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From The Editor

It is hard to believe that half the year has virtually gone. Life is now pretty much back to life in the village. Let's hope that it stays that way. As there are still quite few people who can't access the Messenger online we still hope to print a few copies for them, for which we are very grateful to McPhies. If you wish to include anything in the next issue I will be collecting mid July. I can be contacted on 320911 or at barpollybar@gmail.com



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The Messenger— e-Newsletter

Due to costs & 'staying green' The Messenger continues to be published online at www.mearns.org/auchenblae

The very few printed copies that have been requested are provided by the very kind assistance of **Hazel Horrigan** and **Alastair Macphie**.

All the best,
Kevin (Publisher)

Auchenblae Friendship Group



Friends choose each other, try each other out, don't have to go too fast at first, don't have to promise to have lunch every day from now to eternity."

We are now well settled into our routine again and we hardly feel as though we have missed almost two years of meetings. It's good to know that Wednesday mornings are back to normal.

We are sorry to have lost one or two members for various reasons , but are pleased to say that we have been able to welcome some new ones. We still have room for more. The hall is cosy. The tea and coffee are always a good start to the morning. The entertainment is always interesting and enjoyable. If you are on your own and would like some company join us in the Church Hall, a very historic building I might say, at 10.00 am. If you need transport phone me, Barbara, on 320911, and I can give you more information on what we do.

" The finest ship to sail the sea of life is Friendship.

Auchenblae Heritage Society

It was great to see everyone at our first post Covid meeting on 9th May, and to hear Alex Hidago's talk on 'To Auchenblae from the Americas'. We have a full schedule arranged for 2022-23, starting with a late summer outing to Fasque Estate in September 2022, talks on Prehistoric Stone Cup and Ring marks (as found at St Paladius chapel in Auchenblae), a Genealogy talk on Mearns Migration to Canada, and a presentation on 'Auchenblae from the Millennium'. Please watch local noticeboards, Auchenblae FaceBook Page and the AB30 noticeboards for dates and times. Please come along and hear about our local heritage, everyone welcome.

Summer

PURE POETRY

There's poetry among the mountain peaks
where they shoulder their lowering skies,
There's poetry on the high seas in the
blown spume and seagull cries;
There's poetry among the wild flowers
and greenery of woodland trees,
And poetry on the wings of butterflies and
busy honey bees.

There's poetry in the hedgerows as they
burst their budding boughs,
And in the warm Sun, borne on the breath
of gentle sighs;
There's poetry in the night time velvet of a
twinkling sky,
And in the early morning as feathered
dearths wing their open skies.
There's poetry at harvest time as the wind
teased golden corn nod their sprightly
heads,
And at night as the combines moil to their
yields in a mellow light an amber harvest
moon sheds.

There's poetry in a writer's pen and in the
artist's brush,
There's the poetry of green pastures lying
silent, brimmed in eventide's gentle hush;
There's the poetry found in the splendour
of tall church spires,
And in the purity of voice rising from
church choirs.
There's poetry in a waterfall and among
the pebbled rills,
And in the blessed sound of a new born
baby's cry in the quiet of night time still.

There's poetry in the Bible the greatest
book ever written,
And in the poetry of the cross, when Je-
sus asked 'Father for what they do, may
they
be forgiven...?'

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I didn't know that!

People with blue eyes tend to have a higher tolerance to alcohol.

Eating spicy foods can boost metabolism, increasing fat burning up to 16%.

The dot above the letter "i" is called a tittle.

As of December 2020, Mount Everest is 33 inches (86 cm) taller than it was in 1954.

Over 1 million Earths could fit inside the sun.

The sunset on Mars is blue.

There are 2.4 trillion red blood cells in one pint of blood.

It takes more calories to eat a stick of celery than are in it to begin with, making celery a negative calorie food.

"Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia" is a fear of long words.

The can opener was invented 48 years after the can.

More tornadoes occur in the United Kingdom per square mile than any other country in the world.

Because of the increasing temperatures in the summer months, Paris's Eiffel Tower can grow by up to 6 inches.

It is illegal for frogs to croak after 11pm in Memphis, Tennessee.

Over 80 percent of body fat leaves the body through exhaling, making the lungs the primary organ through which we lose weight.

Having red hair and blue eyes is the rarest colour combination possible. The odds of having both traits are around 0.17%.

The average adult will walk almost 75,000 miles over their lifetime - the equivalent of travelling around the world three times.

Sea otters hold hands when they are asleep so they don't drift apart.

Every time you drink a glass of water there is a 99.9% chance that the water has passed through a dinosaur.

"Lethologica" is a word used to describe the moment when you are mid conversation but find yourself unable to recall a specific word.

There are around 900,000 species of insects on Earth, and at any given time there are an estimated 10 quintillion (10 followed by 18 zeros) alive and well.

Dates for your diary

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