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THE EDITORS, PUBLISHERS, PRINTERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF THE 'AUCHENBLAE MESSENGER' AND 'MEMO' WISH YOU ALL A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!

As far as the people of Auchenblae are concerned, the Annual General Meeting of *The Messenger* may not be an event of earth-shaking importance, but to those of us who work together to provide this service in our village, it's still a valuable occasion, because it affords us the opportunity to see where we've been and where we're going.

And this year we looked back to the time when we really had our backs to the wall financially – and had it not been for a generous gift from Macphies of Glenbervie we might well have had to put up the shutters. But then we were fortunate to apply for and receive a substantial grant which has enabled us to replace our printing equipment, secure our paper stock, venture into the realm of partial colour printing and has guaranteed the life of *The Messenger* and *The Memo* for the next three years.

We haven't done an exhaustive research into the subject, but it wouldn't surprise us to know that we have the potential of one of the best local newsletters you'll find anywhere. And that's thanks to the commitment (not to mention the persistence and the considerable expertise) of the folk behind it all.

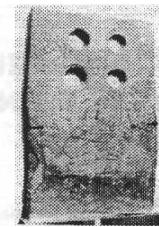
But the AGM (which someone once said ought to stand for "A God-awful Meeting") and which not many people ever bother to attend apart from the production team, did produce one very pleasant surprise this year, when a member of the public decided to attend! And before the meeting was over she had become a member of the *Messenger* team. So it's with considerable pleasure that we welcome Colette Hoggmascall to our number. Already she has made a contribution both to the content of this edition and to extending our distribution in some areas not previously covered by our noble army of distributors – *and found folk willing to take on this extra work*. Well done, Colette!

So we look forward to keeping the *Messenger/Memo* flag flying in 2005, and the only reward we seek for our efforts is that, when it arrives in your home, ***you remember to read it*** – and make a note of the events that concern you. But one final word : if you have information you want both *The Messenger* and/or *The Memo* to include, do please get it to Ann Rennie (*Memo* Editor) or Ross Muiry or Donald Rennie (*Messenger* Editors) **by the 15th of the month**. May Christmas 2004 be a memorable and enjoyable time for you and yours, and may the year 2005 be one you can look forward to, and eventually look back upon with a sense of glad thankfulness as well.

Donald Rennie. December Editor.

Auchenblae & District Heritage Society

DECEMBER MEETING
**MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT
 7.30 p.m.**
 IN THE CHURCH HALL.
 TALK BY NORMAN BANSKI
 ENTITLED
 "PAST TIMES"



ALL WELCOME.

MEARNS CAMERA CLUB



Niall Benvie Beyond the Frame

St Leonards Hotel
 Bath St, Stonehaven
 Monday 13 December
 7:30 pm
 Tickets £3.50 at the door

Auchenblae Parks Committee

Work is progressing on the old part of the Golf Course. We have employed a firm of landscapers to level out some of the tees, rebuild bunkers and reshape contours. Major work has taken place at the 8th tee on top of the quarry so this scenic and challenging tee can be enjoyed by all players on the Course.

There will ofcourse still be an easier option at the existing tee for those less able to climb the hill.

The last four years have seen massive improvements to the Course with the accompanying expenditure putting the Parks Committee in debt for the first time! However, the new layout, has not only made the Course safer (our original intention), but has added interest and variety to golfers. Visitors and members remark constantly on the exceptionally well kept greens, the beautiful setting and the friendly welcome, so we must be doing something right!

As mentioned in the last issue, the Adventure Play Area in the Den is undergoing changes to meet the stringent demands of our Insurance Company. While carrying out these safety recommendations we hope also to install some new and exciting features before the opening of the Den next Spring.



AUCHENBLAE HOGMANAY FESTIVITIES FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to all who attended the Quiz Night on Saturday 6th November. With all tables full a great night was had by all – so, special thanks to all our helpers, especially to Kevin Newstead for the hard work he put into making the Quiz so much fun.

AUCHENBLAE HOGMANAY PARTY.

Tickets for the Hogmanay Party are on sale at £5.00 for adults
 and £2.50 for children – **call 320707.**

The event will commence 31st December – with doors open at 9.00 p.m..
 LIVE MUSIC!

