

Auchenblae Messenger

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From The Editor

I must first apologise for some errors this time. My computer has decided to go its' own way at times, for instance instead of quotation marks I get the @ sign. Once again my thanks go out to all the contributors. Without you there would be no Messenger. It is frightening to think that in mid November i will be collecting for the December, Christmas edition. Where does the time go? I can be reached at bar-pollybar@gmail.com or on 320911.

Enjoy all the different things happening in the village until then.

Barbara Strouts

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The Next Memo is scheduled for October 2018 if you have any upcoming event dates please send them to :
auchenblae_memo@hotmail.co.uk or call Lindsay on **01561 320242**. by 24th September 2018

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This is now the 4th issue that has not been distributed by paper means and I have only had a few requests for a paper copy. These should be ready within a week of publishing the electronic version.

Thanks,
Kevin

Remembering a friend no longer with us

Twenty years ago, we retired to live in Auchenblae for a quiet life(?) At that time the Post Office was going full swing under the direction of Mrs Ruby Coull. There was also a very well stocked shop, selling useful things like tights, scarves etc. Mrs Coull was a mine of information, she seemed to know everyone in the village but never gossiped about anyone. I knew that a couple whom we had known in Cults had come to live here but we had no address for them. Mrs Coull immediately supplied it. By chance they lived up beyond our house so we could contact them and we stayed in touch with them after they moved away.

As the years went on we came to know Mrs Coull as Ruby and discovered she was Welsh. Having met her husband when she was in the WRENS and he was in the Navy they came to live in Auchenblae where he belonged and poor Ruby couldn't understand a word anyone said till she had lived here a while then she eventually took over the Post Office and the Post Office House above it. It was sad when decisions were made to close village post offices. Despite "consultations" which took place in the village hall, our PO was closed but luckily the house belonged to the Coulls!

Ann Rennie

The image contains two main parts. On the left is a hand-drawn style map of Auchenblae village. It shows various landmarks: Dountockie Castle and St. Pallasus Church, Bowbig Green, Isabelle's, THE DEN, The Brae, Auchenblae Village Hall, Auchenblae War Memorial, and Auchenblae Park. The map includes a compass rose, a scale bar, and several numbered circular markers (155, 186, 199, 157, 197, 211, 212, 213, 156, 271) scattered across the area. A small logo for 'NEOS north east open studios' is in the bottom left corner, with the text 'Full guide at northeastopenstudios.co.uk' below it. In the bottom right corner of the map area, there is a small 'ROCK' logo with the text 'ROCK thehill.co.uk'.

Isabelle's at The Pavilion

Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept 10th - 14th 2018

teas & coffees | licensed bar | daily specials
home bakes | vegan & gluten free

Enjoy a stop at Isabelle's in Auchenblae's beautiful Den as part of our NEOS art tour!

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Auchenblae Christmas Market

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018

✿ 6.30-8.30PM | AUCHENBLAE VILLAGE HALL
MONBODDO ST, AUCHENBLAE, AB30 1XQ

featuring fantastic products by

*local artists, artisans,
crafters & traders*

including homeware, gifts, decorations, books, woodcraft & much, much more!

Tickets

Adults - £3.50 | 12-18 year olds - £2.00 | Under 12s - Free

Family Tickets (2 adults + 2 Kids 12+) - £10

*a mince pie and mulled wine
included with every admission!*

For more information, visit us on Facebook:



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all proceeds to benefit Auchenblae Pre-School Group

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Auchenblae Friendship Group



But any road is tough to me that has no friend to share it.

We have recently lost three very good friends in Mary Craig, Ann Smith and Ruby Coull, all members of the clubbie and very supportive of all that we do. We have now started up again after the summer break and have put together what I have been told is a very good programme. Don't just take my word for it but come along and see for yourselves. You don't have to be a native of the village to join. Many of us are incomers. We have had members from Laurencekirk, Fordoun and even have one from Aberdeen when ever she can come. We have people who are staying with relatives in the village and join us while they are here.

