



# Auchenblae Messenger

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## From The Editor

I hope that you have all enjoyed a really glorious summer

We have a few new contributors this time round. It is unfortunate that yet again people are using these pages to complain about dog mess. It takes seconds to clear up. It would be nice not to have it drawn to our attention in the next issue.

Auchenblae is getting busy again after the holiday. There is certainly plenty to get involved in without having to leave the village.

Many thanks to all contributors. Without you there wouldn't be a Messenger. The next edition will be for December. As there is usually a lot happening then please get information to me by 15th November to [barpollybar@gmail.com](mailto:barpollybar@gmail.com) or phone me at **320911** or post it through my door at 48 Hillview Road.

Barbara Strouts

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## Memo Date

The Next Memo is scheduled for Oct./ Nov. 2014 if you have any upcoming event dates please send them to : [auchenblae\\_memo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:auchenblae_memo@hotmail.co.uk) or call Lindsay on **01561 320242**. by 10th October 2014



## Auchenblae Friendship Group

*“....in full swing again”*



We are now in full swing again after a lovely warm summer break. A very varied programme has been planned with some old favourites but also with one or two speakers new to us.

If you have recently moved to the village, or if you already live here and haven't given us a try you will be very welcome to join us in the Church Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am to 11.45am for a cuppie, a blether and a laugh. This "clubbie" is for the people of Auchenblae and is organised by the members. As we have been going strong for nearly 15 years we must be doing something right. If you require transport that can usually be arranged. Phone **Barbara on 320911** for more details.

## Can you help?

I am looking for volunteers who are willing to become part of a community first responder group in Auchenblae. In the event of a life threatening emergency they would be utilised in the first instance. As we all know the closest ambulance station is Stonehaven and it can often take 10-15 minutes for the ambulance to arrive from there. This time can be very precious if someone's life is in danger.

I am also looking for volunteers who would be keen to help to raise money for the defibrillator and its placing. The approximate cost is £1000 to have a public access defibrillator installed in the village. Unfortunately due to full time work I don't have the time to commit to all of this so any volunteers would be much appreciated.

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# Auchenblae Pre-School Group



The group started back on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, after a lovely 6 weeks off for the summer holidays.

The parents and committee have been very busy over the summer. We recently received a Big Lotto Grant, which has allowed us to buy new furniture and toys for the playroom. We are just awaiting the new kitchen to go in over the October Holidays. Thank you to all involved, and all who have helped.

Over the summer holidays we learned that our Manager Marina Stewart, has taken the decision to move on to another job. We thank her very much for the many years dedication she has given to the group and wish her all the best in the future. We are currently going through the process of recruiting a new manager, but our Senior Playleader, Shauna McIntosh is currently Acting Manager until we complete this process.

Our Bumps, Babies and Toddler group received a Scotmid Community Grant. We have used this money to buy some new toys, baby seat, floor mats and storage boxes with the money. The toddlers are very happy with the new toys.

The group meet on a Friday morning, in the Church Hall, from 9.15am – 11.15am. All parents and preschool children are welcome to come along at anytime during the two hours.

**Our playgroup session times are changing due to the government increasing the number of funded hours for 3 and 4 year olds. These are now,**

**Playgroup = Monday - Friday, 9.15am – 12.25pm.**

**2s group will remain the same = Monday and Thursday 1pm – 3pm.**

If you are interested in a place for either group, please contact

Kirsty Clarke - 01561 321172

## Fundraising

**Pamper Night – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> September – 7pm – Village Hall**

**Tickets £5**

***Goodie bags for first 30 people through the door.***

***More treatments available – Wine Bar – Nibbles***

***Look out for posters for more information***

## Auchenblae Parent Council

Auchenblae Parent Council are pleased to announce " A Halloween Disco" this disco will be held on Saturday 25th October 2pm until 4pm place is The Village Hall. Tickets will go on sale at the start of Oct.

This Disco is aimed at school age children. Please attend in your spooky clothes. Ticket prices will be priced at £2.50 . Inside you will find a tuck shop , DJ quack, a build a bear being raffled off and lots of spooky things!! happening whooo ha ha !!!

Also the next Bag2school date is October 2nd , bags will be posted around the village , please if you can help by sorting out un-wanted clothes and leaving the filled bags outside your doors for Wednesday 1st October we will arrange pick up. Parents of nursery and school children can we ask that you continue to drop off your bag2school at the school week starting 29th sept to 2nd October , please watch out for flyer's through you door . thank you for your continued support on this it raises much need money for our school.

Parent Council run a School Wear Shop , these are items of donated or out-grown uniforms , items range from school dresses, skirts trousers, jumpers , cardy's, jackets , gym kits and school bags. All items are checked for damage or signs of wear & tear we only sell items that are in tip top condition , items are sold at a donation price only so you pay what you like. for info on sizes please drop your details in an envelope at the school office FAO PC, or contact myself Paula Harris in the playground .

