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BISHOP AUCKLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

A QUICK HISTORY

It all started when theological students from Oxford and Cambridge University whilst studying at Auckland Castle, home of the Bishop of Durham in Bishop Auckland; formed a team known as Bishop Auckland Church Institute in 1882. A later dispute caused a breakaway team called Auckland Town to be formed in 1886/87 and it was from this upheaval that Bishop Auckland Football Club was eventually born. Eight days after its formation, the club chose royal blue with white facings and subsequently the light and dark blue colours of the original Church Institute representing the colours of Oxbridge.

Auckland Town were founder members of the Northern League in 1889 but left after its first season before returning as Bishop Auckland in 1893. Between 1893 and 1988, the club won the league championship a record 19 times. The first championship was claimed in 1898/99 with the club going unbeaten in their league campaign, winning nine and drawing seven of their sixteen league matches.

The most successful period in the Northern League came between 1947 and 1956 when the team never finished below second place. During this period, they were champions seven times and runners-up on three occasions

Following the tragic Munich air crash of 1958, three Bishop Auckland men went to assist Manchester United. They were Derek Lewin, Warren Bradley and Bobby Hardisty, who all played in United's Central league side in March that year. Bradley (an England amateur international) not only became a regular in United's 1st team but also went on to play at full international level.

In the FA Amateur Cup, the Bishops' record was without equal. They were in the final 18 times, winning the cup on ten occasions including a record three times in a row in 1955, 1956 and 1957. The Club were also semi-finalists on 27 occasions. When the (Amateur Cup) competition ceased in 1974, the Club was presented with a replica of the trophy in recognition of its outstanding record.

In the FA Cup the Bishops had memorable fights against Preston North End, Burnley, Wolves, and other league clubs. The best run in the competition was in 1954/55 when, after beating Kettering Town 5-1 (Home), Crystal Palace 4-2 (Away) and Ipswich Town 3-0 (home) after a 2-2 draw in East Anglia, they were defeated 3-1 by York City in a thrilling 4th round replay.

In 1988, almost a century after first joining the Northern League the Club decided to enter the non-league pyramid system via the Northern Premier League (NPL). The Bishops would spend 18 seasons in the NPL before returning to the Club's Northern League roots in 2006.

Off the pitch the Club formed itself into a limited company in 1997 but the key issue as the 21st century dawned was the Club's intent to move from its old home at Kingsway to a new site at Tindale Crescent on the outskirts of Bishop Auckland. Although the 'move' had been initially mooted in 1993, by the end of 2001 the Club was no nearer to achieving that objective and at the end of the 2001-02 season the Club finally left its spiritual home, and ground shares at Shildon, Spennymoor and West Auckland followed.

The Club continued to pursue its objective of getting to Tindale Crescent and obtained the maximum Football Foundation grant of £250,000 in 2004. In conjunction with national blue chip developer Terrace Hill the Club finally obtained planning permission for the new ground in November 2008. The new ground named Heritage Park was built for the Club by Terrace Hill and was an integral part of a massive regeneration project.

Heritage Park was officially opened in October 2010 with the first ever game being played against Middlesbrough the following month.



BISHOP AUCKLAND FC CLUB HONOURS

FA AMATEUR CUP						
<i>Winners</i>	1895/96	1899/00	1913/14	1920/21	1921/22	1934/35
	1938/39	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57		
<i>Finalists</i>	1901/02	1905/06	1910/11	1914/15	1945/46	1949/50
	1950/51	1950/51	1953/54			
FA DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP						
<i>Winners</i>	1891/92	1898/99	1930/31	1938/39	1951/52	1955/56
	1961-62	1966/67	1984/85	1985/86	1987/88	1996/97
	1998/99	2000/01	2001/02	2012/13		
<i>Finalists</i>	1890/91	1892/93	1893/94	1901/02	1925/26	1950/51
	1954/55	1956/57	1960/61	1986/87	1992/93	1993/94
	2003/04					
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE						
<i>Premier Division Runners-up</i>	1996/97					
<i>First Division Runners-up</i>	1988/89					
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP						
<i>Finalists</i>	1994/95	2000/01				
NORTHERN LEAGUE						
<i>Champions</i>	1898/99	1900/01	1901/02	1908/09	1909/10	1911/12
	1920/21	1930/31	1938/39	1946/47	1949/50	1950/51
	1951/52	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1966/67	1984/85
	1985/86					
<i>Amateur Champions</i>	1902/03	1903/04	1905/06			
<i>Runners-up</i>	1903/04	1914/15	1919/20	1921/22	1922/23	1936/37
	1937/38	1939/40	1947/48	1948/49	1952/53	1960/61
	1972/73	1978/79	1986/87			
NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP						
<i>Winners</i>	1949/50	1950/51	1952/53	1953/54	1954/55	1959/60
	1966/67	1975/76				
<i>Finalists</i>	1926/27	1933/34	1936/37	1939/40	1945/46	1955/56
	1960/61	1974/75	2017/18			
NORTHEAST FLOODLIT LEAGUE						
<i>Champions</i>	1980/81					
BEST PERFORMANCES						
<i>FA Cup</i>	Fourth Round 1954/55					
<i>FA Amateur Cup</i>	Winners on ten occasions					
<i>FA Trophy</i>	Quarter Final (replay) 1978/79, 1996/97, 1999/00					
<i>FA Vase</i>	Second Round 2014/15					
<i>Highest League Position</i>	2 nd in Northern Premier League (then level 6 th) 1996/97					
<i>Club Motto</i>	Tempori Parendum (one must move with the times)					

HERITAGE PARK WELCOMES BILLINGHAM TOWN



Good evening to everyone attending this 'Frank Pattison' Durham FA Challenge Cup tie as we welcome Billingham Town to Heritage Park.

