



Auchterhouse Newsletter

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Welcome to the 13th edition of the Auchterhouse Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles for issue 13. There will be another 2 editions of the newsletter in 2017 in August and November. Please send any content/articles to aileenmbaird@yahoo.com. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dronley Community Woodland Information Gathering Event
Thursday 8th June, 9:00am – 10:00pm

Pub Night - **Saturday 24th June**, 7:30pm

Community Council Meeting - **Thursday 13th July**, 7:00pm

Auchterhouse Sports Day & Ceilidh, **Saturday 26th August**

Community Council Update - February to May



Police matters

PC Steve Wilson or PC Gail Beattie have attended our recent meetings and reported on criminal activity. There have been several cases of vehicle thefts, and attempted thefts, including one in our area. Keep your property secure at all times. Report anything suspicious to Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Planning

Applications have been received by Angus Council for: - a new dwelling house at Keith Farm; an extension to a potato shed at East Mains Farm and a sun lounge extension at Fettercairn, Piper's Way. These are awaiting a decision.



BT Phone Box

The adoption of the phone box from BT is not yet finalised. When it is, we will want to clean and repaint it then put it to good use. If you have a good idea, please pass it to Garry Stewart at Drummuir@btinternet.com or Tel 320339. The school has been asked to get pupils to participate in making suggestions for its use.

Community Council Update - February to May



Playing Field Equipment

The installation of new play equipment has been delayed due to damage caused in delivery from the manufacturer. Angus Council will change the equipment when the new stuff becomes available.



Invitation to Twin Auchterhouse with Guiche in SW France

Several people have responded positively to news of this invitation from Guiche. Contact is now being made with the French community to take this forward.



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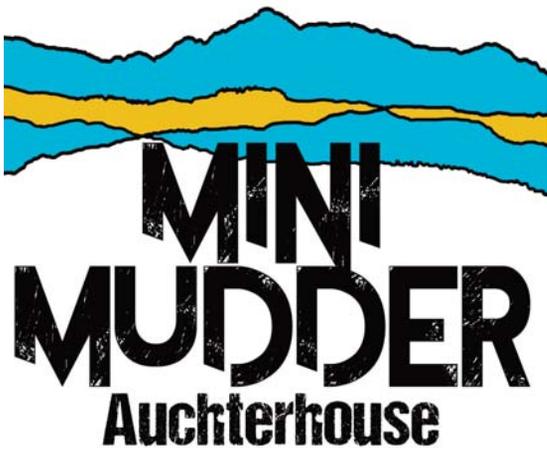
info@auchterhousecountrysports.co.uk

Ladies Charity Shooting Day



There are still some spaces available if anyone fancies coming along & supporting the event and our chosen charity – SCAA (Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance). Please contact Emma if you would like to buy tickets:

info@auchterhousecountrysports.co.uk



MINI MUDDER Auchterhouse



On Sunday 21st May the first ever Mini Mudder Auchterhouse was held on Scotston Farm. The event was a huge success with 500 kids and adults running through the muddy obstacle course. The demand for the event was so huge that it was entirely sold out.

The Mudder was organised by the Auchterhouse Primary School Parent Council with support from Angus Council's Active Schools Team. The total amount raised on the day was over £2,000 and will be used to support the set up of a library for Auchterhouse Primary School.

A huge thanks to everyone who came along and got muddy, our marshals, volunteers and local sponsors Grewars Farm Shop and Auchterhouse Country Sports. Many of the participants have been sharing their brilliant photos and videos from the day on the official **Mini Mudder Auchterhouse Facebook page**. Check it out to see all the mud-tastic fun in action.

Auchterhouse Sports Day

Saturday 26th August

Preparations for this year's sports day are now well underway and tickets for the evening ceilidh will be on sale before the school holidays priced at £10 per adult and £2 per child.

The day will kick off with the Pipe Band at 1pm, followed by the Dragon Boat Race competition on the playing fields. Think of Viking Longboats meets the Flintstones!

This will be followed by the Hill Race at 3pm (£3 entry fee) and the presentation of prizes at around 4.30pm. Other events will run throughout the day, including the races, display of the competition entries for the home brew, vegetable sculpture and cupcake competitions. This year's heptathlon has been replaced by a new "Auchtathlon" with 8 events. Teas and coffees will be available throughout the afternoon. Donations of sandwiches and baking for the tea and coffee stall 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. The theme for cupcakes and vegetable sculpture is the Brexit. Please see the **facebook page** for rules, or alternatively a copy can be obtained by email from **kelliesmith47@aol.com**.

