

# Auchterhouse Newsletter

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### **Welcome to your new Auchterhouse Newsletter**

Distribution will be on a quarterly basis from now on with a Facebook page coming soon. If you are not already on our email distribution list please send your email address to [aileenmbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:aileenmbaird@yahoo.com) and we will add you.

This is a community newsletter so any ideas for content are very welcome. Please send any submissions on local clubs, groups, events, charity fund raising, personal achievements or special announcements to [aileenmbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:aileenmbaird@yahoo.com).

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### **Roll out of Kerbside Recycling**

A public meeting will be held on April 17th at 7pm in Auchterhouse Hall prior to the start of the Community Council regular meeting. An officer from Angus Council will explain and answer questions on the proposed roll out in June/July 2014.



## Thanks to Bob Bruce

As we start a new era for the Argus, our community newsletter, the Community Council members wish to express our very grateful thanks to Bob - our long time and very dedicated editor. Bob began compiling and printing the Argus in 1996 for monthly distribution round the community. The advent of emails made circulation easier for those who delivered it to each household but Bob's work in compiling the Argus did not diminish!

The Argus became such an institution that often little thought was given to the amount of time and effort that Bob put in to the publication over the past decades. It was only when holidays or occasional ill health prevented him from publishing, did folk comment on its absence.

Bob meticulously kept every copy of the Argus in files, an amazing historical record which we must not only preserve but also make available for general perusal.

The Community Council is very appreciative and thanks Bob most sincerely for his work and assures him that his abiding legacy will be the continuation of a community newsletter.

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### Anyone for Tennis?



Do you enjoy playing tennis? Fancy taking part in a friendly tennis event over the summer holidays?

If the answer is yes then this event is for you. As part of Auchterhouse's annual Sport Day, we are hoping to hold a friendly tennis tournament with the winner being presented with their prize at the Sports Day itself.

If you are interested, please email your name, age and gender by 1st of May 2014 to:  
**[lilaccottage294@gmail.com](mailto:lilaccottage294@gmail.com)**



## Auchterhouse Sports Day

Saturday 23rd August

This year's Auchterhouse Sports Day is shaping up to be a good one. We have decided to add a few events this year such as a tablet making competition, and a miniature garden competition, as well as the cupcake decorating competition introduced last year. All of the old favourites will still be there such as the hill race, children's races, adult races and potted sports.

Children can take part during the holidays by making their own homemade rockets for our all new "Rocking Rocket Competition". Rockets entered will be judged on their aesthetic design and the horizontal distance travelled. (Please note, no pyrotechnics should be used! Human powered only....) We are also hoping to hold a tennis competition over the summer holidays, with a prize for the winner being awarded at the sports day. Please see the separate tennis competition entry if you are interested.

The ceilidh will be held in the marquee in the evening to round off the day with some great fun, entertainment and community spirit.

If you would be **willing to help out with any of the stalls/events/activities** on the day or to set up the marquee on the Friday night, **please email [kelliesmith47@aol.com](mailto:kelliesmith47@aol.com)** or come along to the **next meeting on the 1st of May at 8pm in the village hall.**

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## Village Hall Bookings

Auchterhouse Village Hall is available for bookings anytime throughout the year.

Please contact **Helen Smith** on **01382 320312** or **[smuffyh@aol.com](mailto:smuffyh@aol.com)** for more information.

## Community Council Update - January to March



### **Police matters raised by our community police officer Sean Scanlon**

There is a need to be vigilant to fraudulent activities, - especially advanced fee fraud (where a person is asked to provide payment in advance of promised wealth/gifts/prizes etc). Wildlife crimes, such as deer poaching and hare coursing, are being carried out in our area, - very often by people with a criminal record. There have been thefts, or attempted thefts, from properties in Auchterhouse. Keep all doors and vehicles locked. Report anything suspicious to **Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**



### **Road and traffic matters**

The new road surface in Kirkton of Auchterhouse has given concern this winter. It is slow to dry out and liable to icing. Until the surface wears down a bit to give more grip all users will have to be cautious. Angus Council have agreed to replace the road drain in the Avenue and are budgeting for this in the next few years. The present drain can not cope with the volume of water coming from Tayside Forestry's christmas tree field there and this can cause a torrent of water to run down the Avenue in the event of heavy or prolonged rain. Every winter pot holes become a problem on our roads and this year has been no exception. The Brae, Bonnyton Road and Dronley Road have all received attention.



### **Communication with the public**

Considerable amount of time has been spent discussing how to get information out to as many people as possible in order to consult the public on matters requiring their feedback. There was initially a poor response to the message sent out to every home (on a Christmas card), asking people to give their email address to [comcouncil@auchterhouse.com](mailto:comcouncil@auchterhouse.com).

## Community Council Update - January to March



### **Communication with the public (continued)**

By the use of email the CC hopes to reach most people. Social media networks will also be considered for possible use in future. The website [www.auchterhouse.com](http://www.auchterhouse.com) and notice boards (in the village and at the road-end) will carry CC minutes and notice of events and consultations. A record will be kept of all communications to and from the CC on contentious issues, such as planning applications, which may impinge on many people so that an audit trail is achieved.



