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From The Editor

It is easy to see that the summer is nearly over from the number of articles for inclusion in the Messenger. Once again there is a lot happening in the village.

I hope that the summer wasn't too wet for you. It was a bit scary for me when my niece and I were caught up in a flash flood in Glen Esk. Luckily we escaped!

Once again thanks are due to Ann Anderson and the rest of the distribution team for getting this edition to you and my thanks go especially to all the correspondents and also to Kevin for fitting everything together so well.

The next issue of the Messenger will be in November. If you wish to contribute please be in touch by the 15th November at

barbara_auch20002000@yahoo.co.uk. Ann Rennie will publish a Memo for October and November if she gets enough information to Mernis Howe, Inverurie Street.

Barbara

The Messenger Memo

The next Messenger memo will contain information about forthcoming events in October and November and any short reports of events that took place earlier. Please contact Ann Rennie at Mernis Howe, Inverurie St. (tel. 01561 320622) before 15th September

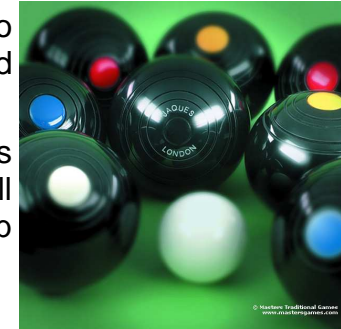
Messenger and Memo Distribution

It is thanks to Ann Anderson and her team that the Messenger and the Memo are delivered to your door. We certainly owe them our gratitude. At times some members of the team may not be able to deliver for various reasons. Ann would be grateful if a few of you would volunteer to act as relief members. The rounds are short and should not take more than about 30 minutes a month. If you feel that you can help please phone **Ann on 320524**.

Auchenblae Bowling Club—Junior

Following on from last summers introduction to bowling for juniors, four sessions for 9-14 years old were held during the school holidays.

The aim was to show the youngsters the basic skills and rules of the game. Possibly the older ones will be encouraged to consider joining the Bowling Club next season in April 2013.



The emphasis however has been to encourage the youngsters to have fun outdoors with their pals and to give them an awareness of the assets the Den has to offer and to encourage their use.

The wet summer weather made things difficult at times and numbers have fluctuated. Nevertheless the enthusiasm shown by those who came along was very encouraging.

Maybe they were persuaded that leaving their computers behind occasionally is a good thing, and a healthy option.

Thanks to Roy, Ally, Adelaide, & Trish for giving their time and patience in helping out and to Lynn Frobisher of Mearns Community Centre for her advice and support.

On 20th August, weather permitting, the sessions finish with a competition and a small trophy to be won.

Bill Barry Den Convenor





Auchenblae Art Show 2012

7th - 9th September

Preview Evening

Friday 7th 7-11pm

Age 16 years and above

Tickets £7.50

*Includes Catalogue,
Glass of Wine & Cheeseboard*

Licensed Bar and Raffle

Tickets available from:

Sue Tel. 01561 320207 &

Jenny Tel. 01561 320245

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th

2 - 4.30pm

Adults £3.00

Children £1.50

Refreshments & Raffle

Junior Art Competition

(see posters)

National Poetry Day 4th October 2012

Theme for 2012 - "Stars"

An evening of poetry in celebration of National Poetry Day will be led by the Rev, Catherine Hepburn and poet Peter Morriss.

The evening is open to everyone to come along and read their own poetry, or you can have them read for you.

Venue - West Mearns Parish Church - Auchenblae. 7.00pm till 9.00pm. Followed by tea/coffee and a fine piece.

Everyone welcome for a great night of poetry. This year the theme for National Poetry Day is "Stars".

Come and have a great friendly evening of poetry at the West Mearns Parish Church Auchenblae.

A Star of an evening. (I second that. Ed.)

Auchenblae Guild

The guild will be happy to welcome present and new members to their first meeting of the new session at 2.30pm on Wednesday September 19th, in the Church Hall Auchenblae.

There will be a "Welcome Back" tea. The speaker will be Barbara Strouts who will give an overview of the Guild Projects for the previous three years and will introduce the six new projects

You will be made to feel very welcome, and that includes you men out there.