Loneliness is becoming more frequent as families are split up. It can be difficult to admit to it. We can offer FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN, the 3 Fs for a couple of hours a week, Wednesday morning 10.00 to 11.45 in the Church Hall. Transport can be arranged and we can cope with disabilities and wheel chairs. Ring **Barbara on 320911** or talk to any member. Have you noticed the new installations by the Doctor;s surgery? They are a fun way to help you to keep fit. Only a short time on them is of benefit. Give them a try.

What a mercy it is that friends don't notice that either of you are getting older.

Auchenblae Guild

We were all saddened to hear that we are to lose June Scott very shortly. Most members will know her as our treasurer but she was so much more, as the Guild committee can verify. It was June who kept us all on the straight and narrow. She is a brilliant organiser for coffee mornings, fashion shows, Christmas. You name it, she sorted it. Both she and Jim will be very much missed and we wish them all the best for their future life at Boat of Garten.

The Guild will continue but in a different form. It is most appropriate that our new strategy is One journey, many roads, and for this year we will be Seeking the way. Last year was very successful, especially our Wedding Dress event. How to follow that? We hope to have something in place in the spring. We will continue with Carols, Candles and Christmas Pies. It is so much a part of the festive season in Auchenblae now. Our first meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday 19th September at 2.00pm in the Church Hall and will be in the form of a Welcome Back. We hope to see as many members as possible, and hopefully some new ones at that meeting.

HAVING A BIT OF TROUBLE!**or AS YOU DO! OF A KIND**

Woke up this morning
after a bad night's sleep, (yawn)
Reached into my pyjama bottoms
pocket for a handkerchief to wipe the
sleep from my eyes; (yawn)

As you do!

After two attempts trying to find
the pocket in my pyjama bottoms-
'Where the devil is it?'

I thought, frantically feeling for the
pocket in my pyjama bottoms;

As you do

Instead what I found was
a slit, a tear? In my pyjama's
at the rear;

'That's funny, I haven't had these
pyjama's five minutes and there's
A hole in them!'

Feeling somewhat annoyed about
finding a hole;
As you do.

Once more feeling around for the
pocket in my pyjama bottoms,
At the rear I found a button,
Thinking to myself-
'A button, what's that doing there?
Using a wet flannel to wipe the sleep
from my eyes;
As you do..
It was at that point the penny
dropped;
Obvious!
There wasn't a hole worn in my pyja-
ma
bottoms at all!
I'd put them on back to front!
Feeling a right prawn;
As you do.
I put them on the right way around...
'Shush!- Don't tell anyone!
Will you...?
Wee Willie Winkie
In his nightgown smiled.
The pyjama bottoms groaned.

Auchenblae Bowling Club

Bowling along - still time to have a go.....

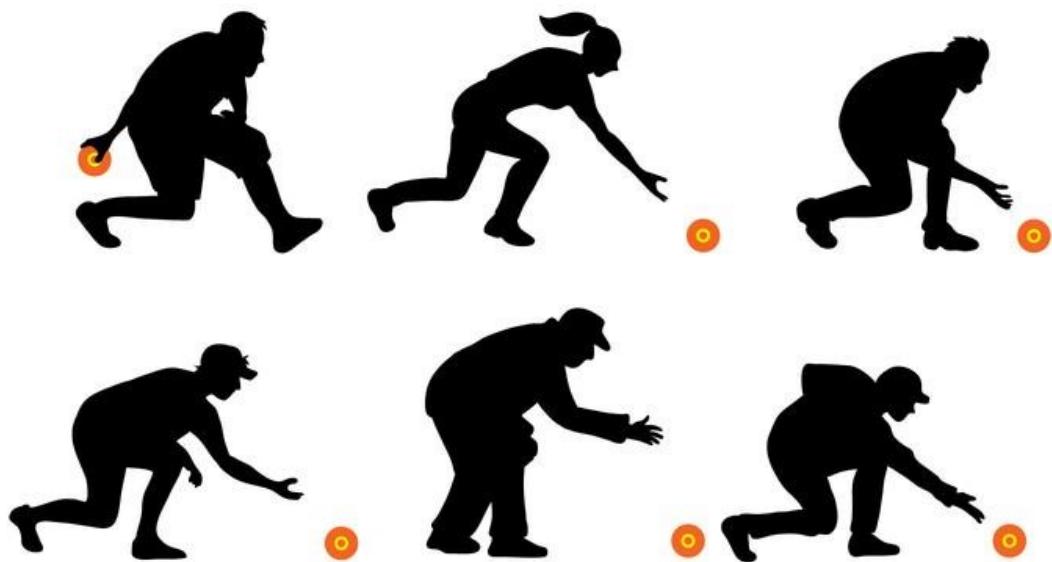
September brings the last few playing sessions for Auchenblae Bowling Club before we close the Green for the winter.



