

The

# Auchenblae Messenger

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## Dates for your Diary

### **May**

1st	Den opening day
23rd	Kids and Kites
24th	Walking Treasure Hunt
25th	Quiz Night
26th	Car Treasure Hunt
28th	Children's Parties
29th	Gala Day in the Den

### **June**

12th	Heritage Society Outing
26th	Drumtochty Games

Also the Tennis Courts Centenary Celebration to be held mid June.

**Deadline for next issue is  
15th August 2010**

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## From the Editors

A very short issue of the Messenger this month, not many articles submitted at all. Perhaps, as was stated by a local resident at last year's AGM, there is no need for more than the Memo. Please let us have your thoughts on this, either by email to [a\\_blaemessenger@btinternet.com](mailto:a_blaemessenger@btinternet.com) or speaking to any committee member—Kevin Newstead, Annie Thow, Ann Rennie, Anne Anderson, Eddie Cairns or Susie Brown.

There are a few events on this summer, the gala during the last week of May, Drumtochty Games and the centenary of the tennis club is to be celebrated.

This of course is not the only centenary to be celebrated this year, a special lady in the village will reach her centenary on December!

On behalf of the Messenger team may we wish you all a good summer with lots of sunshine and dry days.

*Annie and Susie*

### **Corny Joke Corner**

What do you get if you cross an elephant with a fish?

Swimming Trunks!

### **Contributors this Issue**

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## Auchenblae Guild

We have come almost to the end of another Guild season. There have been some very interesting meetings with enjoyable speakers, who have given us plenty to think about.

We do have a few more goodies during the summer. On Wednesday May 5th it is the Council Rally at Ardoe House. We are promised an excellent meal, and an interesting speaker. The following Wednesday, May 12th it is the combined Guild supper at the Clatterin' Brig. This year it is hosted by our friends from Fettercairn. In early summer Auchenblae are hosting the Guild link lunch with members of Ferryhill Guild. This is always a very happy day and we hope that as many as possible will be able to attend. The date, and more details will be announced later. On the 28th August the annual meeting will be held in the Caird Hall Dundee. A bus is provided and if anyone is interested please contact June on 340482. This is always an enjoyable day with excellent speakers, and a real feeling of fellowship.

We are a very active Guild and new members are always welcome. This also applies to you men out there. It is no longer an exclusively womens guild, and we are beginning to see more men at the various functions. Do give us a try.

**Barbara Strouts**



**Scarecrow Information**  
 Posters around village  
 Entry Forms in Village Hall noticeboard

### Auchenblae Christmas Card

Anyone who has a photograph/picture they wish to be considered for the 2010 Christmas Card please post your entry in the box provided at all gala week events.  
 Please remember to include your contact details

Thank You

## Auchenblae Heritage Society

Monday 1st March saw a packed Church Hall (no seats left!) hear a joint presentation on, "Our Nissen Huts" by David Addison and Malcolm McCoig. In preparation for this talk, information and reminiscences were sought and much appreciated from Charles Gordon, Tom Welsh, Vera Watson and Charlie Smith. The meeting was preceded by a very short AGM when thanks were given for their contributions to the two outgoing committee members, Hazel Wiseman and Sallyanne Morrison. The new member is Sheena Auld who brings with her a wealth of knowledge to a committee which now has a very strong local input - exactly as it should be.

As a natural follow up to the military aspect of the Nissen Hut talk, this year's excursion will be to the Montrose Air Museum on Saturday 12th June. Details of time and transport will be announced later.



The photo shows the good turnout for the Nissen Hut talk with David Addison standing on the left.



### Auchenblae Friendship Group

We hope that we will be able to get through to the summer break without any more disruption due to weather. We continue to meet on Wednesday mornings from 10.00—11.45a.m. We enjoy a cuppie, friendship and various activities. We try to cater for as many tastes as possible. We are open to anyone who is at a loose end on a Wednesday morning. Transport can be arranged. Please call Barbara (320911) or Sheena (320424) for further details.

Barbara Strouts



# 100 Years!

1910—2010



## Auchenblae Tennis Courts Centenary

This year Auchenblae Tennis Courts are celebrating 100 years since their opening in the Den. A mid June event is planned to mark this extraordinary milestone. In order to make this a truly memorable occasion we are looking for any of the following:

Volunteers – to help with the organisation, or just to help on the day.

Ideas – how can we celebrate this occasion in a special way?

Past players – are you one? If so, we would love to hear from you.

Look out for more details on the notice board and in the local press.

Contact Gina Easter (320269) or Margo Titmuss (320808)



### Mearns Community Council

At the AGM held in March 2010 the following people were elected to serve as representatives for Auchenblae.

Shirley Castles  
Trevor Hodgson  
Susie Brown

Please get in touch with any of them if you wish any issue raised on your behalf.