NEW MAYOR FOR BISHOP AUCKLAND



New Mayor of Bishop Auckland, Cllr Sam Zair.

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"During my term of office I wish to fundraise

for two organisations, Alzheimer's Society, who provide dementia support in County Durham, as it is a cause close to my heart and Angel Trust as they are doing some great work to support our local communities within Bishop Auckland.

"I am planning a range of events, including an afternoon tea event, and a ball.

"I hope to release the dates of these very soon."

Last year's mayor and this year's Deputy Mayor, Cllr Siddle said: "It's an honour to be chosen as the Deputy Mayor of Bishop Auckland Town Council, so soon after being Mayor.

"I will support the Mayor during his term of office, and I therefore look forward to working together with the new Mayor for the people of Bishop Auckland."



The group enjoying a well-earned rest and spectacular views from the summit of Fairfield.

WALKING CLUB RETURN TO LAKES

AYCLIFFE FELL Walking Club, which picks up walkers in Bishop Auckland, made their second visit to the Lake District earlier this month for a very hot day of walking, reports Andy Jakob.

Patterdale to Ambleside involved several different routes from Grizedale Bridge, The Patterdale Hotel, Deepdale Bridge and Ambleside for those who preferred a circular walk

My group of eight set off from Patterdale with the target of the *Fairfield* summit at 873 metres.

It was tough going in the heat, but it wasn't helped when we missed an unmarked turn early on and had to backtrack to find the track up to *Birks*.

We took lunch just after the summit and moved on above *Grizedale Tarn* to *St Sunday Crag, Cofa Pike* and eventually *Fairfield* at about 3pm.

Each peak climbed was followed by a serious descent before climbing to the next, but we did it!

I tell you, the views were absolutely amazing from the summit of *Fairfield*. On looking west we could see four lakes and the sea beyond.

Here the group split up with two members taking the ridge route via Hart Crag and High Pike while the rest of us took the less direct route down over Heron Pike and Nab Scar into Rydal and thence on to Ambleside.

We arrived at Ambleside with very little time for refreshment whilst other groups arrived earlier and had plenty!

One group even spotted a male adder which had come out from between some rocks to check them all out!

It should be noted that AFWC outings involve enough choice so, if you are new to walking, you can choose a shorter walk whilst braver and more experienced walkers may choose the longer and more demanding routes.

The walks are not 'led' as such, but there are enough walk suggestions for everyone's needs at a cost (to cover the coach) of only £15 per person per outing. Annual club membership is only £10 per person.

The coach picks up walkers in Darlington, Aycliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe, Middridge, Shildon, South Church and Bishop Auckland, and frequently Barnard Castle and the Premier Inn at Stockton if on route.

If you are interested in joining us on one or more of our walks, visit our website at www. aycliffefellwalk-

ingclub.com and book a seat on the

coach using the online form.

The next walk is on Saturday 10 June from Ingleton and Chapel le Dale areas to Horton in Ribblesdale.

This will involve opportunities to climb *Inglebrough* and *Penyghent* (two of the Yorkshire Three Peaks) or opt for one of the lower lying and less challenging routes to Horton in Ribblesdale.