Parent Council are asking for any unloved or un needed Christmas Tree's (artificial) any size this is for a super special Event in December

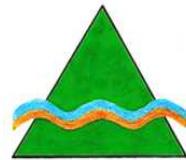
date to be announced.....its a little bit of magic. Please contact **Paula Harris 0775434951**



# Auchenblae Parks Committee



The Den has been incredibly busy during this long and glorious summer; with families from all over descending on our wee village to enjoy the facilities. Although some of these visitors recognise the amount of effort involved in maintaining this lovely area, we would be delighted if more people showed their appreciation by placing a donation in the Honesty Box.



Our long serving Groundsman, Roy, has taken a back seat this year, so we have a new member of staff in Morgan Taylor, who is doing well and is keen to learn the ropes.

We must say a big thank you to Paula Harris and Nicola Doherty for painting the Den Pavilion earlier this year. These young Mums noticed that the much loved building was in need of refurbishment, and offered to tackle the job themselves: scraping; rubbing down; undercoating and glossing - they didn't shirk and saw the job through to the finish. Thank you ladies.

It has been brought to our attention that dogs are being allowed to run around the children's play area and the adventure playground in the Den. Please be aware that dogs **MUST NOT** be walked through, or allowed to roam freely, in these areas. This rule is applied to ensure that children do not come into contact with dog faeces, which can lead to serious, even life threatening, illness.

**In all areas of the Den and surrounds, please be a responsible dog owner and pick up after your pet. There are still a minority who flout this request.**

The good weather has also resulted in high visitor numbers at the Golf Course. This has come at a good time, as significant outlay has been necessary to replace ageing equipment.

Several members of Auchenblae Parks Committee spend many unseen hours working to keep our recreation areas safe and well cared for, but particular thanks must go to the chairman Bernie Melsom, who felled several potentially dangerous pine trees from the steep bank on Gilbert's Hill. Using his own high tech machinery and a vast amount of skill he tackled what was a tricky job, with true professionalism.

Thank you Bernie.

# Auchenblae Community Association

AUCHENBLAE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Scottish Charity No: SC026926 Company No: SC332446

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014

7.30pm in the BAR ROOM

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

- **TREASURER, SECRETARY & FABRIC CONVENER VACANCIES: AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, THE ABOVE POSTS WILL BECOME VACANT AT THE AGM. IN ORDER THAT THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CAN CONTINUE, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE VILLAGE HALL AND THE MIDHILL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NEW VOLUNTEERS COME FORWARD TO TAKE UP THESE POSITIONS.**
- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN IDEA OF WHAT IS INVOLVED, JOB DESCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALICE MORGAN, SECRETARY. PLEASE PHONE: 01561 320081 OR EMAIL: [alicemorgan@btinternet.com](mailto:alicemorgan@btinternet.com)**

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**DOG POO** , no don't turn the page , we are all fed up of this problem but still it goes on , in the den where the children play and Guiding and Scouting have great scope for our outdoor activities , on the paths that the children walk to school on.

Fact : Millie Knight paralympian skier is visually impaired after contracting a disease called toxoplasmosis as a child , this is caused by a child ingesting the larvae of roundworms from dog or cat faeces if the animal has not been wormed. Closer to home Vikki Sinclair from Fettercairn lost part of the sight in one eye due to this, her Mum said she was a thumb sucking child even when out playing and doctors said that was probable cause. About 100 children a year lose some sight due to toxoplasmosis , so it's not just smelly mess of shoes that's a problem if dog owners don't pick up after their pet.

Evelyn Richardson , Guide Guider , Grandmother and dog owner.

## Gardens Open Weekend 2014

Sincere thanks to those who kindly agreed to host this event.



Matt & Kay  
at Kilvaxter



Arthur & Andrea at  
Denmill Cottage



Sue at Beechvilla



Ann, David, Elizabeth,  
Tom and baby Alexan-



Lorna & Bertie  
at 7 Hillview Road



Margaret at Marybank

Thank you all for opening your gardens over the weekend 9th and 10th August. Our many visitors were absolutely delighted, not only with the beautiful gardens, but also the welcome they received from each of you.

Thanks also to those who gave items of baking, and to those who donated goods for the savoury/produce stall and the raffle.

The total raised for church fabric work came to £1,381.00

Jenny Thomson

## Auchenblae Guild

We will be holding our first meeting in the Church Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th September. It will take the form of a Welcome Back and there will be an update on the Guild Projects, which are now into their third year. Our theme this year is "A World to Serve".

Guild meetings are certainly not dull. Our membership stays steady while Guilds all around us are closing. As well as our monthly meetings we have other activities such as a coffee morning and a Guild dedication service in November for National Guild Week.

We are open to anyone, male or female. You don't even have to be a regular church goer. Just come along and join for stimulating meetings and for fellowship. You will be made to feel very welcome.

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### GLENBERVIE AMATEUR HORTUS CLUB

This club was established in 1887 to promote the cultivation of flowers, fruit and vegetables, sounds a bit serious but if you are a fan of programmes like

The Great British Bake Off, The Big Allotment Challenge and Kirsty Allsop and live within a 7 mile radius of Glenbervie, then you may be interested in this lovely traditional village show. There are craft, jams and baking sections plus a great children's section. Joining fee is a very modest £2.50 per year and prizes are equally modest but it's fun to enter to go along on the day.

