



Auchterhouse Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2nd newsletter of 2022. Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles this month. If you have any content/articles for future newsletters please send them to: aileenmbaird@yahoo.com.

Please keep using our newsletter Facebook page to share details of any local groups or information that benefits our community. If you are new to the page please take time to read the group rules.

We also have a village email distribution list. if you would like to join the list please email: comcouncil@auchterhouse.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 18th June, 13:00 - Bingo Fundraiser

Saturday 10th September, 13:00 - Sports Day & Ceilidh

Community Council Update - March to May



Village Hall Improvements

The CC plans to install electric charging points in the Village Hall car park. Pricing is being discussed with more information needed. Watch this space.

The CC has been awarded with £1,200 for IT funding. Initially the fund will be spent on a WiFi connection and a wall mounted projector.

The CC have been provided with £200 for period poverty to raise awareness of free product locations and eradicate period poverty in Angus.



Auchterhouse Park & Public Toilets

The leak outside the toilet in the park has been fixed

New windows have been fitted into the toilet at the park by Angus Council

A request for covered picnic shelter in the park was discussed. The CC will draw up a plan to share with Angus Council for review.



Road/Traffic Matters

Dronley Road junction work hasn't happened yet but Angus Council will do so when budget becomes available. The Council has been contacted to determine when this will happen

Community Council Update - March to May

Planning - Minuted at ACC meeting on 21/4/22

There have been two new planning applications since the last meeting, both awaiting a decision:

22/00194/FULL - new side extension for living room and bedroom at Lisheen, The Brae, DD3 0RE - current update – now approved.

22/00213/FULL - installation of platform lift, motor room and new ground floor and first floor doors at 14 Braeside, DD3 0RE

There are updates on two earlier applications:-

21/00851/FULL - alterations at Newton of Auchterhouse Farm DD2 5PB - approved

21/00750/FULL - conversion and extension of mill building to form a dwelling house - still awaiting a decision (since October)

22/00294/PAN is a planning application notification by Muir homes for up to 90 houses, farm shop, orchards etc on land on either side of the Newtyle Road (B954) and adjacent to the Coupar Angus Road (A923) on the north-west boundary of Muirhead. This is a “major” pre-planning application in outline stage and requires a 12 week public consultation period which will finish in July. Muir homes will have to submit a detailed full planning application after that if they want to take this further. Virtual presentations in May and a drop-in session (June 7th, Muirhead Church, 5.00pm -7.00pm) are planned.

Information is also available on Angus Council’s website (anguscouncil@angus.gov.uk) and on Muirhead Birkhill and Liff CC’s website (mblcc.co.uk) and facebook page. As an adjacent Community Council with a boundary quite close to the north boundary of the proposed development we will obviously be taking an interest in this and the public can, of course, have their say. We’ll keep you posted.



AUCHTERHOUSE VILLAGE HALL - 1PM FOR EYES DOWN 1.30

AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON

£5 FOR 10 GAMES - SQUARES GAME - GUESS THE
NUMBER OF SWEETS IN JAR

COFFEE - TEA - CAKES

ALL PROCEEDS TO AUCHTERHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDS

DON'T FORGET YOUR DABBER

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A silhouette of a rolling hill against a dark background. On the left, there are four stylized white trees of varying sizes. To the right of the trees, three white silhouettes of runners are shown in motion, moving from left to right across the crest of the hill.

Auchterhouse Sports Day 2022

Saturday 10th September

Sports Day is back! As always we kick off at 13:00 followed by kids races, then the hill race at 15:00, presentations at 16:30 and our Ceilidh/Dance at 19:30.

During the day there will be a human table football tournament, bouncy castle, face painting, tombola, tray bank competition, vegetable sculpture competition (theme: football), home brew competition, hot dogs, tea/coffee & cakes, tuck shop and local stalls.

Get the date in your diary - it's our largest community gathering and always a fun day/night out. Keep a look out on the village Facebook page and email list for more information coming soon.





The Mystery of the Moving Water

Many communities have historical mysteries, resolved and unresolved. Here in Auchterhouse we have a mystery which has been going on for about 20 years or more and this one is so far unresolved and unexplained. To set the scene I have to go back many decades to the time when the old original village of Auchterhouse took its water from springs rising in the Sidlaw Hills. The water flowed into the burn and was eventually piped into the original houses.

This is the story I have been told. Back up the hill north of the Funny Neuk path, some the water flows into the Hodge Burn which eventually flows into the Dighty and out to sea at Monifieth. The remaining water flows under the Funny Neuk path, through a marshy area and on across the gardens of the houses on the Brae. It goes under Whisky Road then appears above ground beside 2 houses, forming an interesting garden feature then across a field at the back of Parkside.