Our opponents are looking to bounce straight back after last season's relegation to the 2nd Division and sit top of the league, like ourselves. They were dealt a horrible twist of fate in the summer when newly appointed manager Gary Pearson died suddenly so it is good to see them doing so well in light of this.

Saturday was a joy to watch, and I felt the way in which the team went about their business was a direct result of the great work the management team are doing with this talented squad of players. I feel we are in the middle of a key month of games that are coming thick and fast and tonight will probably be a good opportunity to change personnel around a little.

An away league game at Sunderland RCA follows next Saturday, and then we host Redcar Athletic a week tonight before the trip to Manchester to take on Bury AFC in the FA Vase on Sunday 23rd October – exciting times and it feels as if something special might be on the horizon, finally...

I feel it is important to try and keep the content of the matchday programme as fresh as possible throughout the season so please feel free to speak to me or e-mail any ideas/personal contributions to editor@bishopaafc.com

Enjoy the game and come on you Bishops!!

Editor – Gavin Hadden

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS



First of all, can I thank everyone for sticking by the club and supporting us through thick and thin and obviously we are 'over the moon' to be sitting top of the league at this stage in the season. I am so pleased for all the supporters, volunteers and sponsors for sticking by us and getting behind the squad.

It is a massive difference to last season and credit must go to Chris Hardy and Leon for bringing the new players in and getting the best out of them. It was great last Saturday after the game to see so many fans staying back for a drink which also contributes to the club's takings.

Obviously, there is a long way to go but with 14 league games played things are going far better than I thought and we are still in three cup competitions which we can look forward to.

We have a full 57 seat coach for our trip to play Bury AFC in the FA Vase a week on Sunday and I hear there are also several more buses organised in addition to supporters travelling by car so hopefully we get well over 100 cheering on the team against opposition that is regular getting in excess of 1,000 through the turnstiles.

Good luck to the team tonight and welcome to Billingham Town who are doing well in the second division and we hope to see them back playing in the first division next season.

Finally, thank you for the support for the 'Keith Gillespie' sports evening next week with over 100 tickets sold for the event!

Steve Coulthard



Frank Pattison Durham FA Challenge Cup R1

Bishop Auckland v Billingham Town

Tuesday 11th October 2022



Kick-off: 7.45pm

BISHOP AUCKLAND FC	Nick	Liversedge		George	Briggs		BILLINGHAM TOWN
	Ben	Errington		Jordan	Harkess		
	James	Risbrough		James	Winter		
	Bradley	Mills		Robbie	Bird		
	Dale	Milburn		Kyle	Bell		
	Craig	Gott		Paul	Braithwaite		
	Josh	Daley		Harry	Close		
	James	Fairley		Kyle	Davis		
	Matty	Weirs		David	Gordon		
	Wayne	Whitfield		Ben	Heeley		
	Louis	Johnson		Oliver	James		
	Dale	Elgie		Connor	Macleod		
	Reed	Molloy		Lewis	Murphy		
	Dan	Dixon		Andrew	Nelson		
	Ciaran	Banks		Matthew	Osmond		
	Brennan	Fitzpatrick		Thomas	Price		
	Dane	Burlace		Jack	Pounder		
	Niall	McGoldrick		Ben	Riding		
	Piotr	Banda		Keaton	Sturdy		
	Dylan	Rutherford		Alex	Snaith		
	George	Walker		Luke	Spalding		
	Marcus	Giles		Chris	Wallace		

Manager	Chris Hardy
Assistant Manager	Leon Carling

Craig Hughes
David Pounder

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Martin Conroy

Assistant Referees: Martin Dauber & Matthew Harwood

NEXT GAME AT HERITAGE PARK

vs Redcar Athletic Tuesday 18th October 7.45pm (Northern League)



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Guisborough Town 2-4 Bishop Auckland |05.10.22| Northern League Div 1

Guisborough Town: Dean, Cann, O'Sullivan, Fielding, Hood, Dillon, Bartliff, Scaife-Wheatley, Blackburn, Jackson, Blackford

Bishop Auckland: Liversedge, Burlace, Risbrough, McGoldrick, Errington, Mills, Gott, Weirs, Whitfield, Johnson, Giles

Bishops came from behind to produce a strong attacking performance at the King George ground and move into the 30 point bracket.

The home side capitalised on a stray pass on 10 minutes and an incisive pass let in Jackson who finished confidently.

Just after the half hour mark Bishops churned out a series of good chances with Weirs denied by Dean after not quite being able to round the keeper, and then Giles cut a frustrated figure as he fluffed his lines at the far post.

Louis Johnson uncharacteristically placed his effort wide of the post when bearing down on goal but just two minutes later the striker turned provider as he got on the end of a lovely pass and cut in from the right to roll the ball to Giles who placed the ball high into the net.

From virtually the next attack Wayne Whitfield turned the game completely on its head when he controlled a through ball and guided in a lovely shot which gave Dean no chance.

It could have been even better for Bishops at the interval, but Gott smashed a close range effort into the legs of Dean.

Bishops begun the second period in the same vein they finished the first half and Dean was now in inspired form as he tipped over a Giles header and Johnson produced a mazy run but his shot was blocked.

On 62 minutes Mills gave away the ball and McGoldrick committed a foul right on the edge of the danger area. Mohammed stepped up and lashed in the equaliser through the wall. Almost immediately Bishops came within a whisker of regaining

the lead when the excellent Johnson beat Dean to the ball and laid it on a plate for Giles to guide home, however a fantastic diving interception by a home defender meant the ball curled inches wide of the far post.