Please bring your own food and drinks.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

An organised display will be held in the village at midnight –
 please congregate in front of the hall for an excellent view.



Auchenblae Community Association

Christmas Concert Friday 10th December – Compere Jim Brown, in his usual humorous style with the inevitable local slant, is a crowd puller on his own and will introduce an array of local talent providing an evening of entertainment for all the family. **The proceeds from the Concert will be donated to the Sudan Appeal.**

Luxury Christmas Hamper – All items of this luxury hamper have been donated by the committee members of the Community Association and the money raised will be donated to the Sudan Appeal. Your contribution to this worthy cause will be much appreciated. Tickets on sale in the local shop and Post Office.

Christmas 1980



– Do you remember when Diana Ross and the Supremes stopped off from their World Tour to top the bill at the Christmas Concert and played to a capacity crowd? Whatever happened to them.....?

Christmas Card 2005 – Remember to capture that winter scene for our Christmas Card of 2005 – to be chosen in conjunction with next year's Art Show.

Amendment – The Christmas Bingo advertised in the last Memo will now be held at a later date.

Village Tubs – These have been replanted with winter flowering plants to provide a splash of colour through the autumn and winter seasons.

AGM – Following the AGM in September the new committee comprises: Chairman – Sallyanne Morrison. Vice Chairman – Jamie Hendry. Secretary – Alice Morgan. Treasurer – Gina Easter. Fabric Convenor – Jenny Thomson. Committee: Mike Munro, Denise Munro, Ewan Smith, Allan Mills, Sue Hodgson, Tracy Harrison Lewis, Simon Leigh. Please contact any of the above on village issues you wish discussed.

Auchenblae Hall – Electricity Charges: Due to an increase in the cost of electricity the charge will be increased from **10p to 12p** per unit from **1st December 2004**.

The members of the committee of the Community Association wish to thank all who have contributed in any way to the various fund raising events in the past year. Your loyal and continuing support is much appreciated and has enabled an ongoing programme of maintenance and refurbishment of the village hall providing a high quality meeting place and focal point for the village.

A particular thank you is due to the local shops and Post Office who generously give their time and space to contribute to our various fund raisers by selling raffle tickets, hamper tickets, displaying posters etc. We greatly appreciate your assistance.

Auchenblae Christmas Cards on sale
£1 each. Buy one, get one free!

Total Raised at **Country Fare** now stands at £2250 Sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way.
We wish you a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful 2005.

Auchenblae Football Team.



Auchenblae has a popular and thriving children's football team. There is a mixed/boys team. They are **unbeaten** this season and their last match against Inverbervie they won by **13 goals to nil!!**

Sessions, training and trips are organised by Auchenblae residents **Mark Robinson** and **Paul Stephens**. The team consists of Auchenblae school children aged 8 upwards.

Anyone is welcome to come and support the team. It's good family entertainment as no swearing is allowed even from encouraging parents! Home games are played at the school playing fields.

Last year there were enough players for a boys', mixed and girls' team and they played well and enthusiastically in a number of tournaments. The team reached a cup semi-final and a final and lost only 2 league games.

Mark and Paul awarded trophies to the best and most dedicated players and improvers at the end of the school year which included **Scott Castles, William McMichael, Alannah Mills, Donna Milne, and Jenny Targontsidis**.

Some lucky players had specially arranged trips to visit **Celtic, Dundee and Aberdeen Football** grounds. At the Celtic ground there was a charity match played (Mark Robinson Playing) and the Auchenblae school children were ball girls and boys for the day (and received a letter congratulating them on their good behaviour).

This years results: beat Johnshaven 6-1, Redmyre 6-3, Inverbervie 13-0.