The day's festivities will then spill over into the evening ceilidh, 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. A "Bring Your Own" policy exists whereby you can bring your own drinks and snacks along with you. Last year's band, "Alba Ceilidh Band", were such a great success that we immediately booked them for next year. They will be calling the dances again 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. 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 / 07956547608

Lian Yule - Tel: 320363 / 07809403315

Helen Smith - Tel: 320312



Lundie & Auchterhouse Curling Club

Lundie and Auchterhouse enjoyed another successful year with Dave Smith's team coming third in the Thornton League and winning the Points at Dundee Ice Arena. Plus we had all the usual club competitions/games. Congratulations to all the winners.

Prizes were presented as follows: John Stirling Quaich - Graeme Ferrier; Susan Smith; Jenny Arbuckle; Karen Smith. Valentine Trophy - Susan Smith; John Brown; Darren Law; Judith Strachan. Smith Salver - Andrew Skea/John Arbuckle. Gorrie Kettle - John Smith. Camperdown Medal - Indoor Bonspiel with Dundee Virtual Club - John Brown, Steven Adam, Irene Spalding, Isla Miller. Pot Lid Competition - Judith Strachan, Ted Bowen, Liz Firrie, Phil Murrie.

Lundie and Auchterhouse are pleased to announce several new members to the club including: Joy Howat, Callum Skea, Steven Adam, George Dewar and Sarah Hornsby.

After 5 years of being our wonderful club secretary Jenny Arbuckle has retired and will now be assistant secretary to support Karen Smith who takes over as Secretary. Dave Smith has retired as our match secretary with Andrew Skea taking on this role. We thank Jenny and Dave for their many years of service to our club and wish our new secretaries well in their new roles.

If you are interested in find out more about Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club, please contact Karen Smith at secretary@curling.org.uk

Dronley Community Woodland - Update

There has been much work done on developing the proposal to purchase Dronley Wood from the Forestry Commission.

A formal group has now been established with 10 Trustees appointed to work on a constitution and prepare the necessary documents. The Trustees are supported by membership from our designated area of Auchterhouse, Dronley and Templeton as well as interested people from out with our designated boundary. We are a small community but there seems to be a clear interest and enthusiasm to take on the challenge of buying and managing the wood.

An application has been submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) applying for the status of a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). A full constitution with clearly laid out purposes was a major part of this application. We have also made an application to the Scottish Land Fund (SLF). We have been allocated an advisor, Claire Martin, who will guide us through the Stage 1 application for funding a business plan which will lay out how we manage and expand the capacity of what the Woodland can offer. If this is successful, we then move on to Stage 2 which is the application for funding to purchase the wood. The SLF will fund at least 80% of the funds.

That still leaves a chunk of funding we as a Community will need to generate. We are developing a website where all this information and other relevant links will soon be made available.

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Dronley Community Woodland - Update (continued)

The key to progressing this application is the strength, enthusiasm and dedication of the whole community in taking this forward well into the future. This is a wonderful opportunity to shape a real community asset.

Some ideas have already been put forward of what the community wood could offer, such as practical workshops on woodcraft skills, establishing a forest school and a woodland orchestra. There will always be work in managing core woodland activities such as path clearing and tree planting. Increasing paths and establishing picnic seating could be set up. You may have your own ideas of what the wood could offer so the Board of Trustees is holding an **information gathering event on Thursday June 8th in the small Hall of Auchterhouse Village Hall from 10am - 9pm**. This is polling day so after you have voted come in and put a post it note on the map of the Woodland with your suggestions of what you would like to see in the wood or just have a chat and register your interest with a Trustee.

Shiona Baird
Chair of the Steering Group
shionabaird@hotmail.co.uk

Sidlaw Churches

Mother and Toddlers

After the successful Party in the Church on the 5th March for children under 6 years old, there was a request to hold a mother and toddlers in the Church. This was agreed and has proved very successful too. This is held on last Friday of the month between 10am and 11.30am. This will be held monthly until September then weekly thereafter if this was found to be the need of the families involved.

If any of you with babies feel you and your little one or ones would benefit from meeting other young parent get in touch with Ruth Leese, Tel;320214 initially then she will point you in the right direction. You do not need a baby anyone can pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

Junior Church

Kerry Smith has stepped down from leader of the Junior Church. Thank you Kerry for all you did for the children in Auchterhouse Church. The new team are Suzie Murray, Margaret Wallace and Ruth Leese. These ladies would love to see as many youngsters in Church on a Sunday morning as is possible. The children stay in Church now, so are never far from the us adults. It works very well and the ministers take any distraction, if any, in their stride. So again come and give all age worship a try.

Bell

If you residents in the village think it strange and quiet that the Church Bell is now absent from your Sunday morning. Never fear it will be back. It has developed a big crack, so has to be either replaced or repaired. This as you will expect will take some time.



Sidlaw Churches (contiuted)

Guilds Big Coffee Morning

This year the coffee morning will be on 3rd June 10am 12pm. All you can eat for £3 adult and £1 child. Usual stalls ; cake and candy, plants, bric-a-brac, books etc.. Come along for what is usually a fun morning.

