



# Auchterhouse Newsletter

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## Welcome to the tenth edition of the Auchterhouse Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles for issue 10.

There will be another 1 edition of the newsletter in 2016 in November. Please send any content/articles to [aileenmbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:aileenmbaird@yahoo.com) by no later than 18th November.

Please also use our facebook newsletter page to share details of any local events/groups or information that benefits our community.

If you are not already on our email distribution list please send your email address to [aileenmbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:aileenmbaird@yahoo.com).

**Date for your diary: Saturday 27th August, Auchterhouse Sports Day and Ceilidh**

## Auchterhouse Sports Day - Saturday 27th August

Preparations for this year's sports day are now almost complete and tickets for the evening ceilidh are now on sale priced at £10 per adult and £2 per child. This price includes a burger roll or sausage on a roll and entry to the ceilidh. It also helps us to cover the cost of the ceilidh band.

The day will kick off at 1pm with the Auchterhouse Pipe Band opening the event, followed by the Water Balloon launcher competition on the playing fields. Other events will run throughout the day, including the races, hexathlon, archery and judging of the competition entries for the home brew, vegetable sculpture and cupcake competitions. We've had an amazing Olympics this year and hopefully the Olympic themed entries will be up to the same standard! The Hill Race will take place, as always at 3pm (£3 entry fee) and the presentation of prizes at around 4.30pm. This year we will be trialling a new online entry system for the hill race. You can still enter on the day until 2.50pm but signing up online means no forms to complete, just your £3 entry fee to pay and collect your race number. Please note that Primary School aged children will require a parent or carer to sign for them on the day. You will find the entry form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/yk0Dfi5U8fyEhhII3>

Teas and coffees will be available throughout the afternoon. Donations of sandwiches and baking for the tea and coffee stall and raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated on the morning of the event. Entries for the homebrew, cupcake and vegetable sculpture competitions should be brought along on the day. Rules for the competition can be found on our facebook page.

The day's festivities will then spill over into the evening ceilidh, the band starting at 8pm, with doors open from 7.30pm. The price of your ticket (£10 per adult & £2 per school age child) includes a burger from the BBQ which will be open until 9pm.



# Auchterhouse Sports Day - Saturday 27th August

A "Bring Your Own" policy exists whereby you can bring your own drinks and snacks along with you. This year's band are called "Alba Ceilidh Band". They're a local band and they will be calling the dances this year so if you're not sure, they'll keep you right! Children are welcome to come along, with most of them choosing to play in the park.

Please be aware however, that children attending the event should have an adult who is responsible for them. There will also be a raffle, with tickets available on the day. We have some good raffle prizes so far with donations from local businesses. All donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

If you would like to volunteer to help out with any of the stalls on the day or would like to help in other ways by donating raffle prizes or cake/ sandwiches please contact any of the people listed below.

We're sure you'll agree that this is a great community event, with a fun atmosphere, where friendships are made. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Contacts for Ceilidh tickets:

Dan Gilmour - Tel: 320303

Jenny Baird - Tel: 320286

Kellie Smith - Tel: 320285

Helen Smith - Tel: 320312

## Community Council Update - May to August



### **Police matters**

Police Scotland is giving greater importance to community policing and will produce a report each month updating us on criminal activity; in our area their team will be led by Sgt Grace Morrison. There was a break-in to a property in the Burnhead area recently with a number of valuable items stolen. Everyone is reminded to be vigilant against suspicious activity in the area and keep your property secure at all times. Leave a light or a radio on when not at home. Report anything suspicious to Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



### **Road/traffic matters**

BT has a contractor working in Kirkton of Auchterhouse laying a cable for faster broadband, which should be running by the end of the year. Later this year the Roads Dept. will start replacing the drain in The Avenue in an attempt to avoid the all too common flooding we get there in times of heavy rain.



### **Planning applications**

There were a number of applications during this period:

- Conversion of a barn at Sunnyhall Farm to create a house - approved
- Erection of a covered silage pit at West Mains Farm - approved
- Extension of the new cottage at Newton Farm - refused
- Demolition of the steading and outbuildings at The Neuk and erection of 4 new houses, - awaiting a decision
- The erection of a new house for an essential worker at Eastfield Farm is approved with conditions

## Community Council Update - May to August



### **Miscellaneous Matters**

The timetable for the 137 and 138 buses has changed with effect from 15th August. There is also a new timetable for the 57 service (Dundee to Blairgowrie and return along the B954). Some improvements and repairs have been carried out at the playfield toilets.



### **Community Council Meetings**

Community council meetings are now held every 2 months (on even numbered months) at 7pm in the hall.