Future Fixtures are:

13th Nov Glenbervie (away)

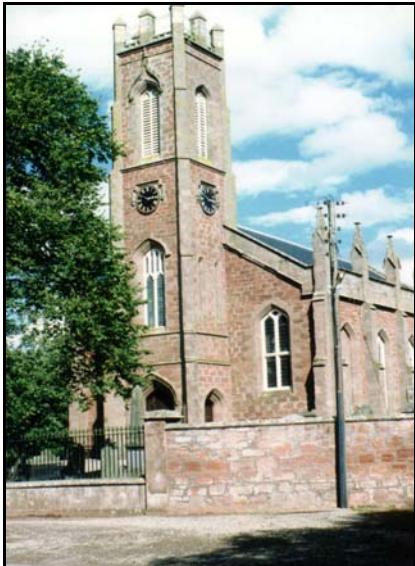
19th Feb Gourdon (away)

(If any parents find a school football kit lurking at home please return to the school as the team needs them)

LOCAL SCENES BY A PRODUCTION TEAM PHOTOGRAPHER



WEST MEARNS PARISH CHURCH



Christmas Services for 2004

The Pattern of our Christmas Services at West Mearns is now established and once again we extend to everyone a welcome from the heart to share in the celebration of Christmas

Friday 24th December

**6.30 p.m. Annual Children's Christmas Service
11.00 p.m. Informal Carols followed by the Watchnight Service at 11.30 p.m.**

Saturday 25th December

11.00 a.m. Christmas Day Service at Glenbervie Church

Sunday 26th December (Boxing Day)

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

In spite of all the genuine joy and happiness at Christmas time, for some it can be a time of great stress and difficulty, especially for those who have been recently bereaved, or for whom this will be the first Christmas without a loved one. With such folk in mind, the Church is holding special services on

[Sunday 5th December at 6.30 p.m. in Fettercairn Church](#) and
[Sunday 12th December at 6.30 p.m. in Glenbervie Church](#)

11.00 a.m. A Festival of Lessons and Carols at Auchenblae Church. This will be followed by a short Informal Communion open to everyone regardless of church affiliation.

THE KIRKTON SINGERS

At the time of writing, the Kirkton Singers, now 15 in number, are practising for the Guild Service in Auchenblae Church on Sunday November 21st, the start of the Guild Week in Scotland when they will lead the praise. Under the direction of Donald Rennie with Helen Doig as accompanist, the Choir are also getting up steam for the Auchenblae Community Christmas Concert on December 10th and for "Carols, Candles and Christmas Pies" in the Church on December 17th.

Auchenblae Guild (West Mearns Parish Church)

"Not Christmas already! It seems no time since we were planning for last Christmas! Hasn't this year gone by quickly!?" You hear words like this all the time as the menus for Christmas Dinners are being circulated and family gatherings are being planned. Auchenblae Guild Members are no exception—we are looking forward to the annual get together with our friends in Glenbervie Guild, this year our dinner will be held in the Hotel at Drumlithie.

On 17th December at 6.30 p.m. in the Church we are

holding our celebration of Christmas with "Carols, Candles and Christmas Pies".

The carols will again be led by the Kirkton Singers. Many of the members of the Church and friends enjoyed this celebration last year and the year before and we hope they will come and join with us again this year.

The New Year will start with a Scottish Lunch in the Church Hall on January 19th at 2.30 p.m. after which Mrs Sherriffs will give a demonstration of spinning.

Everyone is welcome at all our meetings.

Christmas Shopping Greetings and Information

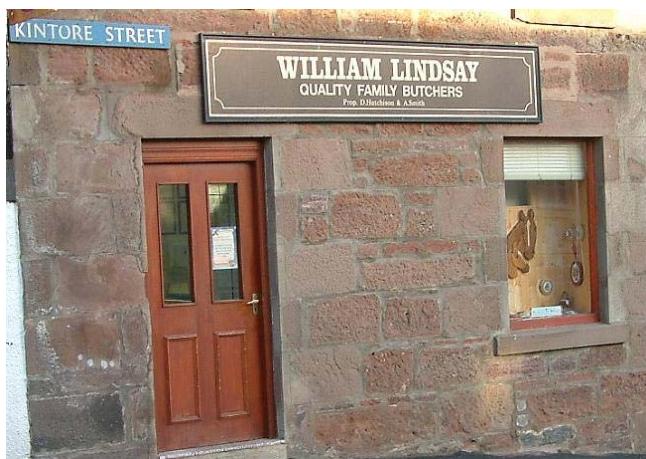
AUCHENBLAE POST OFFICE

Elizabeth, Susie and Doris wish you all
A Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New
Year.

Thank you all for your continued support
and also for using our Banking Services at the
Post Office.

