



THE CENTRE POST





Centreville Park Association's Successful Bottle Drive

This event was one of the ideas the Centreville Park Association (CPA) members came up with to raise some desperately needed funds. We met at the Centreville hall at 9:00 a.m. and the members, as well as family and friends, were teamed up. Maps of the various areas of the community were handed out and we were off and running.

The amount raised was \$607.66 from the collection of bottles, cans, as well as monetary contributions. This amount is a drop in the bucket when you consider the cost of insurance and taxes to be paid for the park. However, this was a good start and considering there was another bottle drive the week prior to ours, the community support was exceptional!

Other fundraisers include a Car Wash, which was held on Saturday, June 13 at the Park St. Ultramar from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (we raised \$206.81) Also, there is a Golf tournament in the works (date and details to follow). Next year we hope to revive the former "Centreville Days" with an auction among other family activities.

The CPA organized a walkabout in the park to determine what needs to be done and to assign priorities. Pot holes are being filled in the parking areas. Quotes have been done to restore electrical supply for the maintenance building as soon as funds become available.

New direction for the CPA is required and this will be discussed at the next meeting on June 10. Anyone interested is asked to give their name to the current directors.

These are a few of the activities we have undertaking to bring our park back to its glory days but it will take time, dedication, energy, and LOTS of money. We need the community's support as well as government assistance to make this dream come true. We are in the process of applying for grants but this too takes time and we are doing what we can in the meantime. If you have some spare time, we'd love to have you join us. We can always use more ideas not to mention extra hands!

For more action shots, see p. 8 for photos taken during our Cleanup "Party" on May 14. The maintenance building got a thorough spring cleaning not to mention cleaning up litter around the park.

By - Suzanne Trudeau

Centreville District Community Development Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Where: Centreville Hall

When: Fourth Thursday of the Month

Time: 7:00 PM

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EDITOR'S NOTE

By Suzanne Trudeau Gormley (a.k.a. Centre Post Lady)

It isn't your imagination. This issue is bigger. We have graduated to 16 pages (thanks to our loyal and newer advertisers) but there are no guarantees for future issues. This gave me the opportunity to more effectively showcase our local happenings and with greater ease on the eye! I hope you will enjoy it.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and remember these words I tell myself frequently.

It is easier to complain than it is to do something to remedy the problem.

P.S. I will be fulfilling a lifelong dream this month. I'm going horseback riding! Maybe you will have a new editor come September!

The Centre Post is published four times a year:

September, December, March and June.

DEADLINES for news items, etc. are due by the 1st day of these months, with the Newsletter at the outlets by the 21st. It is always good to get your information in earlier than the deadline.

Thank you to all our current contributors and I encourage anyone in the community to submit your ideas, recipes, crafts, etc. for our September issue.

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The Importance of Voting By Mark Parent

There is a web site called Halifax Live which hosts a forum on political news and events in the province of Nova Scotia. Like many of these forums those who submit opinions can do so under assumed names. This results, theoretically, in "insiders" being able to spill the beans without fear of self incrimination. More often than not, however, it simply allows individuals to write uninformed remarks.

An example of this is a recent comment where an individual using the pseudonym "Hawk" claimed that it didn't matter how people voted, the result would be simply to trade one group of "morons" for another.

Besides the obvious point that I do not like being called a moron, my more serious objection to this comment is that the attitude behind it undermines democratic government. Democratic government depends upon full participation by ordinary citizens. If the writer genuinely feels that no party is worthy of support, then he or she should run as an independent or, failing that, join a party and do his or her best to make sure that party elects a better level of candidate. But to simply hurl insults and to foster a spirit of apathy and cynicism does nothing good.

I worry that too many Nova Scotians are falling into apathy and cynicism. This is evident by the falling numbers of voters in provincial, federal and municipal elections. In Kings North, the last provincial election saw a turn out of about 60%, a figure similar to other ridings across this province.

This means that out of every ten voters who could vote, four did not take this opportunity. This is a huge problem and it must change unless we want our democratic system to be weakened even further.