Some dates for your diary. On 17th November we will holding our annual Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. There will also be a Fashion Show by Encore of Fettercairn, for which we say "Thank You" to Carrie. A week earlier than usual this year, on Friday 30th November, we will be holding our Celebration of Christmas, Carols, Candles and Christmas Pies in Auchenblae Church at 7.30pm.

*"....Welcome
Back tea"*

AUCHENBLAE PRE SCHOOL GROUP

Although the schools were closed over the holidays, Auchenblae's Toddler Group ran throughout the summer period to provide support and company to parents with young children. Most baby groups close down during the school holidays but our Parent&Toddler group invited new and expectant parents to come along and meet with other new parents and youngsters at special Baby&Bump summer sessions. The sessions went extremely well and we have now welcomed some new faces to our group! Our regular Parent&Toddler meetings are held Friday mornings 9.15am-11.15am in the Church Hall.

Many thanks to everyone who continues to support our Pub Nights. Our aim is not only to fundraise for our Pre School Group but to build on community spirit and provide a relaxed and social environment for people to enjoy! We have many more events and family fun days happening over the coming months. Please see village noticeboards for details!

Kate (our new Treasurer) is collecting old ballpoint pens, felt tips, propelling pens, correction fluid, markers and highlighters – regardless of brand or materials – if it used to write – keep it! She will exchange them for cash for APSG through Terracycle. Villagers, family, friends and work colleagues could do the same..! Please hand in to the Pre School or give to one of our committee members.

2s group and Pre School run daily in the village hall

9.15am – 11.15am/11.45am

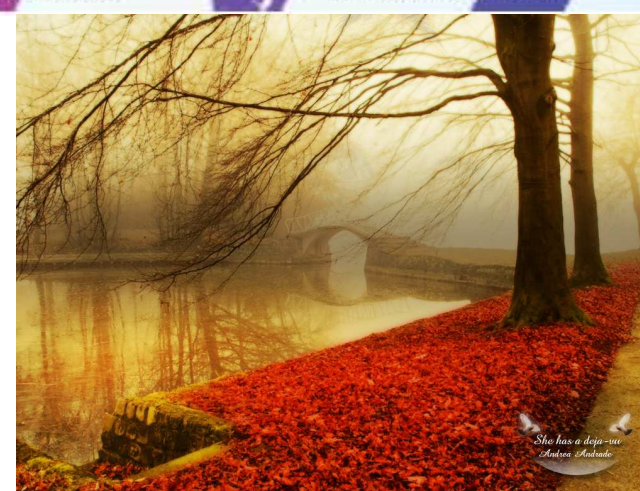
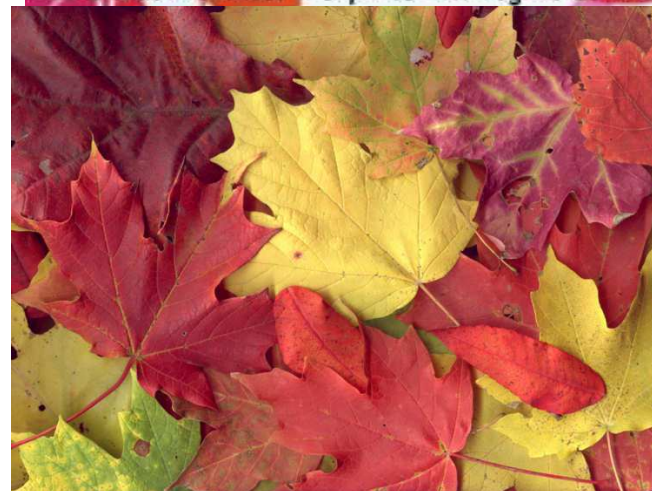
Term Dates:

Tues 21st Aug-Fri 12th Oct inc.

Mon 29th Oct-Fri 21st Dec inc.

Mon 12th and Tues 13th Nov
(In Service Days)

Auchenblae Preschool Group-Scottish Registered Charity No.SCO21752



*"...in our
twelfth year"*

Auchenblae Friendship Group



We are now in our twelfth year, and still going strong. We meet at 10..am on Wednesday mornings in the Church Hall, for a cuppie, a fine piece and to be entertained. There will be a birthday cake, when appropriate.