### **Auchterhouse Weather Station**

The community council has agreed to give financial support to the station which is now in need of upgrading so that it can continue to provide valuable information to everyone without interruption.



### **Daffodils**

The many daffodils in our village are for everyone to enjoy. Please resist the temptation to pick them. Thanks.

## School and Community Garden

The School and Community Garden had a very productive season last year with bountiful veg and flowers. Members of the community were able to buy the vegetables and the children took home a good selection as the produce ripened. We've sown an area of grass and created a willow tunnel. Plans are well in hand for a sensory garden and a seating area. We also want to grow a wider variety of vegetables.

A self seeded sunflower which grew in the middle of the path was carefully watched over by the children, produced a mass of seeds which have been sown by them and are growing well. Hopefully these will produce a forest of sunflowers this summer. What a learning experience for us all.

If you would like to help in the garden, please join volunteers on Saturday mornings 10am - midday or phone me (**320435**) to arrange a visit to see what suits your availability, and is also outwith school hours. Any help would be much appreciated.

Also we would like to have a catchier name which encapsulates the work of the school and the community. Phone or email me at **shionabaird@hotmail.co.uk**



## Afternoon Club

Every 4th Wednesday of the month the Afternoon Club meets at Auchterhouse Village Hall from 2-4pm.

There are speakers at most meetings and always an enjoyable afternoon tea of sandwiches, cakes and a cuppa. There are two more meetings left in this session on Wednesday 23rd April and Wednesday 28th May plus we have a summer outing in June.

Our March meeting was a great hit with Mrs Wiseman from Balnuith Farm at Tealing coming to talk to us about her rare breeds of Alpacas.

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Afternoon Club and join in. We hope to see some of you at one of our next meetings. For more information about Afternoon Club please contact **Mary Skea on 01382 320257.**

## Sidlaw Churches

The Sidlaw Churches consist of Auchterhouse, linked with Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing. Sunday worship times are; 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month 11am, 2nd and 4th 9.30am. If a 5th Sunday in the month a joint service is held in Tealing Hall, Inveraldie, at 10.00am

All children will be made very welcome at any of the services. There is a creche every Sunday and Junior Church for primary age children every Sunday from 9.30am and 11am. The first Sunday of the month at 11.00am is a shorter family service when the children stay in Church and help with and contribute to the service. Here are our contact details:

- Minister: Rev. David Collins, [revdacollins@btinternet.com](mailto:revdacollins@btinternet.com), 01382 778874
- Assistant Minister: Rev. Mike Mair, [michaelmair@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelmair@btinternet.com), 01382 530538.  
David and Mike are happy to be contacted for Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals or a confidential chat
- Session Clerk: Elizabeth Millar, [balluderon@madasafish.com](mailto:balluderon@madasafish.com), 01382 380219

### Easter Services

- Palm Sunday: 13th April at Auchterhouse, 9.30am
- Maunday Thursday: 17th April at Auchterhouse is Communion, 7.00pm
- Good Friday: 18th April at Monikie, 7.00pm
- Easter Sunday: at Balcalk Hill, Tealing, 7.30am  
Turn left from the Tealing-Auchterhouse road up the farm road and drive past the farm up to the mast car park. Join us for breakfast in the farmhouse after.
- Easter Sunday: 20th April at Auchterhouse is Communion, 11.00am



## Sidlaw Churches

### Church Toilet

The Church has been given a legacy solely for putting a toilet in to the Church. The Session has thought long and hard about where to put it and how it ought to look, so as not to change the interior of our beautiful Church too much. There have been various suggestions, discussions, lay out and plans drawn up. This will not happen quickly. Once the final plan with location is agreed to, there will be approvals from various committees etc including the congregation, but it is going in the right direction. It is something that has been discussed as far back as when Rev James Hamilton was minister.

### Church spring clean

This will take place on Saturday 10th May at 10.00am. This happens once a year when a group of us with mops and dusters give the Church a make over. If you are free that Saturday morning, please come and join in the fun. Tea and coffee supplied.

### Open Farm Sunday

Open Farm Sunday has been held in the beginning of June for many years now and we are to hold our own Open Sunday for the farmers and those involved in farming in any way in the Church on Sunday 8th June at 9.30am. This is an invitation and opportunity to you all to come along and find out about the farms and farmers in your area. So please help to fill the Church with song and laughter.

### Christian Aid Week walks

- Sunday 11th May, 2pm  
Walk from Auchterhouse Church
- Tuesday 13th May, 6pm  
Field walk from Murroes Church
- Wednesday 14th May, 10am  
Riverside walk from St Vigean's Church, Arbroath
- Friday 16th May, 6pm  
Country Park walk from Monikie Church
- Saturday 17th May  
Riverside walk from Balmerino Abby
- Questions - contact Mike Mair



## Auchterhouse Church Guild

The guild has been going for 65 years in Auchterhouse. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month from September to May.