The chances kept coming and this time the home side were denied twice in quick succession, the outside of the post coming to Bishops' rescue and then Liversedge producing a top follow up save.

As both sides looked like cancelling each other out Johnson was pulled back in the box with four minutes to go and Gott fired the spot kick centrally with Dean already diving to his left.

The keeper was to finish the evening on a low note as a rampant Johnson chased a back pass and was given a gift of a goal to cap off a fine performance, jogging with the ball 10 yards to tap home the fourth goal and secure the points.

Bishop Auckland 2-0 Thornaby|08.10.22|Northern League Div 1

Bishop Auckland: Liversedge, Burlace, Risbrough, McGoldrick, Errington, Gott, Weirs, Whitfield, Giles, Johnson, Fairley

Thornaby: Hunt, Kenney, McAvoy, Jatta, M Frazer, J Frazer, Moore, Connor, Hutchinson, Davis, Hogan

Bishops produced an accomplished display to sweep aside a Thornaby side who included no less than five ex- two blues players in their starting line-up. An excellent start saw Bishops stamp their superiority on the game with Whitfield slicing an early effort wide before opening the scoring on 17 minutes from an inch perfect Johnson pass. The diminutive forward controlled the ball before firing across Hunt, giving the Bermudan goalkeeper no chance.

Nick Liversedge was a virtual spectator for the entirety of the first half and his side should have been at least a further couple of goals to the good with Gott going close with a free kick and Hunt producing several solid saves to deny efforts from Giles and Burlace. Fairley also found the side netting when well placed inside the box.

Bishops begun the second half with several attacks which were thwarted by the linesman's offside flag and on 58 minutes Liversedge finally had a shot to save as Thornaby threatened for the first time in the game.

Weirs struck the post with a curling shot from the edge of the box before a deserved second goal arrived when Giles beat several defenders before powering in a shot which flew high into the net, a superbly taken goal to the delight of the supporters in the 'tin shed'.



Fairley also found the frame of the goal late on which would have added some well-deserved gloss to the score line but everyone in a two blue shirt played their part in an 11th league win of the season. ***Photo – Peter Jackson***

2022/23 Fixtures & Results

Date	Match	Kick off	Comp	Result	Att
Sat 02/07/2022	Bishop Auckland v Middlesbrough	1:00 PM	FRI	0 - 5	1950
Wed 13/07/2022	Stockton Town v Bishop Auckland	7:45 PM	FRI	0 - 0	
Sat 16/07/2022	Bishop Auckland v Whitby Town	3:00 PM	FRI	0 - 3	
Tue 19/07/2022	Shildon v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	FRI	2 - 0	
Sat 23/07/2022	Bishop Auckland v Hebburn Town	3:00 PM	FRI	1 - 1	193
Sat 30/07/2022	Bishop Auckland v Pickering Town	3:00 PM	NL1	6 - 0	304
Tue 02/08/2022	Whitley Bay v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1	0 - 4	372
Sat 06/08/2022	Guisborough Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	FAC EP	0 - 1	364
Tue 09/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Carlisle City	7:45 PM	NL1	0 - 1	307
Sat 13/08/2022	West Auckland Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1	2 - 1	426
Tue 16/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Penrith	7:45 PM	NL1	5 - 0	230
Sat 20/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Kendal Town	3:00 PM	FAC P	5 - 2	274
Tue 23/08/2022	Seaham Red Star v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1	3 - 4	238
Sat 27/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v West Allotment Celtic	3:00 PM	NL1	3 - 1	302
Mon 29/08/2022	Bishop Auckland v Newton Aycliffe	1:00 PM	NL1	1 - 0	489
Sat 03/09/2022	Whitby Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	FAC Q1	5 - 0	485
Wed 07/09/2022	Crook Town v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1	1 - 7	487
Sat 17/09/2022	Bishop Auckland v Newcastle Benfield	3:00 PM	NL1	1 - 0	246
Tue 20/09/2022	Bishop Auckland v Northallerton Town	7:45 PM	NL1	1 - 1	316
Sat 24/09/2022	Sunderland RCA v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	FAV Q2	2 - 3	203
Sat 01/10/2022	Heaton Stannington v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1	0 - 2	384
Wed 05/10/2022	Guisborough Town v Bishop Auckland	7:45 PM	NL1	2 - 4	224
Sat 08/10/2022	Bishop Auckland v Thornaby	3:00 PM	NL1	2 - 0	364
Tue 11/10/2022	Bishop Auckland v Billingham Town	7:45 PM	DCC1		
Sat 15/10/2022	Sunderland RCA v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Tue 18/10/2022	Bishop Auckland v Redcar Town	7:45 PM	NL1		
Sat 23/10/2022	Bury AFC v Bishop Auckland	2:00 PM	FAV 1		
Sat 29/10/2022	West Allotment Celtic v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1		
Wed 02/11/2022	Northallerton Town v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1		

Sat 05/11/2022	Ashington v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 12/11/2022	Bishop Auckland v Whitley Bay	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 19/11/2022	Carlisle City v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 26/11/2022	Penrith v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 03/12/2022	Tow Law Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 10/12/2022	Bishop Auckland v Seaham Red Star	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 17/12/2022	Redcar Athletic v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Tue 27/12/2022	Newton Aycliffe v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1
Sat 07/01/2023	Bishop Auckland v Crook Town	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 14/01/2023	Pickering Town v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 21/01/2023	Bishop Auckland v Guisborough	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 28/01/2023	Bishop Auckland v West Auckland Town	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 11/02/2023	Whickham v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 18/02/2023	Bishop Auckland v Tow Law Town	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 11/03/2023	Bishop Auckland v Whickham	3:00 PM	NL1
Tue 14/03/2023	Newcastle Benfield v Bishop Auckland	7:30 PM	NL1
Sat 18/03/2023	Thornaby v Bishop Auckland	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 25/03/2023	Bishop Auckland v Sunderland RCA	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 08/04/2022	Bishop Auckland v Heaton Stannington	3:00 PM	NL1
Sat 22/04/2023	Bishop Auckland v Ashington	3:00 PM	NL1



