

Bishop's *alive*

Nature • History • Art • Good Food



FAMILY FUN

SUMMER 2026



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THE
AUCKLAND
PROJECT



TALES ON TUESDAYS

Auckland Palace
Old Library

Throughout Summer 11am - 3pm
21 July to 25 August Free



Take a break in the beautiful surroundings of The Old Library and enjoy tabletop games and family activities, then gather round for Tales at 2pm, inspired by the people, places and legends of the Land of the Prince Bishops. Come for as little or as long as you like.

Auckland Palace
Gardens & Grounds

Throughout Summer
22 July to 26 August

11am - 3pm

Free



WEDNESDAYS IN THE GARDEN

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of outdoor family activities in the beautiful surroundings of Auckland Palace. Drop in for games, nature-inspired activities and time to explore the grounds, then join us at 2pm for a guided family activity inspired by the Palace's landscapes, wildlife and stories. Come for as little or as long as you like.

FAMILY FRIDAYS

Auckland Project
Sites & Spaces

Explore centuries of history, art, faith and culture through hands-on activities for young people and families. Discover the stories of Romans, Vikings, Tudors, Prince Bishops and more as our expert teams bring The Auckland Project's unique heritage sites to life.

Throughout Summer
24 July to 28 August

11am - 3pm

Free with entry

OPEN ART SPACE

This summer, Open Art Space moves to the purpose-built Artists' Hub, bringing a vibrant programme of free, drop-in creative workshops for families and visitors of all ages. Try printmaking, painting, craft and more, inspired by our collections, stories and exhibitions.

The Artists' Hub
Thurs, Fri & Sat
30 July to 29 Aug

11am - 3pm

Free - Drop-in

Something special is
coming to Bishop -
details coming soon...

KNIGHT SCHOOL

Meet Antony Bek: Crusader, Knight, Prince Bishop and King in the North. Join his ranks for an interactive outdoor session, hone your battle skills and find out what life was like in Medieval Auckland.

Booking required

Auckland Palace

Wednesday - Sunday
12th - 16th August

£10.50 per child

See website
for times



SUMMER AT BINCHESTER

Binchester Roman Fort
Throughout Summer
19 July to 28 August

Climb the ramparts of our hay-bale fort, try your hand at Roman sports and games, and craft your own mosaic or pottery.

Roman Ruins. Family Adventure. History brought to life.

10am - 4.30pm

Free with entry



MEDIEVAL MAYHEM

Auckland Palace Grounds

Saturday 22 August

10.30am - 3.30pm

Free Entry

Experience early medieval living history, birds of prey, crafts, and live music, with a hands-on 'Boot Camp' for young Knights, and food and drink fit for a Prince Bishop.



ROMAN COMMOTION

Binchester Roman Fort

Sat 29 to Mon 31 August

10am - 4.30pm

Free with admission

Charge into a weekend of re-enactment bringing Rome's military might to life! explore ancient crafts, and see how archaeologists uncover the past at this remarkable Roman site.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Auckland Palace Grounds

Sat 26 & Sun 27 September

11am - 4pm

Free Entry

Enjoy the traditions of the harvest season, with live music, crafts and hands on activities for all ages, alongside the Bishop Auckland Horticultural and Produce Show.



DUCK TRAIL



Auckland Palace Grounds

Throughout Summer

10.30am - 4pm

Free with admission

The garden ducks are on the loose! Pick up a trail sheet from Auckland Tower, hunt them down around the Palace, 'quack' the code, and claim your prize!