Our outing this year it is a trip to the Gardyne Theatre at the end of April. If you would like to join our very friendly group of ladies and gentlemen you are very welcome to when our new session starts up on the 9th September 2014. The syllabus will be printed in the next newsletter. For more information please contact our Secretary **Heather Heggie on 01382 320305.**

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Auchterhouse Guild Big coffee morning  
To be held in Auchterhouse Village Hall on Saturday 7th June from 10am to 12pm. Tickets at the door. Usual stalls, lots of plants and a big raffle.



Auchterhouse Institute of the Scottish Women's Rural Institutes (SWRI) meets on the third Monday of every month from September to May in the village hall at 7pm.

We are one of 39 institutes in the Angus Federation which stretches from Fowlis and Liff in the south to the top of Glen Esk. Each meeting comprises a short business meeting, then a speaker and supper afterwards.

We are active in federation competitions - we recently came second in the national rural curling competition, always take part in the rural pub quiz and this year put a collective entry in to the annual federation craft and produce show for the first time in some years. We hold a soup lunch in aid of CHAS each year and host the village Burns supper.

We currently have 36 members aged from their thirties upwards but would always love more. We are a very welcoming bunch so if you would like to join us or even see if it is for you please feel free to come along to any meeting (the speaker in April is Dr Shona Walker talking about Dementia) or call **Maureen Macleod on 320236** or email **m.macleod@dundee.ac.uk.**



## Lundie & Auchterhouse Curling Club

Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club is a small curling club with ladies and gents of all ages. We play many of our games in Forfar Ice Rink and others at Dundee. There is even a chance of curling outside on Thripley Loch if we get cold weather! Our bonspiels are famous for their hospitality and we have one in September in Dundee and one in November in Forfar.

We have just finished our season. Our main league is for the John Stirling Quaich – the late John Stirling being a well know resident of Auchterhouse. The winners of our league for 2013-2014 are: John Arbuckle, Bruce Buchan, Irene Spalding and Alex Ferrier. The Valentine Goblets were won by Graeme Ferrier, Eva Bell, Ted Bowen and John Brown. The Pairs Competition – the Smith Salver - was won by John Brown and Marlyn Foster. Finally the Gorrie Kettle for the Points Competition was won by Susan Smith.

Our season starts up again at the beginning of September. If you are interested in joining our club or having a go at curling then you would be sure of a warm welcome from our friendly club. Please contact either **Jenny Arbuckle tel 01382 360476** or **Dave Smith tel 01382 320312** or any of our members for more details. There is never a dull moment when you are on the ice. Come along and give it a try.

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### Calling all Auchterhouse Wifies!

Come and join us for a social get together on Saturday 10th May, 7.30pm at The Clubhouse @ Auchterhouse Country Sports

Bring your own drinks & some nibbles to share

For more info please contact Emma Christie or Kellie Smith



## Auchterhouse Country Sports

### **Ladies Day - Saturday 7th June**

The aim of the day is for ladies to have a go a clay shooting while raising money for charity. This event has been going for 10 years & so far they have raised over £24,000 which has gone to various charities including; SCBU, Maggies, Dundee Youth Link, SSPCA.

This year we are hoping to get 150 ladies along. There are 2 charities that are benefiting this year; Meigle Care Home & Ward 5 Royal Victoria Hospital. The reason they have chosen these charities, Jenny Christie (who was Gavin's mother) passed away early February, she had a massive stroke in October 2012, she was in Ward 5 for a few months then in the end stayed at Meigle Care Home. Jenny stayed in Auchterhouse all her life, she went to many clubs in the village including the WRI, Walking Club, Wednesday Club & the Women's Guild, She was also a member of the Church choir.

They are looking for donations for the raffle & auctions to which any prizes will be much appreciated.

If you can help in any way please contact  
Emma  
Tel: 320476  
Email: treemac476@yahoo.co.uk

If you'd like to take part in the day  
email Emma for more details.

### **Commonwealth Games**

Flying the flag for Auchterhouse at the Commonwealth Games is hopefully our very own Drew Christie. He will be representing Scotland in the Olympic Skeet Shooting discipline. He narrowly missed out in a bronze medal at Dehli 4 years ago. So fingers crossed for this year, we hope the community will all be behind him

## Auchterhouse Country Sports



### **Sunday Shoots at Auchterhouse Country Sports**

- 25th May
- 15th June
- 22nd June
- 29th June
- 13th July
- 20th July

### **10th August**

This is the big Charity Shoot that we run every year. Over the past 12 years they have raised over £2million for The Princes Trust, Barnardos & JDRF. This year the money raised will go towards Maggie's & JDRF. Over the years celebrity chef Nick Nairn has supported the event, other famous names have been; Shelia Ferguson (Three Degrees), Fred MacAulay, The Overtones, Ed Byrne, Kevin Bridges, some of the Scotland Rugby Team, Kenny Logan plus many influential business men from all over Scotland.

### **The Clays Shop at Auchterhouse Country Sports**

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am - 6pm. Selling Ladies & Gents Outdoor/Country Clothing. Stockists of Musto, Joules, Toggi, Pinewood & much more.