If it stays dry, we play on till late September so if anyone fancies a late chance to try both their swing arm and aim, do come to the Auchenblae Bowling Club green at the Den on a Tuesday afternoon 1.15pm or Friday evening 6pm with flat shoes. We'll provide you with bowls to have a go so you can consider whether it might be your game of choice in 2019! To find out more phone club chairman George Wilson on 07985 593374 or message the club's Facebook page Auchenblae Bowling Club.

Sun shone more often than usual this season bringing us the tonic of an increase in membership with the arrival of 3 new members plus a celebration of Bill Aitken's 58th season of membership which we honoured with a special presentation award to him by the Club. We also welcomed 2 visitors whom we hope will be able to join our club next year.

Our thanks go to the greenkeeper and Vincent who have done a grand job greatly appreciated as this year has seen the green's considerable improvement while we recommend rolling would be good for next season. We've also suggested an idea for improving the Pavilion: if possible to test applying an anti-slip surface coating to reduce skid hazard for all users of the Pavilion when a shower sends



AUCHENBLAE ART SHOW

Friday 31st August – Sunday 2nd September
2018



AUCHENBLAE VILLAGE HALL

PREVIEW EVENING Friday 31st August -18 years & over 7 – 11pm
Cheese and wine / beer (1st drink free) Tickets £10.
Luxury Hamper Raffle.

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd September 2– 4pm Tea/Coffee and Home-bakes. Adults £3 under 12's £2 and pre-school free.

A display of work from local artists, a social get together with original, affordable art available to buy over the whole weekend.

For Friday Tickets & further information contact **Alice 320081**

alicemorgan@btinternet.com

PUB QUIZ NIGHT

7 SEPTEMBER | 19:30
AUCHENBLAE VILLAGE HALL

Come join in the fun at our PUB QUIZ NIGHT!
Teams of 2 - 6 are invited to battle it out for prizes
and to raise funds for Auchenblae Pre School

RAISING
FUNDS
FOR APSG!

**£5PP TICKETED OR £6PP ON DOOR
£3PP NON-PARTICIPATING GUESTS
WELCOME DRINK INCLUDED WITH EVERY ADMISSION!**

Tickets available from The Brae Cafe, Auchenblae
or contact Laura : 07585702718



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Quiz taster (and no, it won't be the same questions!!)

1. The Nutty Narrows Bridge in Washington, USA, is a bridge for the safety and protection of what?
2. Which word describing leggings that are made to look like skin-tight denim jeans entered the *Oxford English Dictionary* in 2011?
3. Which sex symbol first appeared in the 6 minutes long 1930 film *Dizzy Dishes*?
4. Which word, originally meaning dried dung hanging from the wool on a sheep's rear end, is commonly used in colloquial Australian English to refer to an entertainingly eccentric person with poor social skills?
5. What is Lord Hereford's Knob?

Answers below



1. Squirrels
2. Jeggings
3. Betty Boop
4. Dag
5. A mountain (in south-east Wales)

NEOS 8–16 September 2018

north east open studios

THIS YEAR OUR LOCAL ARTISTS ARE JOINING OVER 250 ARTISTS OPENING THEIR STUDIOS TO VISITORS THROUGHOUT THE NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND.