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INTRODUCING THE BISHOPS' – SEASON 2022/23



Goalkeeper – Nick Liversedge – Apps 17

Now starting his fifth season with Bishops after signing from Shildon when manager Ian Chandler took over in the summer of 2018. Nick has an abundance of experience and is an excellent shot stopper who commands his box extremely well. Once again voted player of the season for 2021-22. Newly named club captain.

Goalkeeper – Piotr Banda – Apps 0

Dual registered with our reserve side Piotr has been with Newcastle Academy for many years.

Goalkeeper – Dan Dixon – Apps 1

Dan will provide additional cover to the goalkeeping position with many years of experience with the likes of Guisborough, Whitby and Billingham Synthonia.

Defender – Niall McGoldrick – Apps 11 / Goals 1

Niall was part of the Bishops squad in the 2017-18 season and returns after playing for Easington Colliery.

Defender – Dylan Rutherford – Apps 0

Dual registered with our reserve side, Dylan made several first-team appearances last season and has trained with the first team throughout pre-season.

Defender – Ben Errington – Apps 18 / Goals 1 – Sponsored by Stagecoach

Joins a new look Bishops' defence having spent last season at the heart of the Sunderland RCA backline. Previously at South Shields.



Defender – Dale Elgie – Apps 10 / Goals 3

Signed in June 2022, Dale is a combative central defender who was player of the season at Crook Town in 2021-22.

Defender – George Walker – Apps 0

George made his defensive debut v Middlesbrough in pre-season giving a great account of himself. A brilliant young prospect who is also with the clubs' U18 team.

Defender – James Risbrough – Apps 18 / Goals 4 – Sponsored by S Jardine Roofing

Chris Hardy's second summer signing, having featured against Bishops in the final game of last season for Guisborough Town. Can operate on the left side of defence or as an attacking fullback and comes with a great pedigree having represented the likes of Stockton Town and Whitby Town.

**Defender – Dane Burlace – Apps 17 / Goals 1**

Full-back who spent last season at Easington Colliery. Previously with Sunderland RCA and the Leeds Utd Academy

Midfielder – Bradley Mills – Apps 14

27-year-old who was transferred from Billingham Synthonia in time to make his debut in Chris Hardy's first game in the DCC v Gateshead Rutherford in October 2021. Previous experience at Whitby Town.

Midfielder – Craig Gott – Apps 17 / Goals 11 – Sponsored by MM & MG Electric Services

The first signing of the summer in May 2022 and a clear statement of intent by Chris Hardy. An exceptional player at Marske Utd over several years and the driving force in midfield that secured the seashiders' double promotion to the NPL Premier Division. Spennymoor Town and Darlington also count as Craigs' previous clubs. Newly installed team captain.

Midfielder – Ciaran Banks – Apps 18 / Goals 1

Signed in March 2022 from Northallerton Town. 21year old winger who made his debut from the bench away to West Allotment Celtic.

Midfielder – Dale Milburn – Apps 10 / Goals 3 – Sponsored by Castle Carpets

Dale made his debut from the bench against Newcastle Benfield in October 2021. The 24-year-old was previously with Sunderland RCA and scored a goal of the season contender against his former club toward the end of the 2021-22 season.

**Midfielder – Josh Daley – Apps 14 – Sponsored by Snapfast**

Signed in June 2022, Josh was at Billingham Town last season where he scored a spectacular free kick against Bishops'. Comes with huge promise and is a product of Hartlepool Utd's youth set-up.

**Midfielder – Brennan Fitzpatrick – Apps 1**

Signed in June 2022 Brennan played at Newton Aycliffe before joining Bishops'.

Midfielder – Andrew Stephenson – Apps 6

An experienced attacking midfielder, Andrew signed just after 2022-23 got underway. Previously with Marske, South Shields and Spennymoor Town.

Midfielder – Aaron Croft – Apps 2

Central midfielder signed at the end of August 2022. Previous clubs include Sunderland RCA, Hebburn and Seaham Red Star.

Forward – Louis Johnson – Apps 13 / Goals 11 – Sponsored by Bishop Five

Signed in June 2022 Louis played at Guisborough Town before joining Bishops'

**Forward – Matthew Weirs – Apps 17 / Goals 2**

Matty joins the club for a third spell having initially been a part of Colin Myers's squad in the early part of the last decade and can play in a variety of midfield and forward positions. Featured for Sunderland RCA last season.

Forward – James Fairley – Apps 18 / Goals 4 – Sponsored by The Masons Arms

James is another player who returns for a third spell at the club, where he has shown the Bishops' fans what he is capable of on his day, which is plenty of skill and spectacular goals. Part of Marske Utd's playoff-winning team last season alongside Craig Gott.

**Forward – Wayne Whitfield – Apps 16 / Goals 6**

A local lad who is 26 years of age. Joined from Willington Town midway through last season after his performances for the 2nd Division side had caught the eye.

Forward – Marcus Giles – Apps 5 / Goals 2

Joined the club permanently in September 2022 from Whitby Town, signing a 2-year contract. Impressed during a short loan spell during the 2021-22 season when he scored several goals.

