



Auchenblae Messenger

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From The Editor

It is so good to see that life is getting back to some semblance of normality at last. We have been managing to stay in touch through emails and phone calls, but it is good to meet people again. once again my thanks go to all who have contributed to this issue of the Messenger. It is not easy finding something to say when nothing seems to be happening.

The next issue will be December and I will start collecting mid November. I can be reached at barpolly-bar@gmail.com



The Messenger— e-Newsletter

Due to costs & 'staying green' The Messenger continues to be published online at

www.mearns.org/auchenblae

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All the best,
Kevin (Publisher)

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Auchenblae Lawn Bowls Club

It was great seeing Auchenblae Scouts & their leaders Ralph & Carla enjoying a bowls session on the Den green hosted by Auchenblae Bowling Club on 23rd August. The Club provided its own stock of bowls and equipment for the Scouts to use.

Some youngsters had played bowls before - at the Bowling Club's coaching sessions for the primary school in previous years. But for some it was new and all soon rated it good fun.

Half of the Bowling Club's small group of just 12 members volunteered in coaching the Scouts - aiming to ensure the youngsters had a fun session learning bowls with the hope that the experience attracts the youngsters and their families to join the Bowling Club as members.

Auchenblae Parks, the registered charity which looks after the Den, paid for restoring the historic village green this summer. Bowling Club members pay 'green fees' towards its upkeep. In recent years the Club has very actively reached out to attract new members in order to keep viable. In 2019 membership increased to 18 but sadly Covid year 2021 saw changes and membership fell back down to 12.

The Bowling Club hosted an OPEN DAY drop-in sessions for anyone to come try bowling on Saturday 28th August and several families attended. The club also hosted a bowling Session for Auchenblae Brownies to try out the sport on Monday 30th August, greatly enjoyed by all.

Auchenblae Friendship Group



" Only solitary people know the full joys of friendship. Others have their family but to a solitary and an exile friends are everything."

During the last eighteen months there has been far too much solitary time for all of us. The good news is that we can now look forward to regular meetings again. Covid 19 allowing, we hope to meet again on Wednesday 15th September.

The Church Hall is still undergoing repairs but we have very kindly been given permission to use the inner vestibule of the Church for our meetings until such time as we can use the hall again.

Meetings will once again be from 10.00 am to 11.45 am. We will start with our usual cuppie and a blether but will then move on to our usual activities. All our old friends who entertain us have said that they are looking forward to coming back to us.

As well as our existing members we hope to welcome some new friends. We know the value of meeting together. If you have found solitariness to be a burden do come along to join us.

We keep reading and hearing of so many organisations increasing prices and blaming it on the pandemic. We intend to keep to our £3 a week to cover costs and the occasional outing..

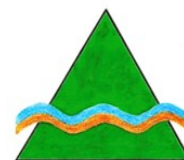
We are asked to take a few precautions for the time being. We are asked to wear masks and not to move about too much. I'm sure that we can manage that.

It's good to be getting back to something like normal. If you wish to know more about us I can be reached by phone at 320911 or you can ask any existing member.

We look forward to seeing you.

" Thus nature has no love for solitude, and always leans, as it were, on some support; and the sweetest support is found in friendship. "

Auchenblae Parks Committee



There's not a lot to say in this edition of the Messenger other than to say it's been lovely to see the green spaces around Auchenblae being used and busy with local people and those visiting our village, during the summer. A big Thank You to everyone for keeping the areas clean and tidy, it really does make a huge difference.

Auchenblae Golf Course

Please see below details of our current golf offer for the remainder of season.

Auchenblae Golf Course is delighted to offer membership options for the remainder of the 2021 season.

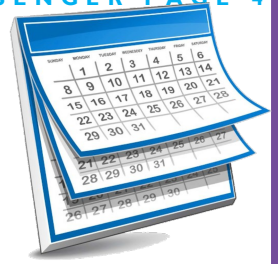
This allows unlimited play until 31st March 2022

Membership Type:	2021 Price	Late Summer Offer (from 1 st August)	Winter Offer (from 1 st October)
Full	£195	£170	£75
Senior (65 and over)	£185	£160	£75
Youth (18 – 21 years old)	£100	£85	£45
Junior (8 – 17 years old)	£45	£35	£20
Parent & Junior	£220	£190	£85

If you are interested in becoming a member, please get in touch by email - auchenblaegolf@gmail.com



Auchenblae Calendar 2022



Hopefully I will get enough photographs of the village and surrounds to have a calendar for next year published and on sale in time for Christmas.

The photos must be in landscape form and be clear and not edited – well not too much anyway.

These have always sold well in the past so I hope to get a few more to make this happen. The calendar has been published annually since 2012 – that's ten years apart from last year during Covid Lockdown.

The proceeds will go towards the completion of refurbishment of the Church Hall where, as many of you know, is used by several of the Youth Groups, the Heritage Society and the Friendship Group to mention a few.

I can be contacted on **jennythomson1@hotmail.com** or on **01561 320245**. I'll attach a few from previous years to inspire the photographers among you.

Jenny Thomson





AUTUMN GOLD

Where nature's autumn roads
across
the landscape makes her wield,
'Tis there I seek to find the mag-
ic
of poetry in hedgerow, hill and
field.

Oh! how I love to walk the stub-
bly
fields of gathered corn,
While passing heels, a music
box
of stubbly sounds ring out to an
autumn's dew cast dawn.

Then when oft in my chair I re-
pose
to dream,
Of where lumbering mountains
to
open skies gleam.
While down the rushing slopes
sentries
of spruce, row on row stand,
As thinning leaves of autumn,
wind shaken,
rustle across the land.

Then when the day is tired and
growing
old,
And the fading day stains the
Earth in
autumn gold;
Oh! how I love to cast my eyes
to where
the heaving hills scrape a lower-
ing sky,
And in a dusk hewn fading light,
dark
rooks to their roost hasten by.

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AUTUMN PLOUGH (Howe Of The Mearns)

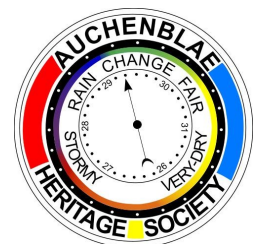
Turning the good earth, born of
the hammer and white heat,
Forms cast from the furnaces
fiery glow in the moulding shop's
moil of brow sweated men.

Fed from the lust for black gold,
energy won deep from the bowels
of the Earth,
Nourishing the pistons of machines
laboured beat.

White winged forms of the sea
follow furrows of the plough's
chaste;
In harmony with the good earth,
Skilled hands steer the fields
furrowed way.

Peter Morriss 2008

Auchenblae
Heritage
Society



We're thinking ahead and planning for new
meetings but, with developments still uncer-
tain, we feel we're not quite ready to fix dates
yet! We hope we can meet up before TOO
long!

Dates for your diary



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