Christmas Day being the only day there are no
papers printed, the shop will be closed.

Leaflets will be issued to let our customers
know of any other changes to opening and closing
times.



THE VILLAGE SHOP Angela, Ludi and Frances

would like to wish all our customers
A Happy and Holy Christmas
and a prosperous New Year.

Many thanks for your support over the past year.

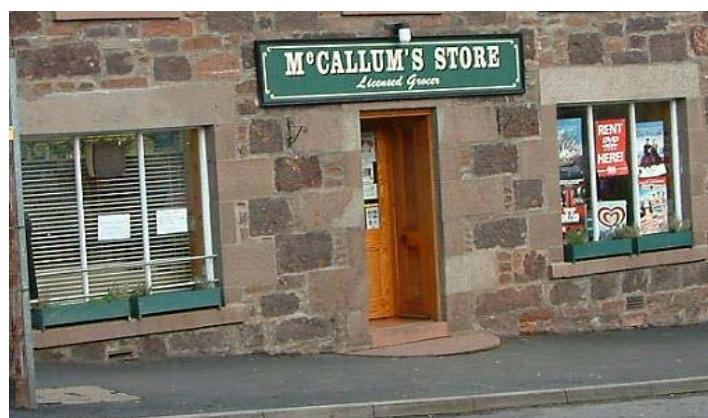
For special opening or closing times
during the Christmas and
New Year Season please see the notice in the
shop window

WILLIAM LINDSAY Butcher Kintore Street Auchenblae Tel. 320228

David and Andy would like to wish all their
customers
A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New
Year.

Thank you all very much for your custom.

Closing Dates : Saturday 25th December
Monday 27th December
Saturday 1st January 2005
Monday 3rd January



ENCORE DRESS AGENCY

Christine and Carrie of the Encore Dress Agency would like to thank all their customers for
their support over the past year.

Due to unforeseen circumstances Carrie and Angus will not be delivering individual Christmas Cards this year,
but we would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

POST CEILIDH BALL SENTIMENTS.

An enormous thank you to those of you who donned your glad rags on 18th September for the Charity Ceilidh Ball. Everyone looked fantastic and it was great to see such spinning and whirling on the dance floor – without any obvious injuries!

It wouldn't have been possible without Catherine Walker of Inverbervie and her talented band "Fling t'gether" as well as the additional sound of "A quist of Quines". Indeed the support of so many of you gave to make the event possible was really amazing and an incredible eye-opener for a novice like myself who has never organised anything like this before. Colette Hoggmascall and Vhari Saville transformed the hall with their stunning and imaginative floral and foliage decorations.

John Eddie's Whiskey Trail was a huge success and enormously appreciated. Carol Shea made a gargantuan effort with raffle prizes, along with lots of other really generous donations from others. Hamish Keddie, his mother and her friend Caroline never wish to peel another potato in their lives, but the stovies were truly scrummy. Thanks to Lindsays the butchers for the tatties!

The event raised the grand total of £1545, which has more or less guaranteed my minimum target or £3000 to take part in the 400 mile cycle in Madagascar next year to raise funds for Research into Eating Disorders.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my enormous gratitude to everyone who has supported this cause. I have been humbled and inspired by people's amazing generosity and support, and it has allowed me an insight into the strength of community spirit, which is so much part of Auchenblae.

Further sponsors will be gratefully received. Please make cheques out to RIED (Research into Eating Disorders). Many thanks again.

Judith Houghton, Cathkin, Glenfarquhar Road, Auchenblae. Tel. 01561 320 222

CARAVANS RETURN TO POPULAR MEARNS VENUE

Those of you who thought that your eyes were deceiving you, fear not, there *was* a group of 29 caravans parked in a local farmer's field.

During the weekend 1st – 3rd October 2004 Mains of Fordoun farm hosted a Caravan Club Rally organised by the North of Scotland Centre. This was the third visit in four years and the centre is again indebted to Mr. and Mrs. David Innes for the use of the field. In addition to the rally, the centre also held their annual golf tournament at Auchenblae Golf Course where 14 members competed for the coveted trophy. The eventual winner was Brian Beaton, closely followed by Dave Skinner and Olly Turner (Jun.).