And so my plea:

- 1. Inform yourself about important issues to you and your community.
- Speak out about what you believe is right.
- If you have the time, join a party or run for office yourself.
- Above all else, please take the time to vote for the person or party who you feel will be the best choice for your county, your province and your country.



Us versus Them

By Marc Potvin

Recently, I read a very stimulating book written by Hemant Mehta called: I Sold My Soul on eBay: Viewing Faith through an Atheist's Eyes. Perhaps you have read it or heard of it.

The book really opened my eyes wide to the divide that exists between those who believe in God and those who don't: those who attend church and those who don't. It really showed the "us and them" thinking that exists between the two groups. Both have great misconceptions of each other.

Metha's purpose in writing the book was to try and open the door so that both groups would discard their false impressions and get to know each other. I thought this was a very brave and wise thing to do.

It is so easy for us in the church to look at those who are "outside" with suspicion or even with the fear that they may "taint" us with some kind of an evil aura. And it is so easy for us outside the church to look at those inside with scepticism, thinking of them as people who pretend to be better than others or as being weak for needing to follow religion.

This divide shouldn't be there. For those who go to church, there is no denying that God created us all, and that in his eyes we are all equal, and equally loved by Him. So why should church goers look with suspicion to those who do not go?

And why should those who do not attend church look sceptically at those who go? They are people like anyone else, with their faults and their strengths, their values and their dreams.

I do agree with Mehta. "Us and them" should break down the walls that separate us. We should get to know each other so that we can realize that we have more in common than we think. And yes, it would be good to understand where we both come from and not be afraid of each other. What do you think?



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Story from the Family Farm



I have spent a considerable amount of time reading through the diaries that were kept by Owen Porter and his son William Porter. They begin in 1864 when Owen was sixteen years old. Owen's parents, David and Paulinah (Corbett) Porter, moved to Centreville in 1855, into their home on Highway 221 West from the North Mountain. The Porter family farm is the first home on the north side of Highway 221 and west beyond the first hill. David Porter, born October 13, 1822, was the son of Stephen Porter Jr. whose grandparents Simeon and Sarah Porter were among the New England Planters that received one of the early land grants of one full share in the township of Cornwallis on December 31, 1764. A full share consisted of six hundred and sixty six and two thirds acres. David and Paulinah Porter lived out their lives on their large family farm in Centreville. David died on May 31, 1893 and Paulinah, born March 12, 1816, died August 30..1893. Owen married Ruth Cochrane November, 1884. Owen and Ruth (Cochrane) Porter had two children. William born December 19. 1884, and Nellie born November 1, 1887. Nellie married Fred G. Burgess and they had a son Alfred.



William (born in 1884, seen here at age 16)

William's diary begins when he is ten years old and he mentions his day-today activities on the family farm. He writes about his family which includes sister Nellie and father Owen and his mother Ruth. They are a close family working and living together on their family farm. Owen's diary which began in 1864 provides an insight into the community of Centreville during these early times.



Owen Porter (born in 1848, seen here at age 52 when this picture was taken.)

Considering that the New England Planters received the first land grants in this area on July 21, 1761, Centreville, during the mid 1850s, was a busy community. The community began as a bustling French Acadian village. They write in their diary about the blacksmith shop and the Henry Bowles store and saw mill. Both Owen and William and their siblings attended school in the old hall school that was located on the south corner of Highway 221 West and Highway 359. The building served as a school and a community hall. Before the hall was used as a school. Owen and his three brothers and sister would have attended the Grammar School on Sherman Belcher Road. During these early years the hall served as a church and it is where a variety of activities and social events were held. Owen's diary mentions the trips to Billtown to the grist mill and the

merchants in that community. It is understandable that two communities were involved considering that Centreville had until recently been included as a part of Billtown. They travelled for a considerable distance with their horses which were the main means of transportation. Before 1890 there were no trains to Centreville and to travel to Halifax by train required going to the Kentville railway station. Owen began his diary before there were trains from Kentville to Halifax. In order for me not to write a lengthy article I will not go into detail concerning these diaries.

