

Auchenblae Messenger

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From The Editor

It is amazing how quickly each new publication date for the Messenger comes around. We could not publish without you, the people of Auchenblae. It would be nice to have articles from more of you. You could write about anything. I always look forward to seeing what arrives.

The next issue will be for June and I will be collecting from mid May If you would like to contribute I can be contacted at barpolly-bar@gmail.com



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Memo Date

The Next Memo is scheduled for April 2017 if you have any upcoming event dates please send them to :
auchenblae_memo@hotmail.co.uk or call Lindsay on **01561 320242**. by 20th March 2017

MESSANGER & MEMO DISTRIBUTION TEAM

We are always looking for volunteers
to assist in distribution. It doesn't
take long and you get some exercise
& get to meet
people—how good is that!
Please contact Ann Anderson on
320524 to help



Auchenblae Guild

The Guild continues to have a good attendance at it's meetings, with interesting speakers and the fellowship of friends. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the church hall at 2.00pm.

Before our next meeting quite a few of us will be joining with members from other churches in the district for the World Day of Prayer in the Dixon Hall in Laurencekirk on Friday 3rd March at 2.00pm. This is what it says it is, a World Day of Prayer. It is interdenominational and anyone can attend. Quite a few of us will be there from Auchenblae.

Our next Guild meeting will be on Wednesday 15th March when the speaker will be Mr Dave Ramsey, a man very much into the local history of the area. He is a popular speaker everywhere.

On Saturday 18th March is our spring Coffee Morning and Fashion Show. Our Autumn effort was very successful and with your support this could be too. See elsewhere in this publication for details.

You are very welcome to join all our activities

Kincardine & Mearns Citizens Advice Bureau has launched its rural transport campaign 'On the Right Track?'

We feel it is important to further our research into this topic and understand community opinion on how day to day life is impacted by rural transport, positively and negatively.

Jump on board with our online survey or drop by at KAMJAM, our community meetup to discuss ideas and solutions on 4th March, Stonehaven Townhall.

We thank you for any feedback you provide, this will be fed into national and local campaigns. Hope to see you on the 4th! Details found at www.kamcab.org.uk/news-and-updates

KAMJAM



Saturday 4th March
Drop In - 10am - 3pm
Stonehaven Town Hall



NEAR
FOR
YOU KINCARDINE AND MEARN'S
 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Come JAM with us at KAMCAB to
make solutions & spread ideas on
how we can make
PUBLIC TRANSPORT BETTER

Ingredients
 People of Kincardine & Mearns,
 Ideas & Solutions, Positivity,
 Tea & Cake

SURVEY
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StonehavenKAMCAB **@KAM_CAB** **#KAMJAM** **#track**

Auchenblae Community Fund

A reminder that all groups in the area will be able to apply for funds through the Midhill Community Benefit Fund again this year.

Application forms will be available on the theblae.org website or a copy can be emailed to you after 1st May 2017. Hard copy will also be available from midhillfund@gmail.com or phone 07984 235329. (Please note that you may be asked to leave a message – someone will get back to you ASAP.)

The amount has not yet been confirmed by Fred Olsen, the developer but is likely to be in the region of £30,000 plus a £4,000+ carry over from this year.

Please note that only 2 entries will be accepted per group.

Closing date for entries is 31st August 2017.

Panel members will also be required! To be on the panel you should be:

- **A nominated representative from a recognised village organisation – parks, heritage, ACA, youth organisations etc.**
- **An independent representative from the village community.**

A minimum of three members from the existing panel will be carried forward.

If you are interested on being on the panel please email midhill-fund@gmail.com or phone 07984 235329. (Please note that you may be asked to leave a message – someone will get back to you ASAP.)



Auchenblae Friendship Group



It is a well known fact that many people suffer from loneliness which can lead to depression and other health issues. The stimulation of being with other people can alleviate these problems. That is what we are for at the Friendship Group. We meet every Wednesday in the church hall from 10am to 11.45am. Quite a lot of time is spent just having a wee blether but we do have a lot of other activities. We try to be stimulating at all times.

Believe me when I say that anyone is very welcome to join us. Don't sit at home all alone all the time. At least once a week join with us for a feeling of real fellowship.

For more details phone **Barbara at 320911**



Family Bingo Night.....Calling all Bingo Heads!!!!!!

Auchenblae Primary School will be holding a Family Bingo Night.

