee's assistant indicated that the ball had gone out of play before the hand ball and a corner was given. At half time the score remained 1-0 to Bishop.

Chances fell to both sides before, on 63 minutes, Tyrone Masters was hacked from behind. Masters tried to stay on his feet but the stumble allowed Esh to gather the

ball and clear, what could and should have been a penalty was not given.

With ten minutes left to play, an Esh substitute headed home, unchallenged, from 6 yards out. The seconds ticked away with neither side able to break the deadlock, then, with 90 minutes played, Emson's low, driven corner was flicked on by Salvin. His glancing header deflected off a defender. After a goal-line scramble it was Lawson who eventually blasted the ball home from close range.

The game ended in farcical fashion when Esh substitute Gibson showed outstanding petulance. He picked up the corner flag and threw it like a javelin towards the entrance to the ground. The childish display, and the subsequent sending off by the referee, was greeted by laughter and ironic cheers and applause.

Bishop Auckland 2- 1 Esh Winning.

CARPET BOWLS MEETING

St Helen Auckland Carpet Bowls Club will meet at Princes Street. The meetings are scheduled to take place on

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