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Auchenblae Senior Citizens fund have had a busy first half of 2008 with our regular coffee mornings and Easter hamper.

We started the second half of the year with a coffee morning at Jeans house on the 21st of June.

Our next event is our Family sponsored walk. This will take place on the 20th July leaving the square at 10am. The route will take us around Drumtochty glen, this is a much easier route than the one we've taken previous years and we'll be stopping for lunch so pack some 'sarnies'. The distance is just over 5.5 miles. Sponsor forms are available from Jean, Wendy and Tracey.

The first weekend in September will see us at Edzell vintage rally at Arnall farm. We shall have a stall selling bric a brac and home baking. Any donations of either can be collected by us over the couple of months so start sorting out your unwanted bits and bobs now!

Many thanks for all your support so far this year and keep your eyes open for event posters in the usual places.

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Auchenblae Heritage Society

We had a really enjoyable trip to Bill Bruce's collection of Mearns Heritage artefacts housed at Newlands near Stonehaven. In numerous huge barns!!! It was really quite amazing. He loves collecting, restoring and showing interested people round - (donations to Anchor Unit at Foresterhill) and this has further inspired us to keep up the search for the Auchenblae Heritage Centre. Any ideas will be gratefully received.

Gillian Siddons
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**WHO KILLED
THE POP
STAR???**



Auchenblae Drama Group has done it again. I was very fortunate to be a member of the audience in their most recent production, an evening of one act plays based on two short stories.

‘Last Tango in Auchinblae’ was a short comedy about the local dramatic group being in dire trouble with dwindling theatre numbers and lack of funds and so ensues their hilarious attempts to remedy this by using the age old saying ‘sex sells bums on seats’!

The cast’s style was never disappointing and their comic timing was spot on as they all bounced ideas off each other. Joyce (Natasha Kerr) was wonderful as the enthusiastic member who would rather have been performing in a musical rather than a drama, and Bernard’s (Simon Leigh) lack of enthusiasm and pessimistic approach to everything gave Gordon (Craig Sandeman), a real run for his money as he tried in vein to invoke renewed commitment for their next project. His fabulous impact on the group even gets Margaret (Gayna Sandeman) offering to reveal her marvellous assets to the audience which in turns guarantees a turn around in the Dramatic Societies future fortunes!

..... The second play was ‘Overtime’, a black comedy reflecting on the early retirement of ‘Albert’, the longest serving member of an engineering works company. Albert (Roy Vobes) is brilliant as he sadly reminisces over his experiences during his career which has been shaped by the people he has worked with and the influences they have had on his time at work.

Poignantly there is Mrs Sullivan (Judith Houghton), who missed out on being the love of his life and who is utterly hilarious as she confides in her kindly and genuine fellow colleague ‘Julie’ (Tracey Harrison-Lewis) and reflects on her relationship with Albert.

Throughout the party ‘Mrs Sullivan’ becomes very drunk and has a complete change of character as her prim and proper ways are swept aside and she declares her unrequited love for Albert, if only she had made a different choice! But it is all too late.....

Frankie (April Pressley) has the most difficult role of all playing the colleague with a split personality and she gives an amazing performance of a tortured soul struggling to listen to the other voice in her head and constantly wondering if she was doing the right thing.

Employee Kevin (Craig Sandeman) was very, very funny and made me laugh out loud as he portrayed an almost caricature of a Scottish football fan obsessed with sex!!! He attempts to liven up the party with a spider prank but it all comes to an explosive head when Albert is found swinging!!! from the rafters....and I don’t mean playing an adult party game!

Well done to Vhari Saville and Judith Houghton who directed the plays with great insight and integrity whilst never losing sight on the importance of delivering a play that makes people laugh and cry!

The commitment by the real Auchenblae Drama Group is excellent and their range of wonderful actors and actresses will ensure that we have many more wonderful performances to come from this talented bunch. I am looking forward to their next production already!

Donna Allan

Auchenblae Tennis Club— Summer Tennis Camp

Auchenblae Tennis Club will be running a week long tennis camp during the summer at the Auchenblae Den courts. The sessions will be divided into the mini tennis coloured groups as follows (approx ages also indicated);

REDS 4-6 years old 9.30 – 10.30am

ORANGES 7-9 years old 10.30 – 12.00pm

GREENS & YTHS 10 years + 12.00 – 1.30pm

Every Day From Monday 28th July 2008 to Friday 1st August 2008

Price for the week	REDS	Club Members	£12.50	Non Members	£15.00
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O’s, G’s & YTHSs	Club Members	£15.00	Non Members	£18.00
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Either book a place in advance or just turn up on the day. Please be punctual if you would like to participate and remember appropriate footwear is essential.