Big Country walks

These walks of Rev Mike's are proving a great success and we would like more to join us. There will be a new list for summer going out soon.

If you are interested in joining us on a Sunday afternoon and would like a copy get in touch with me and I will forward one on to you Tel; 380219 or balluderon@madasafish.com

Elizabeth Millar

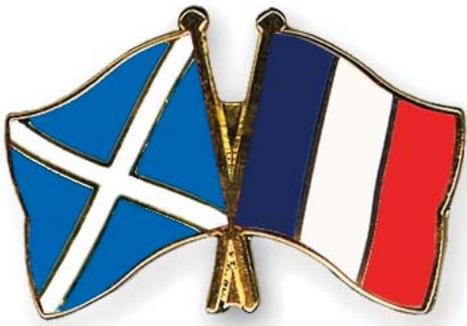


Auchterhouse Pub Night

**Come along and
meet new
people!**

June 24th at 7.30pm

Auchterhouse Village Hall



Proposed twinning of Auchterhouse with Guiche, France

The village of Guiche, located in the South West of France in the Biarritz area, has sent us a proposal to twin with their village. Both villages have many similarities. The population size and are both approx 1,000, the villages are both nestled amount beautiful hills/mountains, they are both only a short drive to the ocean/sea and they both have a pipe band!

To gauge the level of enthusiasm and support for the potential Twinning of Auchterhouse with Guiche, we would like to ask you to complete a survey. Please click on the link below to fill it out:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F7FD3DR>

Whether you can speak French fluently, have a little French or have no French at all and would like the opportunity to make new friends, this could be a fun opportunity. Your level of feedback/support will enable us to know whether it will be possible to move forward with the twinning request.

If you would like to get in contact with us directly please email **aileenmbaird@yahoo.com** or **kelliesmith47@aol.com**





The School Lane Garden

The gardening season moves on so fast. The ground has been dug by enthusiastic children and already the potatoes and peas they put in are through the ground and growing well. It is so inspiring to see how many of the children have acquired significant gardening skills and understanding of what they need to do in the garden. The one activity they all love doing is mowing the grass. We acquired a modern light weight version of the traditional push lawnmower - a novelty to most of them! One pupil even noted that this is an environmentally friendly machine as it uses people not petrol to work it! With the recent dry weather that Friday's garden group were disappointed when they were told the grass didn't need mowing. It gets so closely mowed it needs time and rain to help it recover!

The other activity which engaged the enthusiasm of the pupils, was clearing out the old bath pond and filling it with water. We were delighted to receive some pond plants from a local resident who had read my appeal last time. These were planted and already tiny leaves of a miniature water lily are unfurling along with reeds and a small water iris. We need some oxygenating plants to keep the water clear so if anyone has a pond containing them please let me know. The nursery pupils have been very active too, sowing a variety of vegetable seeds in the ground and flower seeds in pots. They have made a lovely shell edging to paths in their area with one nursery pupil really sticking at the work till it was finished. It was lovely to see that child stand back with a big smile reviewing the result of the hard work. The gardening knowledge some of these nursery pupils have already is quite amazing.

So even if you haven't the time to help, please pop into the school and community garden to see what the pupils and the three members of the community have achieved. Thanks also to another community resident who does a great job in sorting and repairing the structural work such as recently connecting the rhones to the water butt. As always a plea to come in and help if you can, it is very .rewarding work. Just let me know. Shiona Baird, 320435



**Meetings held 3rd Monday of the month
September - May
Village Hall at 7:30pm**

This year we celebrated 92 years of the SWI in Auchterhouse and the centenary of the SWI itself. We were kept busy with fantastic successes Nationally and at Federation level : Winning the National Final of the curling in Dumfries! Claiming 1st place in the Federation competition for our noticeboard & 2nd place in the Rural Quiz. We tried our hand at bowling and did very well at the Ruralympics sports day!

We held our annual Burns' Supper which had great attendance and wonderful speakers and musicians to entertain us, we raised money this year for the deserving Sandpiper Trust. We also held a fundraiser for CHAS with a concert in the Parish Church, featuring our very own members singing - Irene Spalding with the brilliant Miegle Musicality and Judy Campbell doing a beautiful acoustic set. The ladies also enjoyed an outing to the Quarto Press in Coupar Angus which was fascinating and then had a lovely meal at the Red House.

There were new faces at the Village Hall, with guest speakers loving the atmosphere and busy meetings, new members joining and two of our current members bringing babies into the world - Katie Goldie and Kirsty Brown both had little boys! We are now entering our Summer break where the committee will be busy preparing our next packed timetable of events, workshops and outings - we are looking forward to seeing everyone in September which is also a great time for any new members to come along and find out about the Rural.

Next meeting is on Monday 18th September 2017 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. For any enquiries about the SWI, please contact: Claire Black - cm.vm.black@gmail.com