Manager – Chris Hardy – Sponsored by Last Mile Logistic Solutions

Appointed in October 2021 with Bishops languishing second from bottom in the Northern League. A popular choice with supporters, Chris has a very good track record most recently with Whitby Town in the Northern Premier League and before that Northern League Guisborough Town with whom he transformed into a top 3 side.

**Assistant Manager – Leon Carling – Sponsored by the Pearson family**

Leon returned to the club as a coach after a couple of spells as a player, following a similar role at Sunderland RCA which he left to join up with Chris Hardy. A centre-half by trade he featured for Marske Utd, Guisborough Town, Billingham Synthonia and Sildon amongst others during a successful Northern League playing career. Leon will this season step into the Assistant Manager role.



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DATE	KICK OFF	MATCH	COMPETITION
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11/10/2022	7:30 PM	Chester-le-Street Town v Gateshead Leam Rangers	Durham Challenge Cup
11/10/2022	7:30 PM	South Shields v Washington	Durham Challenge Cup
11/10/2022	7:30 PM	Sunderland RCA v Darlington RA	Durham Challenge Cup
11/10/2022	7:45 PM	Bishop Auckland v Billingham Town	Durham Challenge Cup
11/10/2022	7:45 PM	Shotton Colliery v Jarrow [POSTPONED]	Durham Challenge Cup
11/10/2022	7:45 PM	Consett v West Auckland Town	Durham Challenge Cup
11/10/2022	7:45 PM	Chester-le-Street United v Billingham Synthonia	Durham Challenge Cup
11/10/2022	7:45 PM	Bedlington Terriers v Newcastle Benfield	Northumberland Senior Cup
12/10/2022	7:30 PM	Crook Town v Guisborough Town	Division 1
12/10/2022	7:30 PM	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion v Newton Aycliffe	Durham Challenge Cup
12/10/2022	7:45 PM	Brandon United v Winlaton Community	Durham Challenge Cup
12/10/2022	7:45 PM	Stockton Town v Easington Colliery	Durham Challenge Cup
12/10/2022	7:30 PM	Blyth Town v Whitley Bay	Northumberland Senior Cup

DATE	MATCH	RESULT	COMPETITION	ATT
08/10/2022	Ashington AFC v Tow Law Town	2 - 1	Division 1	446
08/10/2022	Bishop Auckland v Thornaby	2 - 0	Division 1	364
08/10/2022	Carlisle City v Newcastle Benfield	2 - 4	Division 1	125
08/10/2022	Crook Town v Sunderland RCA	0 - 2	Division 1	245
08/10/2022	Northallerton Town v Heaton Stannington	0 - 5	Division 1	210
08/10/2022	Pickering Town v Redcar Athletic	0 - 3	Division 1	113
08/10/2022	West Allotment Celtic v Newton Aycliffe	3 - 1	Division 1	82
08/10/2022	West Auckland Town v Penrith	4 - 2	Division 1	177
08/10/2022	Whitley Bay v Whickham	2 - 1	Division 1	395
08/10/2022	Seaham Red Star v Guisborough Town	1 - 1	Division 1	138
08/10/2022	Billingham Synthonia v Bedlington Terriers	3 - 3	Division 2	96
08/10/2022	Birtley Town v Esh Winning	3 - 3	Division 2	166
08/10/2022	Blyth Town v Horden CW	2 - 0	Division 2	84
08/10/2022	Brandon United v Billingham Town	0 - 1	Division 2	99
08/10/2022	Chester-le-Street United v Newcastle University	1 - 1	Division 2	42
08/10/2022	Jarrow v Boro Rangers	3 - 3	Division 2	94
08/10/2022	Prudhoe YC Seniors v Willington	2 - 0	Division 2	68
08/10/2022	Redcar Town v Boldon CA	1 - 3	Division 2	165
08/10/2022	Washington v Chester-le-Street Town	1 - 0	Division 2	108