On Saturday evening a Social was held in the village hall where 70 members enjoyed the sounds of the club disco. The village hall, with its beautiful kitchens and toilets, provided an ideal venue for our social and thanks go to the hall committee who keep this facility looking so good.

Caravan rallies not only give members the opportunity of a meeting place, but also enable members to provide local communities with a revenue that they would not otherwise have. Over the weekend, the Golf Course, Village Hall and local shops all benefited from the caravanners' visit and we hope to organise more rallies in the future to the Auchenblae area, as it is recognised as a caravan friendly area with lots to offer the club members.

Any caravan owners who wish to become members of the club should contact the Club Secretary on **01224 691995** or **Olly Turner (Jun.) on 01241 854621**.

Auchenblae Pre-School Group

Chairperson's Report

Following an exceptionally busy year during which Playgroup numbers reached record levels, the Committee has still achieved an overwhelming amount during the short time.



The **Community Association** has been a great help to our group. This year we have had new flooring and bannister in the stairwell, a new lamp fitted in the corner of the playroom and assistance with the fitting of the new **children's sink**, for all of which we are very grateful.

With **Chris Robinson** leaving at Easter to have her baby after seven years with the group the Committee would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her all the best with her new family. We would also like to officially welcome **Liz Leigh** and wish her well in her new role as Senior Playleader where she will work alongside Karen Clements, both will be working on their SVQ Level 3 in the forthcoming year.

And finally, the **Lottery Award** which the group received last month. This has made such a difference to look of the playroom. The Playleaders have finally received their "wish list" of new toys and equipment. The bright modern toys have also been gratefully received by the playgroup children.

Many thanks to our Treasurer Margo for her efforts in achieving this fantastic award.

The Committee have worked tirelessly over the past year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them officially for their efforts. I would also like to wish the new Committee every success.

Regards
Pamela Sellar
Chairperson 2003/4

AUCHENBLAE W.R.I.

Regular monthly meeting
2nd December 2004
in Auchenblae Mutual Hall
at 7.30 p.m.

Members' Night

Competition : Homemade Cracker – Any Craft
Novelty : Tree Ornament
Duty Committee Member: Isobel McCoig.

ANNUAL AUCHENBLAE PENSIONERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Annual Christmas Dinner for Auchenblae Senior Citizens will be held in Auchenblae Village Hall on **Sunday 12th December 2004 at 2.30 p.m.**

O.A.P. FUND

If you are not already on our Christmas List, any lady aged 60 or over, or any gentleman aged 65 or over before 31st December, please give your name to Margaret Jamieson (tel. 320383) or call in at Allenbank, Inverurie Street before 20th November to enable us to make up the Christmas parcels. If you got a parcel last year you will be on our list and there is no need to apply again. This notice applies to Auchenblae residents only.

INDOOR BOWLING **EVERY MONDAY FROM 7 – 9 p.m.**

IN THE MAIN VILLAGE HALL
ALL WELCOME
BOWLS PROVIDED

Auchenblae School Annual report

Auchenblae school had its **PTA AGM** on Sep 28th 2004. A new PTA committee was initiated and the reports for the previous year were discussed.

The School and PTA were delighted with the recent report by '**Her Majesty's Inspectorate**'. Letters of congratulations were received from **The Area Management Committee, Councillor Swapp, the Senior Education Officer** as well as from other schools and parents. The children came across to the inspectors very positively and were praised for their friendliness, work and behaviour and are a credit to the village. This September the **Auchenblae Nursery** was inspected by the **Care Commission**. The Inspector was very complimentary about the Standard of care provided and had no recommendations or requirements which the school had to act upon.

The last school year was interesting and diverse in its achievements and in the activities enjoyed by the children. School gained a '**Silver Award for Enterprise**'. The children came third in the **Rotary Club** quiz, took part enthusiastically in the **Recitation of Scots Verse and** many of you would have noticed the artwork and photographs in the local Auchenblae Art show. **The 'Times' newspaper** shadowed the children as a basis for a feature to be published in the paper. The senior children took part in the '**Persephone Project**', (a local initiative to encourage archiving of story telling). Some of you may have attended the successful Persephone story telling Ceilidh session in the Village hall.