The hall 200 club, which helps to fund our hall expenditure, will start again this month with the first draw on Wed 31st Aug. A membership number costs £5 and allows the owner to enter the draws which take place in Aug; Sep; Oct; Nov and Dec. Most of the prizes are £10 but in Dec £60, £40 and £20 prizes are awarded. Half of the total sum raised is kept for hall funds and the remainder returned in prizes. If anyone would like more numbers, or anyone without a number would like one, contact John or Mary Skea on 320257 or at [jam@skea.co.uk](mailto:jam@skea.co.uk)



## AUCHTERHOUSE WEATHER 2016: January to June

By John Brush

January 2016 has the distinction of being the wettest month I have ever recorded. 284mms (11.2 inches) of rain fell and most of it occurred between the 2nd and the 7th of the month. You may remember that the Wally's Wynd burn in Auchterhouse was pouring across the road for some of that period and it's a wonder that more damage wasn't done in the area. (There were mudslides in Pitnappie cutting in the Glack of Newtyle). Very little of the precipitation fell as snow, there was significant snow on the last two days of the month. January was quite a windy month with a gale on the 29th when the wind speed reached 74. There were only 26.2 hours of sunshine during the month, about 39% of normal. Altogether a dismal month. The sunshine total was almost exactly equal to the sunshine total for December 2015.

February was a lot brighter with 110.3 hours of sunshine, which is 131% of normal. February's rainfall was just a little above normal. There was a gale on the 1st, and quite a lot of wind during the month. Mean temp was close to average, as was January's.

March and April were average months in most respects, with March the windier. Mean temperature for April was 5.3°C, 1.7° below average.

May was a pleasant sunny month with mean temperature 1°C above average and rainfall only 51% of average. June's sunshine was about average, but the rainfall was double the normal for this month. There were 4 days when the temperature equalled or exceeded 20°C. Mean temperature for the month was 11.9°C, 0.5 below average.

So the first 6 months of this year produced nearly double the normal amount of rainfall, the two quantities being 646mms (this year) and 390mms. Other figures are close to average.

I supply various farmers and other people in the area with a monthly weather report each month (sent by email) and if anyone would like to receive this, just let me have your email address and I will arrange to send it to you. My email address is [johnbrush1035@gmail.com](mailto:johnbrush1035@gmail.com)



## **Pub Night**

I'm sure everyone loves living in Auchterhouse but the fact that we don't have anywhere to meet socially, such as a pub, restaurant or even a shop can make it difficult to meet new people and get to know others.

Over the last few months we have had a pub night in the village hall to try to give people an opportunity to catch up or meet new people. Those who have attended have had a great time and the best thing is....no taxi fares!

The next few pub nights will be on the dates below. If you would like to come along feel free to turn up around 7.30pm, bring your own drinks and nibbles and join in the fun!

- 10th September
- 22nd October
- 12th November



# GREWAR'S FARM SHOP

Grown By Our Family For Your Family

New in to Grewar's Farm Shop in Dronley – a speciality alcohol selection. The latest addition to the farm shop line up is a comprehensive selection of local beers wines and spirits.

“We have had many customers asking us for quality local beers, gins and vodkas to add in to their existing basket shop, and we are delighted with the uptake thus far. Everything of course is Scottish and all sourced from small artisan suppliers who are passionate about the superior quality of their products” said Euan Grewar.

Grewars currently have over 20 different gins and vodkas from around Scotland, with the “Gin Bothy” from Angus a particular crowd pleaser.

Add to that – some Cairn O Mohr wines and Abernyste beers, and there is something for everyone. If you haven't been yet, it's definitely worth a visit.





Meetings are held third Monday of the month from September - May at Auchterhouse Village Hall, 7:30pm. New members are always welcome

The aim of the SWRI is to learn, share, educate, craft, socialise, build a close community and of course, to have fun. From life skills and arts and crafts to raising awareness of current affairs and fundraising for several charities, our meetings have a wide variety of content throughout the year. Our members are involved in all kinds of sporting events like golf, curling, bowling and more, we have had great success at Local and National tournaments!

New members are always welcome to join, plus we now have lots of younger newcomers who are learning a lot from our more established Rural ladies! So come along to the Village Hall, meet some local people, learn something new and have some tea & cake!

Our syllabus begins on Monday 19th September and this year we have various speakers and craft workshops lined up to educate and entertain. Also, in the calendar are the fundraising event hosted by the SWRI on the 11th November 2016 to raise money for CHAS and the Burns Supper, which is on the 20th January 2017 - returning this year to the Auchterhouse Village Hall!