I was born and grew up in Centreville and I am familiar with a lot of the areas mentioned in the Porter diaries. There are many similarities mentioned in the diaries that continued and were a part of my life on the family farm in Centreville during the 1940s and the early 1950s. I helped harvest hav on the Centreville meadows with oxen and horses. I coasted on Cad Roscoe's hill. I ice skated on the meadows when they would flood and freeze over and I fished in the Brandywine brook with a fishing line attached to a small sapling. and I was involved in many more of the same life styles that were a part of life on the family farm. When reading through the Porter diaries I was totally absorbed with the day-to-day and season-toseason activities and their lives on the farm.

The family farm was the backbone of their existence. Their hard work and struggle to survive would be a hard test for the people of this generation. Boys as young as twelve years of age were hired out on the farms for sixty cents a day and a

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Kings County Volunteer of the Year

Submitted by Budd Murphy

By now most of you have heard that our very own Minnie Sheffield was named the Kings County Volunteer of the Year. After receiving that recognition at the County level. Minnie travelled to Halifax and received a Provincial Volunteer Award from the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.



Premier Rodney MacDonald, Lieutenant Governor of NS. Minnie Sheffield and Pat Dunn, Minister of Volunteerism

The following are the words that helped Minnie receive her much deserved recognition.

Minnie Sheffield

Minnie Sheffield is an energetic, community-minded senior citizen who has been volunteering in her community for decades.

Around 1949 Minnie joined the Good Neighbour Club of Centreville, Kings County. Within that organization she has held virtually all executive positions including President, Treasurer, Secretary and Ways and Means. Minnie continues her membership todav.

As the Centreville schools started to

close, the Club took on the responsibility of the oldest and smallest school building as their meeting place. Out of the Good Neighbour Club evolved the Centreville Hall Association. This registered nonprofit organization became important to the community when the larger school was no longer required by the Department of Education. Around 1968 the government created the Little Red School House Project and through the efforts of Minnie Sheffield and other likeminded individuals they acquired the larger school. Since then the community of Centreville has had a modern functioning Community Centre.

Minnie is President and Treasurer for the Centreville Hall association. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: hall bookings and collecting the money, paying the bills, convening meetings and helping to facilitate hall maintenance. For years she organized the Fuel Supper which provides money for fuel to heat the hall. Minnie was the organizer for the annual charity drive that collected for CNIB, Heart and Stroke, Cancer Society, VON, Kidney Foundation and Red Cross.

Until recently for years Minnie had writ-



Minnie with Pat and Budd Murphy (Budd & Pat Murphy nominated Minnie)

ten the Centreville News for our local paper.

Since the Hall is used regularly by many groups, vou will often see Minnie cleaning the Hall and picking up after the users.

Minnie is an unassuming individual who goes about her volunteer work quietly looking after our community Hall for the betterment of the citizens of Centreville and surrounding communities.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 6, Kentville, NS

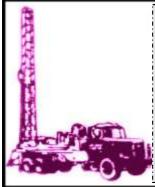
Minnie has been a member of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary for 45 years. In that time she has held many positions including President, Treasurer, Ways and Means, Entertainment, Calling Committee and Sergeant at Arms

Awards Minnie has received:

Palm Leaf Meritorious Service Award (1992), Royal Canadian Legion Coastal Communities Network Proud Community Award (2000), Legion Person of the Year Award (2003), Outstanding Volunteer Award presented by the Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor for contribution to the Heart and Stroke foundation.



County level recognition, Mayor Corkum and Minnie Sheffield



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RECIPES FROM BETWEEN THE BUSHES RESTAURANT

Submitted by Margie Brown

Strawberry Rhubarb Jam (with Sprite)

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boxes Strawberries
- 2 boxes Rhubarb
- 2 cups of sugar
- 1 can of diet Sprite



DIRECTIONS

- 1. Combine strawberries and rhubarb bringing to a boil while mashing.
- 2.Once boiling, add sugar, stirring to prevent burning; maintain boil.
- 3. Add the Sprite slowly, to prevent boiling over (the Sprite causes lots of foam).
- 4.Boil for approx 20 minutes.
- 5.Bottle