HERE ON THE MEARNS TRAIL WE HAVE:
HELEN FORREST, KAREN HADJITOFI AND VAL THOMSON
BETWEEN ARBUTHNOTT AND FORDOUN.
SHELIA MOIR AT FORDOUN MEMORIAL HALL.
JENNY WATT COLBECK AND JOANNE McCALLUM
AT BRIDGEND STUDIO AUCHENBLAE.
CATH ROBERTS, WENDY PAGE AND FIONA HADDOW
AT DENMILL ANNEX AUCHENBLAE.
KATRINA MCINTOSH AT GALLOQUHINE AUCHENBLAE.
MARGARET PITT, APRIL PRESSLEY, BEL McCOIG AND
SANDY NOBLE AT CRANN TARA STUDIO TEMPLEHILL
NEAR AUCHENBLAE.
AND MICHAEL SAMSON AT THE BUNGALOW DRUMLITHIE.

FOLLOW THE YELLOW SIGNS DURING THIS NINE DAY
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BRIDGEND STUDIO AND OTHER VEN-
UES IN THE MEARNS.

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Auchenblae Pre-School



**Growing in our garden, learning in our playroom,
thriving in our community**

2s Group
Ages 2 - 3
Monday & Thursday
1 - 3pm

Pre-School
Ages 3 - 5
Monday to Friday
9.15 - 12.25

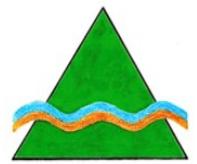
Baby & Toddler Group
For parents and their children
Pre-birth to 2
Auchenblae Church Hall
Mondays 10.30 - 12.00

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Auchenblae Parks Committee



As the summer draws to a close it's been lovely to see how busy the Den and surrounding areas have been over the last few months.

Auchenblae Den

Thank you to everyone who has visited the Den and to those who made a donation towards the upkeep of the facilities the Parks Committee are responsible for.

We were lucky to be awarded a grant from Tullo Wind Farm that allowed us to purchase new play equipment for our younger members of the village.

Thanks to all who tidied up after themselves, and cleared up after their dogs too, the bins have certainly been well utilised over the summer months!

Please continue to clean up after your dogs, the bins are emptied on a regular basis. And a quick reminder to keep dogs on a lead while in the play / gym areas.



Auchenblae Pavilion

If you would like to hire the Pavilion for a party next year (April to October, weather permitting!) please send me an email with details of proposed dates/times.

Auchenblae Football pitch

The football pitch area has had a new fence put up - higher at the football goals to stop balls escaping from the pitch onto the road and the bushes at the far end! The area has been used lots this year after the very kind gesture of local resident, Ian Buchan, to paint and replace both goal nets, at his own expense, for the village to use. Thank you Ian

We always welcome new ideas and suggestions, as well as new members to join the Parks Committee. If you would like to join the committee we meet once a month, for around 1.5hrs, at the pavilion during the summer months and the village hall at all other times.

Clare Ptaszek

Correspondence Secretary clare@ptaszek.co.uk

Auchenblae Golf Course is delighted to offer discounted membership for the remainder of the 2018 season.

This allows unlimited play until 31st March 2019.

Membership Type:	Cost:	Discounted
Full	£180	£120
Senior (65 and over)	£170	£110
Junior 1 (8 - 15 years old)	£40	£20
Junior 2 (16 – 17 years old)	£75	£37.50
Youth (18 – 21 years old)	£100	£50
Parent & Junior	£200	£130

If you are interested in becoming a member, please get in touch by:

- Email auchenblae@outlook.com
- Visit the pavilion
- Check out our Facebook page

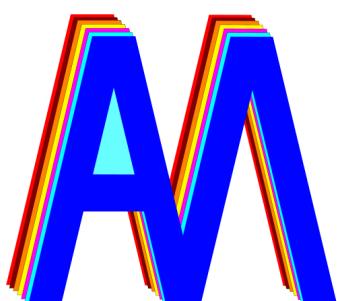


Dates for your diary

Art Show	Hall	31st August - 2nd September
Pub Quiz	Hall	7th September
Christmas Market	Hall	30th November



Check out the social community network online, advertise events, book the hall, promote your group and lots more: [www.http://theblae.org/](http://theblae.org/)



Also, did you know the Auchenblae Messenger is available online for convenient reading or ex-residents wanting to stay in touch. Find us at www.mearns.org/auchenblae



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