For any enquiries about the SWRI, please contact Maureen Macleod 01382 320 236 (07950834181).

## Sidlaw Churches

### Retiral of Rev. David Collins

David's retiral was held after his last service with us at Tealing Hall on 31st July. The 5th Sundays in a month are always held there with all three Churches coming together so it was very fitting to have his party. Following the service, where 130 members and friends attended Session Clerk of Auchterhouse, Elizabeth Millar presented David with a cheque, with which he is to buy a bicycle to cycle round the roads of Fife, where David and Catherine have a house, finding photo opportunities.



She also had a lovely watercolour of Auchterhouse Church commissioned by a Church member David Roulston. The pictures of Murroes and Monikie Churches will follow at a later date. A huge buffet followed finishing off with tea/coffee and cake. David was delighted with the whole day. We gave him a day to remember. It was a sad day for us all at the Sidlaw Churches when David told us he was to retire on the 31st July, but all is not lost Rev Mike Mair will be our Locum minister and can be contacted for any pastoral duties on his e-mail [mvamair@gmail.com](mailto:mvamair@gmail.com). The Nominating committee, who have the unenviable task of finding the right minister for our linked parishes, have already been hard at work. The Parish Profile is out there for all ministers to view and hopefully something will attract some to apply. It is on the Church website it you would like to view at your leisure.

If you are someone who likes to walk, Mike Mair has various Kirk walks. They are usually twice a month and vary, nothing too strenuous or lengthy. We would love some of you to join us. Look again on the website for details. [www.sidlawchurches.org.uk](http://www.sidlawchurches.org.uk)

## Sidlaw Churches

### **Baptisms**

We have had 4 Baptisms. The first in June was Jessica Helen Grewar, then in July it was a family affair with Cheryl Elizabeth Baird and her two sons, Douglas Hill and Reuben William all being Baptised together. Cheryl was then admitted to the membership of Auchterhouse Church.

### **Open Air Communion**

Sunday 14th saw our Open Air Communion held in beautiful sunny and warm evening. I was host this year at North Balluderon. A large turn out came to hear Rev. Mike Mair gave a really lovely service followed by a wonderful spread done by the ladies of the Church. What made it extra special this year was that a previous minister Syd Graham and Edna made the journey from Luncarty to be with us. Syd started the Open Air Communion at least 20 years ago.

Elizabeth Millar





## The School Lane Garden

After a warm but often quite wet summer, the School Lane Garden is looking its best. The flowers donated by Dobbies and planted out by the children have complemented all the flowers grown from seed by the pupils. The display is a wonderful array of colours and is worth a visit. The vegetables have been quite productive so far with cauliflowers and lettuces being particularly good this year. The strawberries came from runners donated to us so we don't know the variety but the flavour is superb. We will be taking more runners this autumn to create a new strawberry patch. The children are enjoying the last of the raspberries and the peas are nearly ready for eating.

The School Lane Garden was entered into Angus Council's Garden competition just two weeks before judging. The whole school came out and did a power of work including clearing an abandoned corner which we were able to plant up to complete the job. Others made labels for the plants and a parent helped with a welcome sign. We were delighted to welcome a new helper who joined the Saturday team at this opportune time. He was able to assist with some necessary weeding and do the final tidying up in the garden before the judges visited. I was delighted to hear that four children and the nursery class showed the judges round. We will not hear the result for some time but fingers crossed! But no matter the result, it's great when the community comes together to create something so well worthwhile. We always welcome more helpers so if you want to relax for a couple of hours by doing something practical and worthwhile, please get in touch.

Shiona Baird Tel: 320435

## Auchterhouse Hall Committee

With all the improvements to the main rooms, the Hall Committee decided that the entrance hall needed attention to complete the renovations. The walls have been painted and new flooring laid while the school was on holiday. We have a Hall to be proud of.

A quote was obtained for tarring the parking area and a decision will be taken on any action at the next Hall Committee meeting at the end of September. If you have thoughts on improving the parking at the Hall then please pass them on to me or any committee member.

Thanks to all the committee members for the work they all do to keep the Hall an asset for the community. Thanks to those who have taken on more numbers in our fund raising 200 Club. We would still welcome a few more volunteers to help spread the load.

Shiona Baird (Chair)



## Auchterhouse Bus Service

Service 138 and 139 morning buses from Kirkton of Auchterhouse to the High St have been cut on week days w.e.f 15 August, but there is a new morning bus to Cox St, Downfield.

There is an extra bus on Saturday mornings.

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