

Bishop Auckland

HERITAGE

FESTIVAL

2024

10am - 3pm

28 SEPT 2024



Bishop Auckland
Town Hall



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Town Hall



Market Place



Auckland Castle



Auckland Gardens

VINTAGE CAR SHOW | 10:30 - 15:00 | MARKETPLACE



Cruise your way down to the marketplace for a captivating display of classic & vintage cars, courtesy of The Northern Bygones Society.

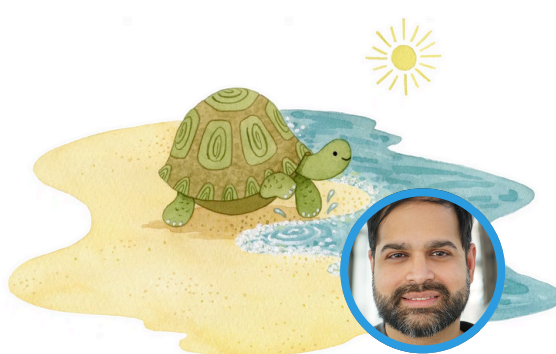
We're thrilled to welcome back the society to Bishop Auckland Heritage Festival and can't wait to witness their remarkable collection of classic automobiles roll into town.

TALES FROM FAR FAR AWAY | 10:30, 12:30, 14:30 | TOWN HALL

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Join Umar on a magical storytelling journey and meet Sara, a young tortoise who has built a peaceful life for her and her friends.

But when a stormy night sparks a fire, Sara is separated from her best friend. To reunite with them, she must leave behind all she knows and embark on a brave and uncertain journey.



MAKE YOUR OWN BISHOP BOAR POSTCARD | 10:00 - 15:00 | TOWN HALL



Get creative with artist Adele Catchpole, and try your hand at Lino Printing in this fun-for-all workshop.

Create and take home your very own postcard featuring one of Bishop Auckland's most famous legends, the Bishop Boar!

FORUM FOR HISTORY & HERITAGE EXHIBITS | 10:00 - 15:00 | TOWN HALL

The County Durham Forum for History & Heritage returns for this year's festival, bringing with it an overflowing fountain of knowledge ready to be shared.

The forum has over 50 members, and provides a network for various history and heritage groups across the current and historic boundaries of County Durham.

Got a question about the history of Bishop Auckland, County Durham, Weardale or Teesdale?

Chances are, the answer awaits inside...



HERITAGE TALKS WITH TOM HUTCHINSON | 10.30 | TOWN HALL

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Author, Tom Hutchinson, will break down the story of Mary Ann Cotton, one of our area's most infamous women and allegedly one of the country's most prolific murderers.

Journey with Tom, a prolific writer of Bishop Auckland books, back through the 19th Century from Mary's crimes to her trial and uncover the truth!



HERITAGE TALKS WITH CAROLYN BALL | 12:00 | TOWN HALL

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County Archivist at The Story Durham, Carolyn Ball will talk us through the next steps for the history hotspot

The Story brings together five different collections of historic artefacts, to reveal fascinating glimpses into the lives of people throughout County Durham's history.

HERITAGE TALKS WITH RICHARD PEARS | 13:00 | TOWN HALL

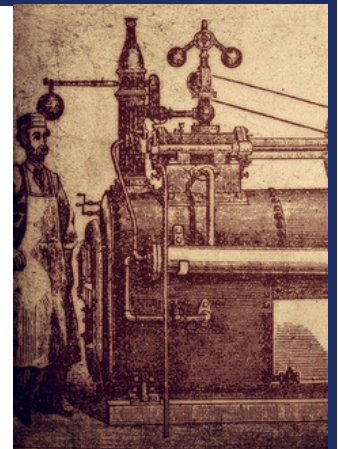
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Join Richard Pears as he talks us through one of the most significant periods of British history, the Georgian era.

An era defined by the birth of the British Empire, the introduction of a Prime Minister and the abolishment of slavery.

Richard will instead focus on the gritty underbelly of the period, the Industrial Revolution, and the region that drove it forward.

The North East.



MARGARET HEDLEY BOOK SIGNING | 10:00 - 15:00 | TOWN HALL



Renowned author Margaret Hedley will sign copies of her latest book, "The Last Women of the Durham Coalfield," which explores the mighty roles women played in shaping daily life and trajectories of history in the region, just as women today are building their own futures in communities around the world.

