



THE AUCHENBLAE MESSENGER
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AUCHENBLAE COMMUNITY



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THE SEPTEMBER MEMO.

Please leave your information in the Post Office, or contact Ann Rennie at Mernis Howe by Monday 22nd September.

Please note that the next edition of 'The Messenger' will be published during **October 2003**. The closing date for inclusion in this edition will be **20th October 2003**.

If you have access to e-mail please send to: themessenger@mearns.org

Otherwise, hand to Donald Rennie— Mernis Howe. If you have access to a word processor, a floppy disc version (PC only) would be appreciated.

Thanks from all the team!



SWRI AUCHENBLAE BRANCH

Thursday 4th September 2003

Visit to "The Blairs Museum" Aberdeen
Tea and biscuits will be served

Cars will leave the square at 6.30 pm

Names to Joan (320215) by 30th August 2003 please

Competition: Jar of Raspberry Jam

Duty Committee Member: Anne Fotheringham



Pre-school Group Sessions

Begins again in the Mutual Hall on Wednesday 20th August 2003 at 10:00 am for all details please refer to the village **Notice Board**

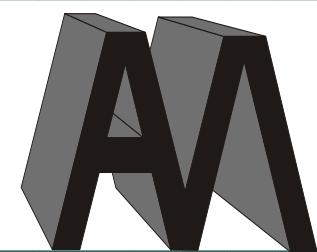
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Editor's Comments

Welcome to the 29th edition of the Auchenblae Messenger and, as usual, thank you for your continued support.

The Summer Season, as ever, brings with it a somewhat fallow period in terms of reportage for the Messenger. However, as Summer gives way to Autumn (you know that feeling), so all the various community activities and events start coming to the fore again.

With all this in mind, it has been decided to present this edition of your magazine much more in the style of the Messenger Memo.

The format of the Messenger has long been under discussion and, for a trial period at least, we shall try a memo style monthly production, and dependant upon community participation we would like to produce a "bumper" edition of the Messenger to cover the Christmas Season.

Please note that the Messenger Production team will be holding its **AGM on Thursday 25th September at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall**. Please come along with your ideas and help support our Community Magazine

Meanwhile, I hope that you will enjoy reading your copy of the Messenger. Ross Muiry

Auchenblae Racquet Group

Are planning an end of season tournament for ALL juniors who would like to take part. To defend last year's title, or try your hand against other players whether or not you come to the coaching sessions. Give your name to Gina Easter (320269) or Carol Shea (320748) and watch the Village notice board for dates.

1st Auchenblae Scout Group

Are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 10th September at Auchenblae Primary School from 6.00 to 7.30 pm. Come and see what modern day Scouting is about and enjoy a simple BBQ while browsing group activities and information. A brief AGM will end the evening. **We need help to keep this lively group going. EVERYONE is welcome.**

Auchenblae O.A.P. Fund

As usual we shall have a **Fund Raising Stall** at the **Mearns Vintage Vehicle Show**. This will be held at the **Edzell Base on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September 2003**.

(**Anyone wishing to purchase jam before the event** please contact Margaret Jameson at Allenbank or by phone on 320353. Empty jam jars will be much appreciated)

Mearns Vintage Vehicle Show

Will be held (on grass) at the **Edzell RAF Base** on **Saturday 6th, and Sunday, 7th September 2003**.

If you can help with transport of goods, please contact Bob or Margaret Jamieson at Allenbank or on 320383. Please come along and lend your support.

Auchenblae Guild

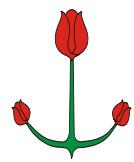
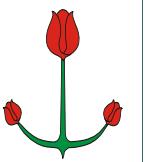
Auchenblae Guild (West Mearns Parish Church) will begin the new session on Wednesday 17th September at 7:30 pm in the Church hall. All will be made very welcome.

On Saturday 27th September at 7:30 pm in the village Hall there will be a return visit by the **Perth and Strathspey Society** with another programme of Scottish fiddle and accordion music.