Do come and join us at the "Clubbie" as it is known by one and all. More than anything we offer "Friendship".



Mearns Adult Learning

Need to help your child with homework?

Do you find spelling difficult? Do you struggle with numbers? Want to improve your skills? Did you know that many people who live in Scotland have difficulty with reading, writing or using numbers?

If you are not very confident about your reading, writing, spelling and maths skills – free, confidential help is available. You can get help with: writing letters, using a computer, punctuation, budgeting, spelling getting a job, maths, going to college, fractions, confidence.

Learning can make a big difference to your life, whether it makes your job easier, helps you with your children's homework or keeping in touch with friends.

You can learn in your own community, at a time that suits you and at your own pace, in a group or on your own with a tutor. It's never too late to make a start.

For more information please contact:

Mearns Community Centre

148 High Street Laurencekirk AB30 1BL

Tel: 01561 378298

laurencekirk.cec@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Kirsty Forrester

Auchenblae Gardens Open

Now in its sixth year, the Gardens Open proved to be as popular as ever with visitors coming from Banchory, Edzell, Portlethen, Stonehaven and Montrose that we know of.

One lady was so impressed that the following week she posted a cheque for £50!!

"We had a really lovely afternoon seeing your gardens in Auchenblae and talking to the owners (and their animals). All that and a beautiful tea with strawberry tarts and cake made a great afternoon out. Please put the enclosed cheque towards the church fund with my best wishes and thanks for such a memorable afternoon."

This was so nice and really gladdened my heart after a fairly busy time in the run up. Of course I was by no means the only one who had been busy. Our participants had been working very hard on their gardens and despite this year's rain soaked summer each one came up to scratch on the day.

Thanks must go to Evelyn and Dave; Pat and Graham; Lorna and Bertie; Carole and Alan and to Jimmy for giving up their weekend to host this event.

Thanks also to those who provided goodies for the take away stall, raffle and plant stall and to all who took part in any way which added to the success.

The total sum raised was £1,140.95

Jenny Thomson



Auchenblae School

After a summer of mixed weather the Auchenblae School is back in full swing again.

The school offers many additional learning opportunities to its pupils by parents and the community. At present there's a football club, swimming club, netball club, cycling proficiency to the Primary 5 children and a knitting club, to name but a few, all run on a voluntary basis. If you feel you have a talent, skill or hobby you'd like to share with the school then please contact Mrs Elsie Young on 01561 320249.

In addition, the school is always looking for supplies, especially arts and crafts, outdoor activity equipment and wool for the knitting club. Please consider donating any of these unwanted items to the school by contacting Isabelle Ridoch on 01561 320759 in the first instance.

The school have recently been able to purchase a Monks Bench from the money which was raised on the occasion of Miss Mary Craigs 100th Birthday celebration. Thank you to all who contributed to this.

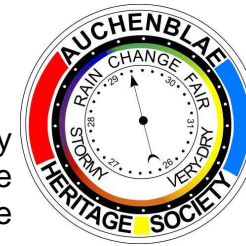
The Daffodil Tea, which has proved to be a great success in the last few years, is the largest fundraiser for the school in the year raising in excess of £1,500. Without the hard work of all the pupils, teachers, staff and parents then this event would be unable to take place – thank you all. Thanks also to the community for attending this event which offers an ideal opportunity to have a look at the work our great school does with the younger members of our village and surrounding area.

The Auchenblae Community have also been extremely generous with their support of "bags2school". This is a collection carried out around the village for unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, bedding (no bric-a-brac) on a twice yearly basis. The collection is also run by volunteers and raises hundreds of pounds towards resources for the school.

So thank you all again for your continued support of Auchenblae Primary School.

Auchenblae Heritage Society

It poured with rain on the longest day of the year, but that didn't stop thirty members and friends of Auchenblae Heritage Society going to Fasque House. The visit had been arranged by committee member, Bill Pirie, whose personal contacts made this possible.



The tour of the house was conducted by Paul Fretwell, the architect responsible for the many recent renovations, and lasted almost two hours during which time we were allowed into many rooms and areas not normally available to the public, including, a beautiful Bridal Suite with what must be the largest bed in the north-east! This highly informative and fascinating tour ended with a very civilised and most welcome cup of tea and home baked scones in the magnificent sitting room, served and organised by the super efficient operations manager, Lynne Grant.