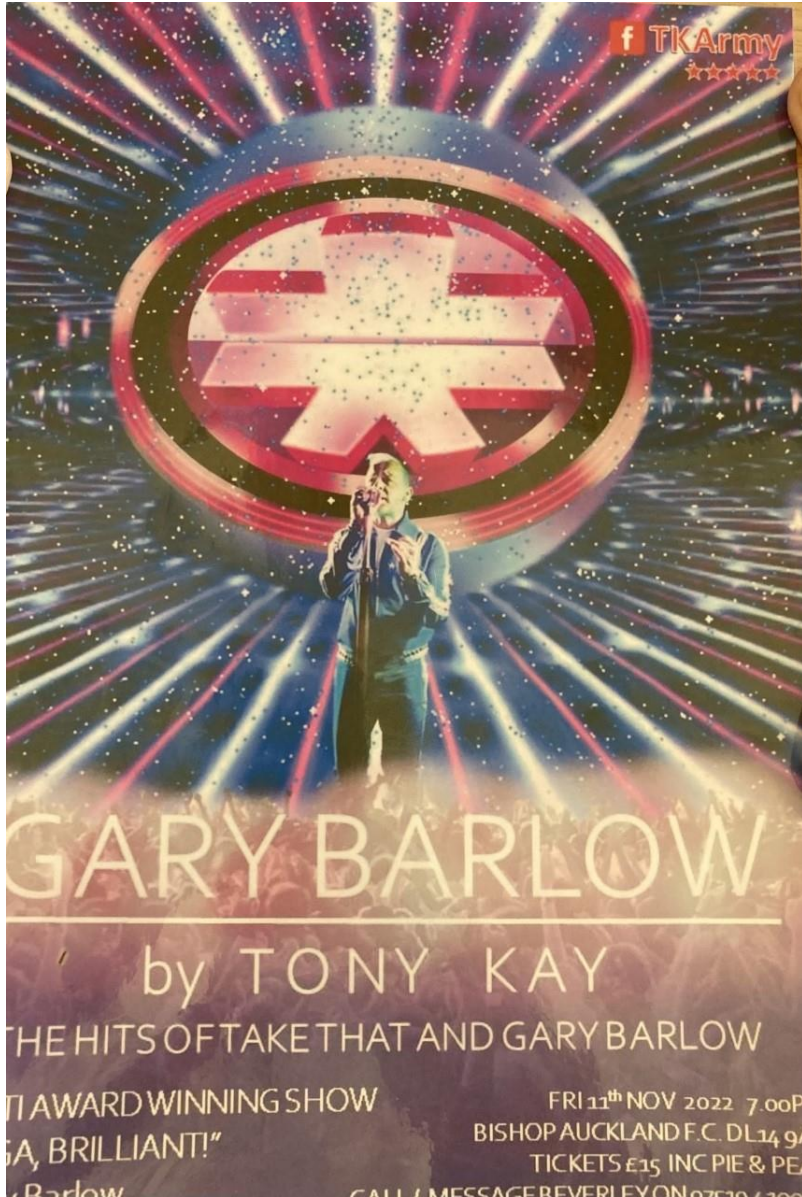
POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	FORM
1	Bishop Auckland	14	11	1	2	41	11	30	34	W D W W W
2	Whitley Bay	13	9	3	1	29	14	15	30	D W D D W
3	Newton Aycliffe	14	8	2	4	28	16	12	26	L W D W L
4	Sunderland RCA	13	7	2	4	21	12	9	23	W W L W W
5	Ashington AFC	8	7	1	0	23	5	18	22	W W D W W
6	West Allotment Celtic	14	7	1	6	26	20	6	22	W L W L W
7	Newcastle Benfield	13	6	4	3	23	19	4	22	L W D L W
8	Guisborough Town	12	6	3	3	24	18	6	21	W L W L D
9	West Auckland Town	14	6	3	5	22	21	1	21	W L D W W
10	Carlisle City	14	5	5	4	16	17	-1	20	L L D D L
11	Redcar Athletic	11	5	3	3	26	21	5	18	D W L W W
12	Whickham	11	6	0	5	16	16	0	18	L L W L L
13	Tow Law Town	14	5	3	6	26	32	-6	18	W W L L L
14	Heaton Stannington	12	4	2	6	18	16	2	14	W W L W W
15	Crook Town	15	4	1	10	19	37	-18	13	W L L W L
16	Northallerton Town	13	2	4	7	18	27	-9	10	L D D W L
17	Pickering Town	14	3	1	10	12	40	-28	10	W L W L L
18	Thornaby (-3)	14	4	0	10	19	24	-5	9	L L W L L
19	Penrith	14	2	2	10	11	33	-22	8	W L L D L
20	Seaham Red Star	13	1	3	9	10	29	-19	6	L L L D D

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	FORM
1	Billingham Town	16	12	1	3	59	23	36	37	W D W W W
2	Bedlington Terriers	15	11	3	1	46	15	31	36	W W W W D
3	Boro Rangers	15	11	3	1	38	17	21	36	W W W W D
4	Blyth Town	17	11	1	5	32	21	11	34	W L L L W
5	Horden CW	16	11	0	5	37	24	13	33	W L W W L
6	Birtley Town	16	9	4	3	50	24	26	31	W D L W D
7	Prudhoe YC Seniors	17	10	1	6	34	25	9	31	W W L W W
8	Brandon United	14	9	2	3	30	15	15	29	W W W W L
9	Billingham Synthonia	17	9	1	7	46	36	10	28	L L W L D
10	Boldon CA	17	8	3	6	40	37	3	27	L W W L W
11	Redcar Town	15	8	1	6	26	16	10	25	L W W W L
12	Easington Colliery	17	7	2	8	30	29	1	23	L W L L W
13	Chester-le-Street United	15	6	3	6	22	26	-4	21	L W W W D
14	Ryton & Crawcrook Albion	17	5	2	10	21	47	-26	17	L W W W L
15	Newcastle University	14	4	1	9	21	30	-9	13	L W L W D
16	Jarrow	17	3	4	10	19	36	-17	13	L L L W D
17	Esh Winning	14	3	3	8	17	33	-16	12	L L W L D
18	Sunderland West End	17	4	0	13	19	42	-23	12	L L L L L
19	Chester-le-Street Town	16	3	2	11	17	38	-21	11	L L W L L
20	Washington	18	3	2	13	13	40	-27	11	L L L L W
21	Willington (-3)	16	1	1	14	6	49	-43	1	L L L L L

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Heaton Stannington (Away) – John Cowey

It's over 70 years since Bishops last travelled to Grounsell Park in a Northern League Fixture, with the Two Blues running out 4-0 winners on that occasion before romping to a comfortable Northern League title, only losing one game that season. Meanwhile, Heaton Stannington resigned from the league at the end of the season having finished in the bottom three for the fifth season in a row. It's unlikely that any present on that day were at the match on Saturday, but if they were, they'd have been shocked at the ability to pay by credit card on the gate and the number of cars parked behind the goal, but likely that very little else will have changed.