This compelling read features a foreword by former First Lady Hillary Clinton and brings Margaret's family journey into the present, highlighting the impact of economic and industrial changes on people's lives in County Durham.

EXHIBITIONS | 10:00 - 15:00 | TOWN HALL GALLERY

Learn about and celebrate the diverse nature of our communities through the fantastic art exhibitions currently on display in the Town Hall Gallery.

'Art Cares', features artworks created by care-experienced young people, expressing powerful messages from their diverse perspectives.

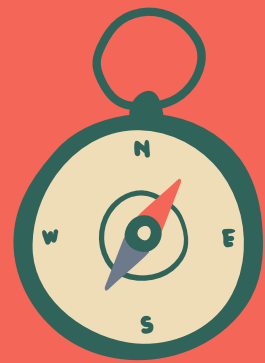
'Invisible Visible', is an illuminating exploration of the experiences of individuals with disabilities in the workplace.



HERITAGE TRAIL | 10:00 - 15:00 | TOWN HALL

Embark on the Bishop Auckland Heritage Trail and uncover the rich history hiding in plain sight.

Pick up a trail sheet from the Town Hall and set out to discover notable historical landmarks around the town, completing activities and immersing yourself in the fascinating stories behind each location as you explore.



VINTAGE SINGERS | 12:00, 14:00 | FIFTEAS VINTAGE TEA ROOM



Music has changed a lot in recent history, and will continue to change further. There's nothing wrong with celebrating the past however and we'll be jiving and a boogieing down to Fifteas Vintage Tea Room to hear renditions of our favourite songs from yesteryear.

Sink into a comfy seat, grab a cream tea and settle in for an afternoon bash that will have you running back the years!

THE BISHOPS | 10:00-15:00 | THE BISHOPS MUSEUM

We couldn't run a heritage event in Bishop Auckland without involvement from Bishop Auckland Football Club.

As one of the most successful amateur clubs of all time, The Bishops are stacked with history, and The Bishops Museum in the Market Place is the perfect place to learn about it.

The museum will be open for the duration of the event.



BISHOP AUCKLAND HORTICULTURE & PRODUCE SHOW | 12:00 - 16:00 | AUCKLAND CASTLE



Believed to have started in the Bishop's Park over 170 years, and once the second largest in the country, after the Chelsea Flower Show, the Horticulture & Produce Show returns.

This year, the show takes place on the castle bowling green, nestled in the shadow of St. Peter's Chapel. With a variety of classes, competitions, and captivating displays, along with a family activity tent and live music from The Ran Tanners, a duo performing traditional Georgian & Victorian tunes, the event promises to be a delightful weekend for all.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH | 11:00-15:00 | SOUTH CHURCH



2024 marks a big birthday for St Andrew's Church. Built in 1274AD, the church has since stood strong for 750-years!

St Andrew's is inviting you through its doors to share a moment of stillness and to explore & learn of its fascinating history. With numerous historically and spiritually significant features, the church is must-see for your full Heritage Day experience.



BISHOP AUCKLAND STREET FOOD MARKET
JOIN US ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, 4PM - 9PM, MAR - OCT 2024
FOOD & LIVE MUSIC | 27TH SEPT 2024, BISHOP AUCKLAND MARKET PLACE





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**Bishop Auckland
FARMERS' MARKET**
9 - 2pm, Sunday, 27 Oct 2024



Auckland Castle Grounds, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7NR





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**Bishop Auckland's
CHRISTMAS
TOWN**

29 NOV - 8TH DEC 2024
📍 **BISHOP AUCKLAND MARKETPLACE**



Join in with this journey of discovery and share your stories and memories of the town and its people. Enjoy free exhibitions and events whilst learning about our local history and latest findings!

This year's Heritage Festival is not just about looking back, but also sharing the joy of history in ways that are fun, accessible, and engaging for everyone.

Whether you're a seasoned history buff or just curious to find out more, our programme has something for you.

So, whether you're here to explore, learn, or simply enjoy the atmosphere, we invite you to dive in and discover what made Bishop Auckland such a special place, and why it remains so today.

Let's make new memories while celebrating the ones that have shaped us.

Margaret Hedley

Local Author & Historian

Thanks to our generous funders and deliverers, all events in this programme are **FREE**. However, events with this symbol (**B**) must be pre-booked at WWW.BACCANALIA.CO.UK - What's On.

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