It is piped across the field and then reappears in some of the gardens in Parkside where one house has formed it into a pond. It then joins the main drain on the Brae. On Whisky Road a separate tank fills and takes the water down to the old village where it still serves three houses with useful garden water for a greenhouse and a toilet.



Those are the facts. The mystery is why would someone continue to divert the water from following this path from the hill to the village? In the past it has been diverted at the junction with the Hodge Burn, causing all the water to go down the Hodge Burn. So, causes drying up the burn running through the gardens and preventing the tank from filling.

This is bad enough as this burn hosts many wee water beasties as well as water plants, all providing valuable and much needed wetland habitat. It also means the three houses lose their garden water supply. Recently though, the burn was blocked where it goes under the Funny Neuk path which caused the water to flood all the way down the path, making it nigh on impossible for many folk who just wish to enjoy a pleasant ramble over our lovely hills.

The question is who and why? We would like to resolve this amicably and to everyone's satisfaction. If anyone reading this article knows anything about this and can answer the questions, please get in touch with me.

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CPR/Defibrillator Training

The training session which was cancelled in March 2020 was held in March this year in Auchterhouse Hall – it's been a long wait! The session was again run by Helen Brady from Heartstart Discovery. This time the group was quite small – only six people – but everyone enjoyed it and found it extremely useful. The session focussed more on using a defibrillator as well as CPR this time which was good for us. There was a mixture of practical experience (the dummies stop at the waist so can be put up on a couple of chairs for people like me who couldn't get down to the floor) and explanation and questions.

Training defibrillators allowed us to try the practicalities involved in using the machine safely and effectively and we learned a few things we didn't know before which has prompted me to put a notice in our own defibrillator about scissors, razor and cloth! The whole session lasted about an hour and a half and Helen Brady's presentation was, as always, excellent and engrossing. NHS Tayside is continuing to fund Heartstart Discovery so we will hope to arrange a further session or two in the autumn.

For those who'd like to feel more confident about how to use our own defibrillator in an emergency along with CPR and also for those who would like a revision session (once a year is recommended) Helen's training session is highly recommended. We'll keep you posted about further dates.

Linda Cockram
Auchterhouse Community Council



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WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY



Wake Up



BREAKFAST-LUNCH-HOMEBAKING

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We are awaiting the contractor to come in to clear and remove the large area of pine (near the forest road) flattened by Arwen – maybe in June! Meanwhile the clearing of poor and windblown trees is being carried out in many areas by Dirk and Andrew.

Most of our remaining oaks got planted in March / April in areas cleared within the pine woods which still leaves some time for planting in the late autumn along with alder and silver birch currently on order.

Many thanks are due to everyone who kindly donated to the Aviva Community Fund Crowdfunding appeal. This raised over £6,500 to build up our coffers which had been running low and will help for all ongoing costs linked to managing the wood. The appeal is still open.

Dirk has applied for funding from Nature Scot to pay for the time to be spent by our chainsaw experts to get the wood safe and thinned ready for planting with oak (in clearings in the pine). This is the future for the wood to plant, or encourage regeneration of broadleaved trees like oak, beech and sycamore in clearings throughout.

Anyone wishing to help with future work will be welcomed with open arms and should contact Dirk on: 07388 807492 or at: ccfsporleder@gmail.com. Wednesday & Saturday work parties will be organised from now onwards

Garry Stewart, Secretary



Auchterhouse Village Hall

The Hall Committee met at the end of April for its AGM and ordinary meeting. Garry Stewart previously submitted the year's accounts and the formal report which is sent to OSCR, as we are a registered charity. Felipe Jesus was formally appointed as Treasurer to replace Garry who has stood down as Treasurer. The other office bearers were re-appointed unchanged as were the remaining Trustees.

We took this opportunity to formally thank Garry for his many years of service to the Hall Committee, having over the years being Chair and Secretary as well as Treasurer, some years combining the latter roles. We are deeply indebted to him and look forward to welcoming him back as an ordinary member, continuing to contribute his amazing knowledge of the community whenever it is required.

We also thanked Mary and John Skea who have a total together of more years on the Hall Committee than anyone else. John was Treasurer for many years. But their lasting legacy to the community, apart from their loyal membership of the Committee, was their founding of the 200 Club. It started as the 100 Club but received so much support that soon 200 numbers were handed out. This Prize Draw has been our most successful method of fundraising, beating jumble sales by a long way. For most folk it is an easy way to fundraise apart from the hard work put in by the Skeas, maintaining records and organising the draws. The very grateful thanks of the present committee are extended to them both. As a very small token of our appreciation, 2 tubs each of summer flowers were presented to the Skeas and Garry.

Shiona Baird (Chair)



The School Lane Garden

The weather and events have been against us this last wee while but has been very much in favour of weed growing. I don't think I have seen the garden as weedy as it is at the moment.