Further information / booking: **Gina Easter 320269 / Wendy Byres 320640 / Carol Shea 320748**



A Programmes of some memories from the past from Jenny Thomson

Variety Concert in the Village Hall 29th May 1998

7.30 Playgroup	Tiny ones, accompanied by some mothers and leaders,
	Ross Sloan, David Roberts, Neil Murdoch, Josh & Sam Geddes, Jack Marsden, Callum Mair, Jack Sellars, Brian Grant, Josh Hendry, Calum Stephen, Lauren Jamieson, Alister Thow, Malcolm Kirk, Kerry Watson, joined by the 'Rising Fives' Andrew Murdoch, Craig Watson, Michael Chapman, Hannah Bulman, Sophie Mathers, Adam Milne, Gordon Sellar, and Lyndsey Thow singing "Two Fat Sausages" and "Two Little Dicky Birds"
	<u>Off stage at front to parents</u>
7.40 Rainbows	Line Dancing
	Lauren Geddes, Ffion Pirie, Philippa Watson, Jade Williams, Megan Tailford, Donna Milne, Madeline Riddell, Amy & Lana Tarras, Sophie Mathers, Hannah Singer, Justine Bremner, Camilla Henderson, Christine Strouts
	<u>To small seats at front of hall from bar door after applause</u>
7.45 Brownies	Nicola Johnston, Rachael Benstead, Veronica McCormick, Stacey Stephen, Emma Geddes, Catriona Young, Loi Louise Thow, Amy Singer, Caroline Bulman
	A poem entitled "Sea Song"
7.50 Hamish Muiry	12 years old playing Amazing Grace on his recorder
7.55 Brownies	"The Tin Can Band"
8.00 Donald	A solo on the violin of his own composition entitled 'Auchenblae'
	<u>Break for Refreshments</u>
8.20 Guides	Performing a contemporary dance entitled "Wild Cat"
	Elizabeth Galbraith, Kirstin Dumphie, Amanda Singer, Ashley Symon, Sarah Harris, Hayley Pirie, Catherine Nicoll, Kimberley Cruickshank
	<u>Out stage door and in to back of hall quietly – seats reserved</u>
8.30 Gillian Kirk	Gillian's family recently took over the Thistle Hotel. Originally from Oban, 12 year old Gillian sang in a prize winning choir at the Gaelic Mod. Singing recent release "Perfect Day"
8.35 Hamish	Playing "Danny Boy" on his tin whistle. Hamish was born in County Down, Northern Ireland etc. etc
8.40 Donald Rennie	Another of his compositions entitled "Mernis Howe"
	<u>Break for raffles</u>
8.50 Kevin	A comedy sketch
8.55 The Girls	Kelly Masson (15), Mhari Bruce and Jane Watson (both 17)
	Singing John Lennon's "Let it be"
9.00 WRI Ladies	Musical trends through the ages
	Interlude with Anna Cameron on her accordion
	Auchenblae's very own Spice Girls!!
	<u>Kiddies from the audience to be helped up on to the stage</u>
	<u>to sing it once again with the Spice Girls!!</u>

Vote of thanks

Editors Comment: This was submitted by Jenny Thomson to rekindle memories of a variety concert held 10 years ago. We would love to hear any recollections or see some photos of the concert, so please drop any in to the Messenger or to Jenny.



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Auchenblae Messenger Supplement—MONTHLY MEMO

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
27/9/08	“Who killed the Pop Star?”	Village Hall	7.30 p.m.
13&14th/12/08	“Santa & the Vikings” Auchenblae Drama Group Pantomime	Village Hall	Sat. 7.30 p.m. Sun. 2.00 p.m.

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SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ANN RENNIE, ‘MERNIS HOWE’ Tel. 01561 320622 By 18th July 2008

Kids Art Classes

At Bridgend Studio, Auchenblae with Jenny Watt Colbeck

Summer Holiday Classes

7-9 years old	Tuesday 5 th August 2008 10.00-11.30am	Cost £10
	Wednesday 6 th August 2008 10.00-11.30am	Cost £10
	Thursday 7 th August 2008 10.00-11.30am	Cost £10
10-12 years old	Tuesday 12 th August 2008 10.00-11.30am	Cost £10
	Wednesday 13 th August 2008 10.00-11.30am	Cost £10
	Thursday 14 th August 2008 10.00-11.30am	Cost £10

To book a place call Jenny Watt Colbeck on 320998



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Otherwise, hand to Craig Sandeman (Drumbeg, High Street) If you have access to a word processor, a floppy disc version (PC only) would be appreciated. **Thanks from all the team!**

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