Auchenblae Over Sixties Friendship Group

Continues to meet every Wednesday in the Church Hall at 10:30 am

The School Bus will continue to provide transport and will be at the various pick-up points starting from 10:15.

**Auchenblae Friends of ANCHOR****Stovie Dance**

Saturday 4th October 2003
Starting 8:30 pm in the Village Hall

Auchenblae In Bloom

I am sure all who walk or drive down the village will enjoy the tubs of beautiful flowers planted by the Community Association and kept watered in this glorious summer weather by those whose windows overlook them.

It is good to see so many colourful containers and hanging baskets. A.R.

Auchenblae Indoor Bowling**AGM**

Will be held on Monday 8th September at 7:30 pm in the Den Pavilion.
All Welcome.

**Auchenblae Heritage Association**

AHA would welcome new members this autumn. Next year sees the start of an exciting new project in conjunction with the Community Association, involving new paths around the village.
For details, contact Charles Gordon at The Willows - Tel .no. 320371.

The AGM will be held at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall on Monday 1st September.

Prior to the meeting at 6:30 pm, we will meet at the Old Hearse House, some two minutes walk from the Church Hall on the left hand side past the former manse keeping on the main road and at the earthen track to the right of the road. Does anyone know who owns it? Do you have any ideas on it's restoration.



After the AGM, **Ian Bell** will give a talk on "Heritage Walks". Everyone is most welcome.

Gillian Siddons, Secretary 01561 320200

"What's it all About?"

"Alpha! " And, as the old song further asks - "Is it just for the moment we live?"

Alpha looks at the deeper meaning of life through an exploration of the Christian faith. The 5th Auchenblae Alpha includes lunch (creche if needed) and will start late September with an introductory video. After that, you can decide whether or not to sign on for the 10-week course, which is free.

Please contact Bren Gordon by September 10th at the latest on 320371.

Auchenblae & District Community Association**Annual General Meeting**

On Tuesday 9th September 2003

At 7.30 pm in The Mutual Hall

**COME ALONG - YOUR PARTICIPATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

The association is run by a committee elected each year to effectively organise fund raising for the management and day to day running of the village hall and to appraise village concerns. The hall provides a well maintained focal point for all village activities and a fitting venue for private functions .

The main fundraising is from the Gala Week, the annual Art Show and catering for Drumtochty Games but new ideas are always welcome. Meetings are held once a month to discuss both hall issues and anything that affects the community and to initiate any action necessary.

There is a sense of achievement in working for the community and - just as important - it can be hard work, but fun!

Art Show

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Art Show, Friday 5th - Sunday 7th September.

Friday evening - *Cheese & Wine, Saturday and Sunday afternoons - Teas and Home Baking.

Excellent entry of local talent. *Tickets for Friday evening on sale at Post Office and from Committee members. The Art Show will include a display of photographs - entries welcome - also exhibits from Auchenblae Primary School.

**An Auchenblae Cookery Booklet**

Auchenblae Community Association are proposing to produce a booklet 'Favourite Recipes from Auchenblae'. Contributions are being co-ordinated by Elizan Fyfe, Denmill, Auchenblae. If you have access to a computer your recipes on disk would be helpful, but if not, please send in writing to Elizan with your name and telephone number.

Auchenblae Christmas Card -

In conjunction with **the Art Show**.

To enable us to make a display of the photograph entries for the Christmas card it would be appreciated if all photographs (unmounted) are submitted to: Jenny Thomson or Susie Brown **no later than Monday 1st September**. Thank you.

**Auchenblae School PTA**

August 19th School starts back. Hope every one had a nice holiday. **Swimming and football** will continue again this year more info will come home once the school starts back.



Keep collecting **old cloths etc for the Blue Bags** they will be back at the start of November. Any **old ink cartridges** would be appreciated, please send them into school.

Voting forms will be arriving at parents homes to elect the new PTA committee please complete and return to school as soon as possible. Thank You.

Light House

Light House starts again on Sunday September 7th at 11 a.m. until 12 noon for fun and games, treats and Bible stories. Age range 5 - 12 for both boys and girls. Phone 320371 for more information.