The rain never let up, but no spirits were dampened after this marvellous visit.

The Heritage Society starts the new season of talks on **Monday 3 September** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Membership fees, £5 (£3) are now due at the meeting, visitors £1.50.



Auchenblae Drama Group

We are always on the look out for new members; people willing to have some fun on the stage are always welcome but we can also use other talents—joinery, painting, sewing, lighting, sound etc. Willing bodies are more important than skills—we can always teach you to use a light desk!



Call Kevin on 320471 or Craig on 07581 798732



West Mearns Parish Church

WORSHIP AT WEST MEARN'S PARISH CHURCH: AUCHENBLAE, FETTERCAIRN, GLENBERVIE

SUNDAYS

9.30am: Fettercairn

11am: Glenbervie – first Sunday of the month

11am: Auchenblae - other Sundays

2.30pm: Queen Elizabeth Court, Fettercairn – usually last Sunday of the month—“All welcome”

AUTUMN DIARY: SERVICES + EVENTS

“All Our Yesterdays”: Fettercairn Village Hall

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September; 11am – 4.30pm. A trip down memory lane and a fundraiser for Church Hall improvements

HARVEST THANKSGIVING and BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday, 30th September: 9.30am at Fettercairn; 11am at Auchenblae; and on Sunday, 7th October at 11am, at Glenbervie

If you have not been to church for a while (or indeed a long time); if you have never been but are curious; if you have been wondering whether to dip a toe in the waters of worship and faith and life's big questions; if you are a seeker, a wonderer, a wanderer, you are most welcome to join us on any Sunday and especially at these services. **Come just as you are. You are welcome. Come and celebrate the goodness of the world in which we live.** P.S. If you need transport, please contact the minister, Catherine Hepburn Tel: 01561-340203

GLENBERVIE CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 27th October, in Drumlithie Village Hall, 10 – 11.45am; stalls

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, 28th October: 9.30am at Fettercairn; 11am at Auchenblae

Sunday, 4th November: 11am at Glenbervie. This service is followed by our **Act of Remembrance** at the Glenbervie War Memorial in the Church grounds.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday, 11th November: 9.30 at Fettercairn; 11am at Auchenblae

ADVENT SUNDAY—Sunday, 2nd December: 9.30am at Fettercairn; 11am at Auchenblae.

Nearly New Sale

The next “Nearly New Sale” is to be held, by Isabelle and Gillian, on **Saturday 3 November between 9-11 at Auchenblae Village Hall.**

Most people will be familiar with the format by now, but for those that are not; the sale includes nearly new items of clothing, toys, books, games, sporting equipment and musical instruments for children from 0-16 years. Also offered for sale, are all items of nursery equipment and small furniture. If you are interested in having a clear out and selling such items at the sale, please contact Isabelle or Gillian at the numbers below to purchase a seller number. If you are more interested in buying items, then please come along on the morning. Doors open at 0900 am but it is always a very busy sale, so make sure you come early if you want to grab the best of the bargains. Seller numbers will be available nearer the time and will be advertised locally.

Should you wish any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either **Gillian Milne on 01561-320685 or Isabelle Riddoch on 01561-320759,**

How to Drug Proof Your Kids

A course for parents to strengthen families and equip them to help their children make sensible choices with regard to drugs and alcohol.

Mearns Community Centre, Laurencekirk

Tuesday 28th August – Tuesday 2nd October (6weeks) 7.30pm – 9.30pm. To register your interest please contact **Trish MacEachern on 01561 321263**



THANK YOU!

From Guiding and Scouting - A big thank you to the Parks Committee for allowing us to have our Gala Campfire in the Den. We all enjoyed the singing and toasting marshmallows. The adults who joined us had a good time too.

Our thanks go out to Roy and Alice. They keep the Den and Toilets in immaculate condition. This is done despite the weather, and the childish actions of a few well known, idiotic parasites.

Thank you Roy and Alice

Dates for your diary

Heritage Society new season

Church Hall

3rd September

Auchenblae Art Show

Village Hall

7th—9th September

Nearly New Sale

Village Hall

3rd November



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