Place : Auchenblae Village Hall

Time : 7pm until 9pm

Date : 31st March

Funds from this event will be shared between Auchenblae Primary School & Friends of Anchor. Friends of Anchor are based in Aberdeen Hospital & support families when a loved one is struck by cancer. Their support is much needed where a parent has the heart break of leaving their child/ children behind.

To support the event there is also a raffle hamper in Auchenblae Stores. We would be grateful for any prize donations, bottles, chocolate or other.

Please drop any items into the shop & they will be passed on.

Entry tickets will go on sale via the shop on 1st March priced at £2.00

Bingo books will be available on the night along with dabbers

Auchenblae Guides



GIRL GUIDE THINKING DAY 2017

Girl guiding and Scouting celebrate and think of Guides and Scouts around the world on 22 February every year. This date was chosen as it was the joint birthday of Lord and Lady Baden Powell. Mearns District units joined together for an afternoon of campfire songs, craft and of course food, which was French goodies.

At the end of the afternoon each unit "did a turn" to entertain their Guiding friends. Auchenblae Rainbows sang Everywhere we go, getting louder with each verse, not difficult for our girls. Our Brownies, suitably dressed in nightwear with their teddy bears did 10 in the bed, well it was only 7, with actions, brilliant, the old ones are the best. As only a few Guides attended, they all joined with leaders to do 12 days of Guide camp my mother sent to me, huge laugh each time it got to the poor Guide with 5 spare pants, wearing and holding BIG white pants (no not mine).

For anyone new to area we have Girl guiding and Scout units running in Auchenblae for children, but if any adults are interested in helping run a unit or as an occasional helper or to teach a craft we would love to hear from you, you don't have to have been in Guiding or Scouting before.

As long as you are over 18, ladies only for Guiding and be prepared to do a disclosure, it's not just the children who have fun, and it's a great way to meet new people with shared interests. Contact me and I will point you in the right direction.

Evelyn Richardson 320382



WEST MEARNS PARISH CHURCH

Thank you to the Mearns Community for the way in which you supported the Christmas Programmes. The Schools were absolutely delightful and the Christmas Tree festival hosted by the Auchenblae community was a huge success. Thank you to those who left the trees for our celebrations. It made such a difference.

Easter is approaching and we want to extend a warm invitation to community of the Mearns. Join us as we tell the story and celebrate these moments.

YOU'RE INVITED

LENT STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 7 Signs of John



01st March ASH WEDNESDAY

#1: Changing water into wine at Cana

John 2:1-11

08th March

#2: Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum

John 4:46-54

15th March

#3: Healing the paralytic at Bethesda

John 5:1-15

22nd March

#4: Feeding the 5000

John 6:5-14

29th March

#5: Jesus walking on water

John 6:16-24

05th April

#6: Healing the man blind from birth

John 9:1-7

12th April

#7: The raising of Lazarus

John 11:1-45

VENUE: THE MANSE FETTERCAIRN AB30 1UE - TIME: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

RSVP Email: BSmith@churchofscotland.org.uk Tel: 01561 340203

EVENING TEACHING SERIES

We are starting our Evening Teaching Series after Easter. Every Sunday @ 18:30

There will be details at the Church and Village notice boards. You are always invited

Kind regards

Brian

PASSING DAY

When oft at dusk I sit
in the comfort of my chair,
To sit and gaze with
untroubled stare-

At a departing evening light
slowly passing in crimson
flare;

Then, how I treasure that
moment I see a lone bird
wing home in the soft of
evening light,

As across the Mearns homely
nooks to their warm hearths
burn bright;

Under epic starlit heavens
that decree a velvet night
lease,

Cairn o' Mount heights in
quiet solitude lie, tranquil
and at peace.

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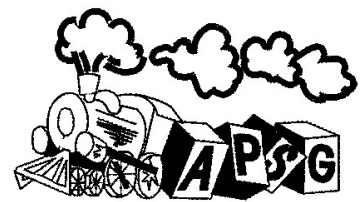
DOWN TO THE WOODS

I'm off down to the woods again
where beech and the tall oak stand,
To wander free along moss strewn
paths of nature's canopied wood-
land;

I'm off down to the woods again
where ladies of the woods pose
silvered to the day,
Down to where the aspen gossip to
the wind as I ramble about my way.
I'm off down to the woods again
to listen to a chorus of feathered
lyres,
And to meet a new dawn rising to a
scepteed spirit that is Kincardine-
shire.