This years Flower Show is over but if you would like information for next year or the Bulb Show to be held in March 2015 please call:

Show secretary - **Moira Duncan 01569 740618 or Evelyn Richardson 01561 320362**

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### THANK YOU

After another very successful Open Gardens Weekend Jenny is due a real vote of thanks. All the feed back from visitors was very positive, most saying that they will definitely be back next year.

I don't think that the majority of people realise what a huge undertaking it is. Everything worked so smoothly, and that doesn't happen by chance.

Once again, Jenny, thank you for all your hard work.



**Hi I am Molly Gowans-Ouvray, 10 years old and supporting Cancer Research UK in the fight against cancer by shaving my head**

I have decided to shave all my hair off to support cancer cure for Cancer Research UK.

I am doing this because my family and friends have had cancer, some have beaten it and some have not.

Hair is not an essential thing and it will grow back again. I have a choice whether I want to lose my hair, those with cancer don't.

I want to donate my hair to make a wig for another child who doesn't have a choice like me because of illness.

I hope by doing this I will be able to raise some money for research. I want cancer to be beaten and I'm sure we can all do it - with a bit of your help.

I plan to shave my head in September (dates tbc) Please take the time and have a look at my Just giving page:

<http://www.justgiving.com/MollyGowansOuvray>

Thank you so much

Molly ;0)



## WORSHIP AT WEST MEARNS PARISH CHURCH: AUCHENBLAE, FETTERCAIRN, GLENBERVIE

Every Sunday at 11.00am except the first Sunday of the month when the service is at Glenbervie.

All services will be led by our locum minister: The Revd. A. Douglas Lamb M.A. FSA Scot but

Sunday 21st Sept. The Revd. Bert Reid B.Sc., B.D.

Sunday 28th Sept. The Revd. Bill Wallace B.D.S., B.D.

There will be a harvest service at Auchenblae on 12th October.

Anyone interested in communicant membership of the Church contact **Mr. Lamb at Church or ring 376816** - he will welcome all inquiries.

## Auchenblae Girlguiding

Rainbows -we ended our summer term with a teddy bears picnic at Heathers house as her Pot of Gold party as she moves up to Brownies. Spaces available for girls age 5-7 and we are looking a leader for this unit, if you are female age 18-65 and enjoy games, singing and crafts , check out Girlguiding web site for more information.



Brownies - Mearns Brownies had their Centenary Finale at Dizzy Rascals where 50 Brownies took part in activities for a Star Quest badge and had lots of fun and a special cake of course.

Guides - it has been a good summer for outdoor activities ,our summer term ended with a beach BBQ at St Cyrus . Shame autumn has come in so fast as camp is last weekend in August!

Some of the Guides are off on a weekend trip with overnight camp to Alton towers next month.

Our new uniform has just been released , not sure what to say about it really! Designed by fashion students in the south of England with input from Guides apparently , check it out on web site if you are interested .

Anyone interested in places for girls or getting involved as an adult helper please go to

[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) /join us.

Or call **Evelyn Richardson - 01561 320362**

# AUCHENBLAE NEARLY NEW SALE

**Saturday 6th September  
Auchenblae Village Hall 9-11am**

*Cash Only Please  
No Cheques*

**Entrance £2**

*Refreshments  
also Available*

Why not purchase a seller number for £3 and let us sell your goods for you at our next sale. All you need to do is label up your goods with your seller number and price and then drop them off the night before the sale - we will do the rest! We take 25% commission, which goes to Charity and you get back 75% of the value of your sold goods

**Come along and find some genuine bargains!**

WE SELL ALL CLOTHES, TOYS, GAMES, CRAFTS, CD'S, DVD'S, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, OUTDOOR TOYS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR CHILDREN AGED 0-16 AS WELL AS ALL NURSERY EQUIPMENT

Please park considerately and use overspill parking at Auchenblae Primary School if required. All proceeds from the sale going to local charities and good causes.

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## Dates for your diary

Pamper fundraising night	Village Hall	26th September
Community Assoc. AGM	Village Hall	7th October
Nearly New Sale	Village Hall	6th September

## NATIONAL POETRY DAY

**2nd October 2014**

Theme for 2014 is “REMEMBER”

Poetry evening for celebrating National Poetry Day to be held at the Church Hall, Auchenblae

Meeting starts at 7.30 p.m till 9.00 p.m.

Followed by tea/ coffee and a fine piece

Bring your own poems or have your poems read for you

All welcome

### HIGH ROADS

It's good to ramble the open road again to wander free at will,  
To roam with the spirits of the wind as they comb the moorland still.  
It's good to ramble ragged tracks that criss-cross the open moor,  
For like a fever I am drawn to the heart of its cynosure.

Then as I lift my gaze to the solemn hills that cascade their rugged charm,  
It's their wild ways that draw me on, brimming that inner self with quiet calm.

For it's the moors that scribe their solitude with peace,  
And to the hill walker's wanderlust 'tis here they tender lease,  
Where among the wild trails to roam the hill walker's heart is set free.  
While down on the broad merse Pitnamoon waits for me.

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