The afternoon was bright and breezy with Bishops kicking into the wind in the first half. I made my way around the ground with the chattering of kids and parents on the "out of bounds" grassy bank to my right, and a tirade of filthy abuse from the home management team to the assistant referee on my left. The authentic Northern League experience. We watched from the side of the goal to avoid the netting, but most of the Bishops supporters stood behind the goal, sharing the space with the vegetable patches and greenhouses from adjoining houses which extended out onto the terracing.

Bishops struggled to deal with the offside trap in the early exchanges but took the lead with an excellent goal on 37 minutes when a low ball to Johnson was flicked behind and to his left to the advancing Gott who let the ball drop from its high bounce before smashing it home through the home keeper. 1-0.

We started the second half strongly but as the game progressed the home side came more into it and two great chances arrived with 15 minutes to go. The first, a good ball to the far post which was diverted just past the far post at full stretch, and seconds later Liversedge had to make a brilliant save from a one on one to preserve the lead. Soon after, and the game was done. Gott weaved through the home defence before slotting the ball home low to the keeper's left. Two excellent goals from Bishops' skipper.

Another good away win with the home side looking better than their current league position suggested and providing strong opposition, but Two Blues are flying and stayed top of the league for another weekend.

BILLINGHAM TOWN HISTORY & PLAYER INFORMATION

BILLINGHAM TOWN was originally known as Billingham Social Club and was founded in 1967 by Tom Donnelly and Robbie Cushley. Tom, who played in Town's first game back in 1968, has been secretary of Billingham Town since its conception until 2000 when he became President for life.

In 1968 Town joined the Second Division of the Stockton & District League and won the league title at the first attempt, playing at Mill Lane and the legendary slope – the top of the corner flag was level with the crossbar. Town stayed in the Stockton League until 1973 and won the Division A League title three times and the League Cup twice and also winning the Stockton Charity Cup twice.

In 1974 Town were admitted into the Teesside League and remained members for eight years. During this time they won the League twice (1978-79 and 1981-82) and were runners-up once.

In 1975 they were beaten finalists in the Durham Amateur Cup Final, but won the competition in 1976 and 1982.

In 1982 the club took the golden opportunity of joining the newly formed Second Division of the Drybroughs Northern League and changed its name to Billingham Town. After three years in the Second division Town gained promotion into the First Division but were immediately relegated back to the Second Division in 1986. However, they bounced straight back in 1987 and lost to neighbours Synthonia in the final of the Durham Challenge Cup a year later. Another relegation followed in 1991-92, but they regained their place in the top flight in 1997-98 and have remained there since.

After being runners-up in the Durham Challenge Cup in 1988-89 and 2001-02 Town eventually won the cup in season 2003-04 when manager Alan Robinson led them to a 3-1 victory over then UniBond side Bishop Auckland.

Since 1981, ground improvements at the Bedford Terrace ground have resulted in new dressing rooms, a cantilever stand, hard terracing behind one goal, hard terracing and covered accommodation opposite the main stand. A refreshment room and a re-turfed pitch surrounded by an 8ft boundary fence around 5.5. acres of land.

Bedford Terrace is now recognised as having one of the more attractive grounds in the North-East. Floodlights were installed in the 1992-93 season with the official switch-on match against Middlesbrough F.C. After sever gales blew down one of the pylons, Town installed new floodlights in 2003.

In the summer of 2007 Hartlepool United invested in Bedford Terrace and completely re-laid the football pitch to a depth of several feet and installed new drainage. The new pitch measurements and now exactly the same measurements of Pool's Victoria Park. Also behind the scenes there has been a total facelift with new showers and central heating being put in the dressing rooms.

The 2015/6 season saw the arrival of Manager Barry Oliver and assistant Graham Popple who brought stability to the club and managed a respectable finish

The 2016/17 season was one of the club most exciting in recent years with a FA VASE run saw Town knocked by Cleethorpe Town in the 4th Round proper. The Lincolnshire side went on to make the final only to be beaten by South Shields. Also that year Craig Hutchinson broke the record for goals scored with a total of 59.

At the end of the 2017/18 campaign, stalwart of the club and long running Chairman & Secretary, Peter Martin announced his retirement from all club duties.

2017-18 campaign saw the club rapidly decline off the field with volunteers leaving and attendances dropping dramatically.

In January 2018 the Billingham Town Supporters Trust was set up to improve facilities after an EGM of club supporters and volunteers. Reserves manager Paul

Beddow was voted in as the new Chairman of the Supporters Trust along with a committee behind him. The new committee immediately set about getting the club back on track which saw many ex-volunteers and supporters return and rally around the club.

At the end of the 2017-18 season, Manager James Hunter and his assistant Harry Taylor stood down from their positions, and the club moved swiftly to appoint familiar face Barry Oliver and ex-Thornaby manager Paul Edwards as a joint management team.

With a strong team off the field and stability slowly returning to the club, hopes were high for the 2018-19 season. The team went unbeaten in the league till February 2019 and won the Second division title on the last day of the season with an 2-1 win at Heaton Stannington, before a massive away contingent narrowly beating neighbours Thornaby FC to the title. Craig Hutchinson won the League Golden boot award with 43 goals

Billingham Synthonia coach Craig Haley, Carl Morris and Martin Bennington were added as coaches and Harrison Hudson as medical director. In late August 2019 Barry Oliver and Craig Haley left the club. The 2019/20 campaign saw the club end up 10th in Division one after the corona virus made the season null and void

The club moved to being an limited company in 2019 renamed Billingham Town Association Football club Ltd, a longer term development strategy was established for the club. Barry Oliver was appointed manager assisted by ex player Andrew Lambert, with Andy Lindridge. New under 18 and 23 teams were created to start an academy set up.