Last school year there was a diversity of specialist visitors who provided workshops and coaching for the school. These included: **Techfest** to develop their science skills; **professional basketball coaching** and **professional golf lessons**; **West Midlands Theatre; the Youth Theatre: a harpist; music workshops with Ewan McVicar: traditional music making and step dance with Mats Merlin and a Peruvian acrobat.**

This term some pupils have already had performances from a **Russian Choral Quartet**, visited the **Quentin Blake** artwork Exhibition in Aberdeen and all the children have had workshops with **Satrosphere Science**. There is recent good news that several of the children are to have their poetry published with other winning entries in a book of **Poetry of the North East**.

Dates for the diary:

Next PTA meeting (all parents welcome) Tuesday 30th November 7.00 pm
Christmas Assembly in Auchenblae Church Tuesday 21st December at 9.30 am

The school will be arranging a green bag collection for old clothes, materials and shoes after Christmas, so please save any items however tatty (as it is the weight that counts) for collection in January.

Colette Hoggmascall (Chair PTA Committee).

Creative Dance Group

Last Summer some Auchenblae Children really enjoyed dance workshops run by the **professional contemporary dancers of Scottish Dance Theatre** based in Dundee. After one session participants had developed their own dance routines.

One of the dancers, Rachel Smith, wants to start **regular dance sessions** in the New Year. They will run one Sunday in the month, 10 am to 12.30 am, for children, young people and adults at Stacathro hall. **No dance experience necessary**. Anyone interested please phone **Maria (01356 670 304)**. Costs will be worked out once there is an idea of numbers attending.

ATTENTION ALL DOG-WALKERS!

Can I beg our local (dog) walkers to take a leaf out of the horse rider's book and wear reflective or fluorescent clothing now that the darker nights are drawing in? I had a frighteningly close shave in the car last winter and nearly hit a walker. An oncoming car blinded me with its lights and it was sheer luck that I missed the person at the side of the road. The person was carrying a torch, but it was facing towards the oncoming traffic so I didn't see it.

It really worries me that it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt or worse.

There is a wide range of safety gear on the market, from arm bands to flashing jackets. Flashing jackets are fun, clearly visible and at around £14 each good value for money.

There are various web sites, cycle and equestrian outlets that sell them. If anyone would like more details please feel free to call or speak to me if you see me out riding. (I'm the one with the little white dog).

Carol Kyle
01561 320665

LIGHT HOUSE NEWS

Light House has gathered three new members since starting in September and we have had a lot of fun this session. We will close for the Christmas and New Year break on December 12th with a Nativity party.

The provisional date for an exciting new session is January 9th. New children up to the age of 12 are always warmly welcomed, and as we have had younger children attending on a regular basis, we have now reduced the starting age to 4. If there's a problem with transport, we can always find a way to help out.

Phone Charles or Bren on 320371 if you want more information.

Have a very happy Christmas and never forget the reason for the season!

Auchenblae Over Sixties Friendship Group

It seems no time at all since I was inviting you to the start of the new session, and here we are almost at the holidays. We will meet for the last time on Wednesday 22nd December and start again on Wednesday 19th January 2005, weather permitting. For anyone out there who is over 60 and is not yet a member of the group we all extend to you a warm welcome. As our name suggests we are there to offer friendship to all. If you find it difficult to get to the meetings the school bus is available to convey people to the Church Hall. If you are interested, please contact me on **320498**.



We have had a varied programme once again; our usual games and quizzes, some history, some music and some travel by way of slides and films. Grateful thanks to all who have helped us. Coming up we have some more of the same, a visit to the Clatterin Brig for lunch, some painting and on 1st December a chance to find out more about "Fair Trade" and possibly purchase some of their products. I personally would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all who have given their time and help and may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Barbara Strouts

Profiles of Clubs and Societies of Auchenblae.

Over the next few Messengers some clubs and societies will be profiled in order to provide new residents, and perhaps even surprise existing residents, with an outline of what these clubs do and how they originated.

The Wildlife Club (Mearns Wildlife Explorers)

The Wildlife Club, organised by Ann Galbraith and Lois McCormack, takes place on Fridays at Auchenblae School. At present the club has 32 children of all ages. The club is totally run subscription free on a volunteer basis. Costs are met by the proceeds of RSPB supplied and approved bird food which is sold to any interested parties (see below for details and prices). The club itself was initiated by a RSPB grant of only £15.