Anyone visiting the garden will know what I mean but we will not despair, we will just have to hope for better weather and a bit of hard work to get things back to their usual state, not absolutely weed free but to an acceptable level.

If we got on top of all the weeds, what would we have to do? Oh of course, we could sit back, relax and enjoy the fruits of our hard work, which is what the expert gardeners say you do in the summertime!



We did have one exciting time recently when 8 of the school pupils came out for an afternoon's gardening. What a really enthusiastic bunch who mowed the grass (the old fashioned way), dead headed the daffodils, dug over one vegetable plot and planted the potatoes in another.

There is no doubt their presence proves the rule "many hands make light work". So again, a plea to anyone with an hour or so to spare at the weekend or early evening would be so appreciated.

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Sidlaw Churches News

JUNE SERVICES at 10am

5th June Rev Donna Hays.

After this service we will be planting a tree in the Graveyard to commemorate Queen Elizabeth 11 Platinum Jubilee. All are welcome.

12th and 19th June will also be in Auchterhouse at 10am

Muirhead

26th June at 11am The services on the last Sunday of every month are in Muirhead at 11am.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK -- 15th May to 21st May

There were no doorstep collections again this year. There was an opportunity to donate to the continuing work of Cristian Aid at the Church, which raised £275 before Gift Aid. Which is wonderful, thank you.

GUILD PLANT SALE

Sally again held the Guild plant sale in her garden at Moorlands. Thanks to all who patiently nurtured and watched their plants grow over the last months, those who helped in anyway and those of you who came and bought what was on offer.

These plants are usually on sale at guild coffee morning first Saturday in June. But there is a much more important celebration on on the first weekend in June, so the coffee morning will now be held in September. Information on that will go out nearer the time.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Joyce Barr has handed over the duty of making up the Church flower rota to Irene Spalding. Irene already gives out the flowers every week to whoever we think would appreciate a bunch of flowers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joyce on behalf of us all for 24 years of a job well done. Thanks to Irene for taking over from Joyce.

MRS JEAN FOOTE

On 10th March the village sadly lost Jean. She died peacefully after a short illness at Riverside View Care Home, Dundee. Jean spent most of her life in Auchterhouse. When she was young she lived at Newtown of Pitpointie. Her father worked at Pitpointie Farm. She came back to live in Auchterhouse a few years into her marriage to Jim. She and Jim went on to have four children, Derek, Hilary, Valerie and the late Brian, followed by 5 grandchildren. Jean put her heart and soul into village life what with Amateur Dramatics, WRI, Afternoon Club to name but a few. Jean will be sorely missed, not only by Jim and their family but by those of us in the village.


Elizabeth Millar



The Scurry



SECURE DOG EXERCISE AREAS

 Pre-register on our
Facebook page @The Scurry

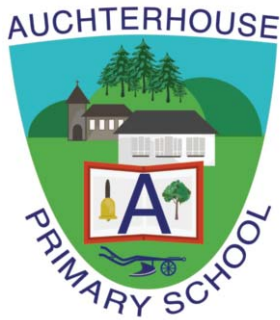


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Bingo Day

The Parent Council have organised a bingo day on Saturday 18th June. It will be held in the village hall from 1pm - 3pm. They will be selling bingo dabbers and the bingo sheets. Come along to have an afternoon of fun and raise money for Auchterhouse school funds.

Sports day

On Friday 20th May 2022 it was our sports day. We did potted sports and after the potted sports we had a picnic in the school grounds. For potted sports we had an obstacle course, netball, bean bag throwing, hockey dribble, football dribble and long jump. The races were running race, bean bag on head race, sack race, tattie on spoon race and the skipping race. In 1st place was Glamis, 2nd place was Eassie and 3rd place was Newtyle. It was our first proper school event that parents were allowed to come along to since Covid and we had so much fun.

Our UNCRC Music Performance

On 2nd May 2022 we had a music specialist in school for the whole day. The whole school learned and sang the Auchterhouse Children's Right Song. Primary 4 & 5 also performed the spiral wheel of different weather which linked to article 31: Rest, Play, Culture and Arts. Primary 1 & 2 did a fruit chant which links to Article 24: Health, Water, Food and Environment. Finally, Primary 6 & 7 played 'Run Rabbit Run' on the glockenspiel which links to Article 38: Protection in War.

Hi 5 Challenge

The hi 5 challenge is something P4-7 children can choose to do on a Friday lunchtime. It helps us to do new things and encourage other children to do it too.

Painting Day

We have lots of wooden structures in our playground that are needing painted if we are going to keep them in good condition. On Saturday 25 June from 9.30am - 12.30pm, we are having a painting day, and anybody is welcome to come along to help us. There will be cakes, coffee/ tea/ juice to keep everyone going!

