



# Auchterhouse Newsletter

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## Welcome to the ninth edition of the Auchterhouse Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles for issue 9 and a huge thanks to Karl Oparka for the beautiful cover photo.

There will be another 2 editions of the newsletter in 2016 in August and November. Please send any content/articles to [aileenmbaird@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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 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 at 1pm, followed by the Water Balloon launcher competition on the playing fields. Think along the lines of a trebuchet or catapult and you'll get the idea! 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, hexathlon, archery and display of the competition entries for the home brew, vegetable sculpture and cupcake competitions. 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 Olympic games. 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. 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. All donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.



# Auchterhouse Sports Day - Saturday 27th August

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

## Rules for Water Balloon Launchers Competition

1. Water Balloon Launchers should be hand made by the contestant and their friends and family.
2. Launchers should not be propelled by any form of pyrotechnics.
3. Launchers will be judged on the horizontal distance measured.
4. The decision of the judge will be final.
5. Launchers should be brought to the competition area when called.





### **Homebrew Competition Rules**

1. Homebrew should be hand made by the contestant.
2. Homebrew will be judged on taste alone.
3. Categories will be alcoholic/ non alcoholic
4. The decision of the judge will be final.
5. Homebrew should be brought to the marquee by 1pm on sports day.



### **Cupcake Competition Rules**

1. Cupcakes should be decorated with an Olympic Games theme.
2. Cupcakes will be judged on decoration only by people purchasing a tea and coffee. The winner will be the cake with the most voting slips.
3. Voting tokens will be counted after voting closes at 3pm and the winner will be announced on the sports day.
4. In the event of a tie, a final decision will be made by the chair of the sports day committee.
5. Cupcakes should be brought to the marquee by 1pm on the day.



### **Fruit and Vegetable Sculpture Competition Rules**

1. Sculptures should be made by the entrant themselves.
2. Sculptures can be made from any combination of fruit and vegetables.
3. Sculptures should have an Olympic Games theme.
4. Sculptures will be judged on appearance by the general public, by posting a voting slip beside their choice of sculptures. The Sculpture with the most votes will win.
5. Voting tokens will be counted after voting closes at 3pm and the winner will be announced on the sports day.
6. In the event of a tie, a final decision will be made by the chair of the sports day committee.
7. Sculptures should be brought to the marquee by 1pm on sports day.



### **Police matters**

There have been no reports from Police Scotland; however, PC Steve Wilson has agreed to resume keeping us informed on any issues in our area. Steve provided this information several years ago when he was our community officer. Everyone is reminded to make sure their property is kept secure and report anything suspicious to Police Scotland on 101.



### **Road matters**

Angus Council have agreed to replace the road drain down the Avenue with a larger pipe capable of taking the volume of water we can now get there in wet weather. The first phase of this work will start this year. Their Roads Dept are also investigating (with local farmers) the feasibility of laying new field and roadside drains in order to prevent the flooding which can now arise at several points on the road from Eastfield farm to Leoch farm.



### **Planning applications**

Consent has been given for two new holiday accommodation units (hideaways) at Balkello farm. Applications for a barn conversion (and extension) into a dwelling house at Sunnybank farm and a new essential worker's house at Eastfield farm (north of the Avenue) are awaiting a decision. The building of more bunding to screen noise at Auchterhouse Country Sports has been approved.

## Community Council Update - February to April



### **Miscellaneous Matters**

The village notice board has been replaced with a new board, which can be used by anyone. The key (to the 2 locks) is held on a chain attached beneath the board. Anyone attaching a notice is asked to remove it when it becomes out of date. The war memorial trough has been adapted to take plant pots (holes have been bored in it to prevent it flooding). The pots have been set in gravel but can be replaced whenever necessary.



### **Community Council Meetings**

The council has decided to reduce the frequency of meetings to 6 per annum (currently 9) by meeting bimonthly from August onwards. The next meeting will be on 18th August at 7pm in the hall.