Paul Beddow stood down in June 2020 as Chairman and director John Tough took over the role as Chairman until November 2020 , Rob Fenby being appointed Limited company secretary and treasurer. Kevin Close was elected as Chairman with several new Directors

Last season 2021/22 saw grants being obtained for new perimeter fencing, car park, and clubhouse refurbishment. Pat Robinson was first team manager till

October 2021 when he stood down. His assistant Graeme Clark took over as manager however a lack of results saw the team relegated to division two.

The season 2022/23 saw Gary Pearson ex Ryhope CW manager appointed in early June 2022 accompanied by Craig Hughes and David Pounder as coaches. Tragically Gary passed away after a heart attack in late June the shock was felt throughout the NE football community. His coaches Craig and David have taken over for this season.

ROBBIE BIRD Busy midfielder, played for several clubs including Ryhope CW, scored on debut v Horden CW.

KYLE BELL Returning to Saturday football, played at Seaham Red Star previously, pacy winger.

PAUL BRAITHWAITE Former England Under 18 schools, Ryhope CW and pro cricketer at Hartlepool CC.

GEORGE BRIGGS Reserve goalkeeper for first team understudy to James Winter. Debut v Bedlington 20.08.22

HARRY CLOSE Promising young striker, third season at club. 19 years old in October, played for Hartlepool Utd first team last season in friendly v Dunston, presently coming back from injury.

KYLE DAVIS Another Ryhope CW recruit, dynamic midfielder with an eye for goal, plays cricket at decent level.

DAVID GORDON Former Ryhope CW player, left sided full back, strong all rounder brings experience to club.

LEIGHTON HARRIS Broke into first team last season from Town reserves, young midfield prospect scored couple of early league goals and has played in Hong Kong.

JORDAN HARKESS Commanding Goalkeeper signed from West Auckland late August 2022, previously at Ryhope CW, debut v Ashington in FA Vase.

BEN HEELEY Captained Reserves last season to promotion in Wearside league, strong young defender looking to force his way into first team, scored v Prudhoe YC in recent win.

OLIVER JAMES ex Hartlepool Utd youth team signed from Synners early September 2022 returning to Town after spells at Bishop Auckland and Thornaby, exciting young full back.

CONNOR MACLEOD Young defender, Wearside league promotion and cup win with the Reserves last season, exciting prospect, lives in Horden.

LEWIS MURPHY Re-joined Town late March 2022 after spells at Bishop Auckland and Tow Law, can play as striker or midfielder.

ANDREW NELSON Signed in late November 2021 from Middlesbrough FC where he played for the under 23 team as a centre back (playing 24 games with 3 goals) a quality defender played well last season in Division One.

MATTHEW OSMOND Ex Carlisle United defender or midfielder, managed Reserves last season to promotion and cup win in Wearside league, experienced player, full debut v Bedlington terriers 20.08.22

THOMAS PRICE Young left back, another from Ryhope Cw, made debut v Horden CW 30.07.22

JACK POUNDER Signed from Easington CW, experienced striker always a handful and in the goals, scored regularly in our opening games.

BEN RIDING Ex South Shields and was captain of Ryhope CW last season, leads by example and an imposing centre back.

KEATON STURDY Ex Hartlepool Utd youth team forcing his way into first team from the Reserves.

ALEX SNAITH Young left back, played last season, quick going forward, local Billingham lad, studying at Newcastle University and lovng the student life.

LUKE SPALDING Speedy winger, a great prospect, Peterlee lad, scored on league debut v Horden CW 30.07.22

CHRIS WALLACE Experienced midfielder, Ex Crook Town, Easington and Ryhope CW. Nicknamed 'Minter' due to his boxing links.

JAMES WINTER A vocal and experienced goal keeper, been at several clubs including a pro at Hartlepool Utd, Gateshead, Durham City and Ryhope CW.

(MANAGER) CRAIG HUGHES Former player at Crook, Shildon and Ryhope CW before management at Easington CW and Ryhope CW.

(ASST MANAGER) DAVID POUNDER Ex Ryhope CW coach.

(PHYSIO) JIM VIPOND Ex Ryhope CW physio and Mowden Park rugby union.

(KIT MAN) LEE SWEENEY Ex Hartlepool Utd player and took the role in summer 2021.

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- Launching of the '500 club' lottery in Jan 2017 where to date we have donated in excess of £10,000 to BAFC.
- Organise and subsidise away travel for supporters.
- Donated monies to charities of choice of our late Director Brian Watson and ex-player Jackie Foster.
- Sponsorship of home games, players kits and the BAFC official commercial brochure.
- Donations to help players get medical treatment and aftercare to regain fitness.
- Own a stake in BAFC by purchasing shares so we as supporters have representation at the AGM.

What benefits are available to Supporters Club members?

- Discounted travel on official Supporters Club transport to away games.
- Priority/discounted prices on official club events at the discretion of BAFC.
- Access to regular meetings and inclusion on SC mailing list to keep up to date with any latest news.

How do I join?

To become a member, complete the form below and return to a Supporters Club official or alternatively e-mail **supporters@bishopafc.com**:

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Why should I join the 500 club ?

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- Low cost to join only £5 per month this works out cheaper than most other lotteries / draws
- Better odds than most other draws with the max odds being 500:1
- Support a local community supporters organisation which is committed to improving all aspects of a local football club.
- Easy of play all monthly fees are taken by standing order meaning that you will never miss a draw.

How do I join the 500 club ?

It's very simple to join the 500 club, follow the 4 easy steps below:

1. Fill your details in the attached form
2. Read the rules of play then return to the club
3. Setup a standing order with your bank to pay xxxx your monthly membership fee of £5, this must reach us between the 1st & 23rd of each month.
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