Interesting facts about wildlife and general natural history are presented in a fun and creative way and include crafts, painting, mask making and birdbox building. Residents of Auchenblae may have noticed clothes peg blackbirds and bat masks hanging in windows and now you know the likely origin! One bird box this year had tawny owl residents. Children have the opportunity to discuss their findings and wildlife adventures, however gruesome!

The club actually started indirectly 9 years ago by Auchenblae residents volunteering to run the occasional wildlife day trips for under 8's. The Galbraiths and the McCormack's ended up with a 2 hour Saturday morning club at the church hall. People might remember the club as the 'Young Ornithologist Club, but this became the 'Mearns Wildlife Explorers. The school kindly offered the Friday slot when family commitments meant a mid-week daytime meeting was more practical for the volunteer organisers.

Bird Food Price List

(Contact Ann Galbraith 320779 to orders)

Shelled Peanuts 25 kilos/ £25

Fine Feeder Seed (for bird feeders) 25 kilos/£20

Winter Picnic Mix (for top of bird tables and ground) 25 kilos/ £17

Black Sunflower Seeds 30 kilos/ £20

Sunflower Hearts 25 kilos/ £34

Dumpling Fat balls 20 balls for £5

Local Historical Mystery?

Does anyone know the history of **Glenfarquhar Castle** (also known as Kintore Castle)? A local resident at Mains of Glenfarquhar was wondering about the small copse and earth mounting that is visible behind Burnie House at Mains of Glenfarquhar.

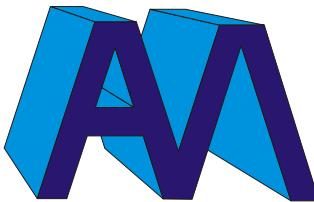
The information that the local authority Archeological experts could provide is that there was a castle that was demolished in the mid 1600s. Some of the stones were used in the building of the existing neighbouring houses. One of which will have the original dated stone-so that is worth a look!

Old records suggest that the Falconers used to be the lairds of Glenfarquhar and one of these was a son of the Earl of Kintore.

Any stories or information about this Mystery Castle should be communicated to the Messenger and we will print any findings.



THE AUCHENBLAE MESSENGER
THE NEWSLETTER
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**Auchenblae Messenger Supplement
MONTHLY MEMO**

Thursday 2 nd December	WRI	Mutual Hall	7.30 p.m.
Monday 6 th December	Heritage Society	Auchenblae Church Hall	7.30 p.m.
Friday 10 th December	Community Christmas Concert	Village Hall	7.00 p.m.
Sunday 12 th December	Light House Nativity Party	Village Hall,	2.30 p.m.
Sunday 12 th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner,	Glenbervie Church	6.30 p.m.
Sunday 12 th December	'Blue Christmas' Service	Auchenblae Church	6.30 p.m.
Friday 17 th December	'Carols, Candles and Christmas Pies'	Assembly at Church	9.30 a.m.
Tuesday 21 st December	Auchenblae School Christmas	Auchenblae Church	6.30 p.m.
Friday 24 th December	Children's Christmas Service	Auchenblae Church	11.00 p.m.
Friday 24 th December	Informal Carols and Watchnight Service	Auchenblae Church	11.00 a.m.
Saturday 25 th December	Christmas Day Service	Glenbervie Church	11.00 a.m.
Sunday 26 th December	Festival of lessons and carols	Auchenblae Church	11.00 a.m.
	Followed by informal Communion open to everyone.	Village Hall	9.00 p.m.
Friday 31 st December	Hogmanay Party	Village Hall	Midnight.
Friday 31 st December	Fireworks Display		

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Sunday 9 th January	Light House new session begins		
Saturday 15 th January	Last date for material for February Memo		
Wednesday 19 th January	Over 60s's Group	Church Hall	10.30 a.m.
Wednesday 19 th January	Guild Scottish Lunch	Church Hall	2.30 p.m.
Saturday 19 th February	Auchenblae Football Team play Gourdon at Gourdon.		

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