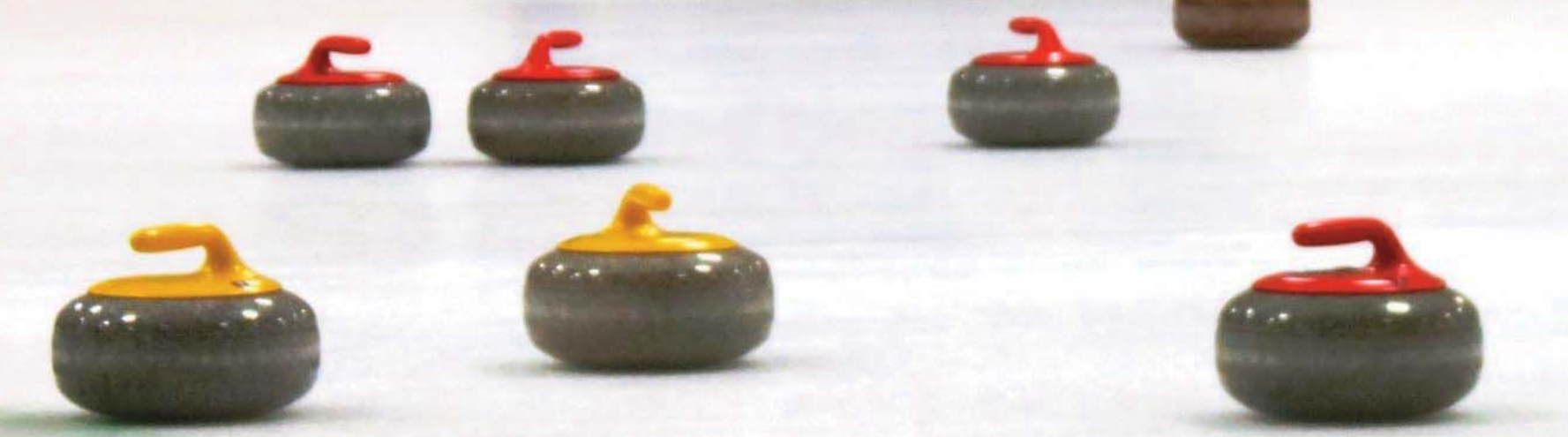


### **Mobile Library**

The new mobile library timetable was launched in April. Angus Council have posted the timetable online so we can check when the van is in Auchterhouse.

[Click here to view the timetable.](#)

For more information please contact: Lesley Matthews, Senior Library Assistant, Library Support Services, 50-56 West High Street, Forfar. Tel. (01307) 473939.



## **Lundie & Auchterhouse Curling Club**

The Lundie and Auchterhouse curling Club held their AGM and Prize Giving in Lundie Hall on 5th May with two of the new office bearers coming from Auchterhouse.

The new President is Irene Spalding, Snr Vice President - June Fenwick and Jnr Vice President - Dave Smith. Dave is also the Match Secretary. Treasurer is John Smith and Secretary is Jenny Arbuckle.

Prizes were presented as follows. John Stirling Quaich to Dave Smith, John Arbuckle Susan Smith and Heather Brown. The Valentine Trophies to Alex Ferrier, Jenny Arbuckle, Lynne Murrie and Judith Strachan, The Smith Salver for pairs went to Andrew Skea and Judith Strachan.

Our next event is the 9 hole golf challenge followed by a BBQ for all members. This is to be held on Sunday 3rd July at West Adamston.

We have a membership of 35 curlers but are always on the look out for more members. If you would like to give it a go or want to find out more about curling then please contact the Secretary – Jenny Arbuckle on 01382 360476.



### **Calling all Ladies?**

Have you ever fancied having a go at Clay Shooting? Why not come along to the Ladies Charity Day at Auchterhouse Country Sports on Saturday 4th June. The aim of the day is for ladies to have a go at shooting while raising money for charity. No experience required as there will be instructors on hand to look after you.

This year's charity is the DOG Rescue Cyprus, this is where we rescued our latest dog Eric from a year ago. It's amazing what a difference a year makes. He's adorable & has fitted in fine with our other 2. On the day there will be 5 stall holders, chocolate fountain, also a raffle, silent auction & main auction on the day.

All this for £45 and includes all your shooting, lunch, goodie bag & a fun day out. Oh forgot to say it's Hawaiian theme this year too, there will be prizes for the best dressed & best dressed team. If you are interested please let Emma know ASAP either phone 320476 or email [info@auchterhousecountrysports.co.uk](mailto:info@auchterhousecountrysports.co.uk)

### **Marsdens Dog Food**

We have just taken delivery of Marsden's Dog Food.

We are open Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm and Wednesday's till 8:30pm.

So if you run out you know where to get your dog food.

Emma Christie - 01382-320476





SCOTTISH  
WOMEN'S  
RURAL  
INSTITUTES

We have had a very successful season beginning with Judy Goodfellow and Hilary Wallace winning the National Golf Scratch Trophy.

Our ruralympic team, Helen Smith, Ann Black, Ginny Arbuckle and Joyce Black won the Federation Round and will represent Auchterhouse at National level in October.

Workshops have proved very popular when members enjoy hands on activities, learning new skills.