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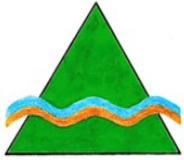
Auchenblae Pre-School Group



There is a Nearly New Sale to be arranged in the hall sometime in April but we don't have the exact date yet.

We are holding a 50 bird Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot on Sunday May 14th near Fettercairn. There will be DTL and 2-man flush and a "Have a go Stand" for those that wish to have a shot. Lots of prizes and fun to be had with a BBQ too.

There will be a Vintage Afternoon Tea held in the village hall, date TBA.



Auchenblae Parks A.G.M.



Come along and make a difference to your village

As a resident of Auchenblae and surrounding district, you are invited to attend this important meeting.



Our aim is to provide Auchenblae with the best recreational opportunities, within our means.

Last year the Activity Net and Outdoor Gym were installed.

This year another exciting project is just about to start!

Are you willing to be part of this team?

Come along and do your bit:

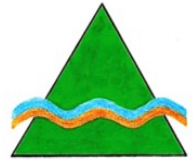
Share in decision making and plans for the coming year;

Help with the management and day to day running of the Golf Course; The Den; The Football Pitch; The woodland areas etc. etc. .

When? Tuesday 28th February at
7.30pm in the village hall



Auchenblae Parks Committee



Annual Work Day in the Den Saturday 25th March from 10am

We've avoided the holidays this year so we hope you are able to come along and help to get the Den ready! Many hands make light work!

If you, and your family, enjoy and make use of our beautiful Den, in any shape or form, then please spare a few hours to help the members of Auchenblae Parks Committee get the area ready for the summer months ahead.

Lots of jobs to do, energetic or otherwise

Paths to repair, Holes to fill;

Bark to spread in the Adventure Playground; Leaves and branches to rake and remove; Brambles to cut back; Play equipment and Den signs to wash; Debris to remove from the burn; Tennis Courts; Bowling Green and Putting Green to prepare; Bamboo to remove in the Dam; Roses to trim; etc. etc.

Jobs suitable for all ages and abilities

As always we will welcome our energetic and capable youths who can help with some of the more physical tasks. Those now less able, but who have done their bit in the past, are especially invited to come along and join us for refreshments. The Kettle is always on.

We treat our workers to an informal soup and sandwich lunch as well as coffee and tea breaks whenever the need arises - and that's usually quite regularly!

Please remember to bring your own tools if possible, barrows are definitely needed, lawn rakes, forks, wellies, rubber gloves, spades and secateurs, depending on the kind of work you choose to do.

Thank you in anticipation of a fantastic turn out this year - hope to see you there!
p.s. If the weather is just too bad we'll try again next day.

Auchenblae Village Hall warmer already!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Midhill fund and sterling efforts from Sandy Noble organising surveys & getting quotes & ensuring the work was done, our lovely hall is now fully fitted with secondary double glazing. This discrete fitting ensures that the façade of the hall is not compromised and the units can be opened easily for cleaning.



This installation is the first stage in insulating the hall and the effects should be noticeable for anyone attending a function. The Community Association will be monitoring the electricity consumption to see the effects. Another grant application will be made this year to enable us to carry out further insulation work.

Wheelchairs

Auchenblae Church is in possession of two wheelchairs in good condition. They are to be used for church purposes, but also for anyone who has a short term need of a wheelchair, perhaps for visiting relatives. David Galbraith is the man to contact should you so wish

This has recently come to hand. Is there anyone else out there willing to have a go?

A sort of Acrostic

After a busy day a place to relax.
Under the hill a sheltered spot.
Country walks to refresh the soul.
Happy times for all to share.
Enjoyable walks in The Den.
Never fail to see a friendly face.
Birds singing wherever you go.
Linger by the burns and in the Glen.
A lovely village in a lovely spot.
Evening peace after a busy day.

Anonymous

Please join us for Coffee



Your chance to sit
back, relax, and
enjoy the
Parade of Fashion
by 'Encore'
in Auchenblae vil-
lage Hall Satur-
day 18th March
Kettle on from
10 am till noon

Savoury Take-Away; Books;
Produce Stall & Raffle
Adults £3.50: School-age £1.50

Dates for your diary

Parks AGM	28th February	7.30.p.m	Village Hall
Parade of Fashion	18th March	10a.m.	Village Hall
Family Bingo night	31st March	7p.m.	Village Hall
Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot	15th May		Fettercairn



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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