By Euan, Freya, Alfie & Katie



Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club

What a year!!! Exciting times with Covid issues at points through the Curling season and the player of the year Dave Smith's success. Thursday, 5 May, we were all able to gather within the Lundie Hall for the first time in two years. The evenings were well attended by our members, including our new members Brian Taylor, Liz Matthew and Graeme Prophet coming along for the first time.

President Jenny Arbuckle, Match Secretary Andrew Skea and Treasurer John Smith reported on the 2021/22 season and moving into 2022/23. Jenny took the opportunity to Thank Alex Ferrier and Trisha Bowen for all the support they have provided over the many years of Curling within the club. Sadly, they hang up their brushes and continue to support the club as social members.

After two years as president, Jenny Arbuckle stood down as President of the club, with Judith Strachan taking her place as President of the club.

The Club presented Jenny with a vase, and Judith presented her with a bunch of flowers to thank her for all her hard work over a very interested and different couple of years due to the ongoing issues with Covid.



Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club

2022/23 Committee members are:

Judith Strachan - President
Andrew Skea - Vice President
Mari Brown - Vice President
Treasurer – John Smith
Match Secretary – Andrew Skea
Club Secretary – Karen Smith

At the end of the evening was the annual Prizegiving again first one in two years, with the winners presented with their Trophies and a couple of Province and Dundee Ice Arena Trophies by Jenny Arbuckle.

This year the Club's main League – Stirling, was won by Skip Steve Adam with his team of Dave Smith, Brian Taylor and with the help of William and Sophie, two juniors.



Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club



Runner up in the Stirling was Skip Mari Brown with her John, Sandi, and Heather team.



Our successive league is the Valentine and was won by Liz Furrie and her team of Judith Strachan, Lynn Murrie and Dave Smith. This is Liz's 2nd year of winning this league, along with Dave Smith.



Andrew and his youngest daughter Morag won our Pairs competition this year.



Andrew won our annual points, and joint runners up were Dave Smith and Judith Strachan, held at the start of February at Forfar Indoor Sports.



Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club

We also had a couple of Friendlies with Suitteside and Rossie, with Lundie and Auchterhouse retaining the winning salvers from each friendly. Suttiside Friendly was won by Steve Adam and Mari Brown team, and John Smith Team won Rossie Friendly.

As well as winning our club Trophies, Lundie and Auchterhouse came back with a selection of Trophies which included some of the Juniors members. Dundee Ice Arena saw us winning the following Trophies. We won the Seniors league for the first time and came second in the Smith Seniors knockout. Skipped by Dave Smith along with John Arbuckle, Neil Mackintosh, Ralph Hopkins with Andrew Skea and Liz Furrie.

Some of our Juniors followed this as part of Dundee Juniors winning the Thornton League, Skip by Calum, and Hamish, Keir, and Ben. That was not the end of the club's success this year, with us winning the following Dundee Province Trophies. Lord Kinnaid Trophy/ Province Medal Winning teams skipped by Dave Smith and Phil Murrie and Andrew, Judith, Brain, Hamish, Bruce and Neil.



Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club

As part of our Points, Andrew and Dave represented the Club at the annual Province Points at Dundee Ice Arena. Dave was the overall winner on the night, with Andrew coming second.

The juniors were the winners of the Dundee Province Tennent Caledonian Trophy on behalf of Finlay, Calum, Hamish and Donald.

The success for our Juniors members didn't stop there with them taking part in the Schools Curling event up in Aberdeen in the following teams Monifieth High and Dundee High school. All of our Juniors had a great time and played exceptionally well. Sadly, Monifieth played well when the Dundee High team got to the semi-finals and lost to the final by one point.



Lundie and Auchterhouse Curling Club

To the club's success, two of our members, Liz Furrie and Susan Smith, were part of Team Donald in this year's Henderson Bishop Scottish Curling Competition held at Forfar Indoor Sports. By making the final of the Cherrystone and winning the runner up Trophy.



I want to congratulate one of our members that has achieved so much this Curling Season. I know he will say it's down to skill, which is confirmed after watching him play some fantastic shots this year.

Dave Smith is this year the club's player of the year. He has been part of two winning teams, skipped two competitions, won Lord Kinnaird and the Seniors, and not forgetting for his second time the Dundee Province Points. As a Club, we are lucky to have Dave.

Get in touch if you fancy giving Curling ago and being part of a thriving local Curling Club. As a club, we understand what it's like to start up a new sport, and we provide the support. I am a qualified Scottish Curling Coach and going through the beginners club in Dundee, now called the Gateway Club. We are looking to hold our Try Curling event at the start of the season at Forfar Indoor sports. Open to all ages from 8 to 100; we would be happy to hear from you. Get in touch by contacting us by email – at secretary@curling.org.uk or checking out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LundieAndAuchterhouseCurlingClub>