Visits to the Observatory as well as to the Tapestry of Scotland were well supported too. Our final meeting is on Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm with Kirsty Macdonald giving a Pilates taster session. This will be followed by the AGM.

The new season will begin on Monday 19th September in the hall at 7.30pm. If you have not been to the Rural before, please come to try it out!

All welcome.

Margaret Wallace

## Sidlaw Churches

As most of you know our Minister Rev. David Collins retires at the end of July 2016. Sunday 31st will be David's last service and as it is the 5th Sunday it will as usual be a joint service with the three Sidlaw Churches and held in Tealing Hall, Inveraldie. This seems the perfect day to mark this important date. The services will be put back one hour to 11am until 12pm, followed by a buffet lunch. Please put this date in your diaries. For those unable to be at the services, but would like to be at the lunch to wish David well, give your name to me on Tealing 380219 or e-mail balluderon@madasafish.com. It will help us to know number to cater for. Those wishing to donate to a retiral gift for David can either give to any elder at church or send to me please making cheques out to Elizabeth Millar. Thank you.

### **Vacancy news**

Our Interim Moderator is Gordon McBean. Gordon is an elder and past Moderator of the Presbytery of Dundee. David holds that post at the moment. Rev. Mike Mair will remain with us with the help of a Locum for the length of our vacancy. He will then retire, as is the normal when a new Minister is in place. The nominating committee has been formed for the task of advertising and then going around the country listening to the ministers (we hope) that apply to our advert. The members chosen from Auchterhouse Church are; Andrew Barr, Neil Dewar, Ruth Leese, Margot Campbell and Elizabeth Millar. We wish them well.

### **Other news**

The family service on 5th June will have the Baptism of Jessica Grewar, Dronley.

On Sunday 26th June at 9:30am three members will be sworn in as elders. They are: Margaret Dewar, Neil Dewar and Margaret Wallace. They will be a great asset to the session.

### **Auchterhouse Guild Coffee Morning**

The Guild Coffee Morning will be on Saturday June 4th from 10-12 noon. Tickets are available at the door: adults £3 and children £1

Elizabeth Millar





## **The School Lane Garden**

Summer is definitely coming and the work in the garden is increasing. The flower and vegetable seeds which the nursery and primary school pupils sowed in March and April are now all ready for planting out. When the weather allowed, the pupils have been out adding more paths which have helped to divide up the plots into more manageable sizes, as well as giving them more opportunities for running round the garden.

The garden centre, Dobbies with the help of their Community Champion, Louise, have very kindly donated a large variety of flowers, fruit trees, vegetables, garden tools, a bird bath and bird table. Louise came in recently and helped the children with the planting. We are very pleased to have their support in the garden. The children so enjoy being outside, learning so much from the growing and harvesting of everyday foods.

As always, any help from folk in the community would be most welcome. Saturday morning activities are getting back into a regular event. Many hands make light work, so we would very much welcome a bit of help for whatever time you might have. The garden is open all year round and is a peaceful place for a quiet walk round, so please, come and enjoy this hidden gem between the church and the school.

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## Auchterhouse Hall Committee

If you haven't already been in to the Hall, then please pop in and have a look at the impressive refurbishment to the two halls, thanks entirely to Angus Council. Unseen but so clearly felt if you have been in at an event, is the huge improvement to the warmth of the Hall as a result of the insulation in the walls and lowered ceiling. We have a Hall to be proud of! The Hall Committee have purchased new chairs, comfortable but also importantly, lighter in weight for moving and stacking. We still have to purchase curtains for the main Hall. To complete the refurbishment, we also plan to upgrade the entrance Hall, painting it and laying new flooring. This is planned for the summer holidays when the children are not using it.



Parking is a bit of an issue, with the odd shape of the gravelled area. We would like to ensure cars are parked appropriately to maximise the use of the limited space. We are looking at how we can mark out parking bays. A quote for tarring the area will be sought though this may be beyond our budget, so we may have to look at different ways of marking out parking bays. Anyone with a useful suggestion is welcome to contact me.

The Hall Committee is comprised of volunteers from the various organisations who use the Hall. I would like to thank those members who do attend our quarterly meetings and provide so much support in maintaining our Hall. Special thanks also go to John and Mary Skea who, for many years, have done so much work in managing our valuable fund raising 200 Club. The work of collecting the 200 Club contributions and the pleasurable task of delivering the prizes to the winners needs to be more fairly distributed. Any offers to take on a small area such as your street or road would be very much appreciated. This is only required once a year, plus delivering to the occasional winners in your area. A job easily managed, especially if you enjoy walking round our pleasant streets and roads.

Many hands make light work!!

Shiona Baird Chair of the Hall Committee.

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