Blueberry Breakfast Bake

- 1 loaf (16 ounces) sliced, firm textured white bread, crusts removed, divided
- 2 cups fresh or frozen Blueberry Acres blueberries, divided
- 4 ounces light cream cheese (from an 8-ounce package), cut in 1/4-inch cubes
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups low fat milk
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Butter an 8-inch square baking dish; set aside. Cut bread in 1/2-inch cubes (makes about 7 cups). Layer half of the bread cubes and half the blueberries in prepared baking dish; sprinkle with all the cream cheese; cover with remaining bread cubes and blueberries. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, sugar, salt and cinnamon; pour over bread. Gently press bread down to absorb milk mixture; refrigerate, covered at least 20 minutes or overnight. Preheat oven to 325°F. Bake, uncovered, until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. about 1 hour; let stand 10 minutes before serving. Slice in 8 rectangles; serve with maple syrup, if desired. YIELD: 8 portions





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The Rising Tide



By Marke Slipp

Shiver me timbers! There's a lot of activity these days with tidal power developments in the Bay of Fundy. And it's soon to be a reality, of sorts. Nova Scotia Power plans to deploy their Irish-built, OpenHydro turbine in October. Minas Basin Pulp & Power have said they plan to have their test facility cable-ready as early as next summer. Scientists continue to probe the ecology of the area. And the community of Parrsboro is hopeful about the economic opportunities that may arise. Fishers look apprehensively at it, knowing the Bay can only take so much industry before further reducing their catch.

Like a stone skipping the surface, developments are happening swiftly at this point (at least as far as the test facility goes.)

There's been no significant 'ground-truthing', a term used by scientists expressing what the baseline data of an area is—the knowledge of its essential biology. This compilation of specific information is to establish relevant indicators as to what changes might result from inserting these electrical generators into the Bay. Basically, if you don't have indicators ahead of time, it's going to be difficult to know what's impacted afterwards.

Lobster fisher Mark Taylor calls the Minas Passage, "the doorway to the nursery". And the nursery is not just for lobster, but also for a myriad of other species that still migrate to the Minas Basin to spawn and feed on its nutrient rich shores. As a society, we need to be careful about the changes we impose on our environment.

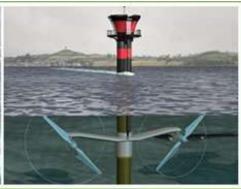
FORCE is the name that's been applied to the new test facility. It is an apt acronym meaning Fundy Ocean Resource Center for Energy. A retired NS Justice Department employee, Doug Keefe, has been contracted to oversee the operations. He was recently quoted as saying, ""The only way it fails is if we don't learn anything at all. We need to know whether we can do this right or not do it at all."

During the past year, MBPP employed a team of consultants to look at the area, consider its currents and terrain, and determine where the ideal site for three turbines was for placement, testing and connecting to the grid. A combination of current strength, tidal direction plus depth was studied. This was the main environmental assessment done to date—appraising the area for the most suitable location for the turbines.

porpoises and seals in the area, let alone the abundant and various schools of migrating fish, is yet to be determined.

The other two devices that will be tested initially have shielded blades inside a somewhat tubular turbine. The Canadian design being tested, like the Irish version, is submerged on a gravity-based tripod allowing it to be removed easily if deemed unsuitable for further





It was determined that an area just west of Black Rock, near the Cumberland County shore, would be the best site. Mark Taylor had pointed out this area to me a couple of years ago as the likely location for the test facility. When he heard it cost the taxpayer \$2 million to locate the spot, he said, "I would've done it for half that!" Acadia University has done some studies of the Bay & Basin over the years. A background report on the Minas Passage developed last year noted there are significant gaps in the knowledge base of the area. The Fundy Marine Energy and Environment Research Network have "a suite of research questions" yet to be addressed prior to commercial development.

MBPP are not only building the test facility, they are also one of the proponents. Initially they were going to test an 'underwater kite' generator, tethered in the turbulent waters of the Minas Passage, but changed their mind. They are now partnering with an English firm, Marine Current Turbines, who have the SeaGen, a 1.2 MW surface piercing tower that permits regular maintenance of its 15 metre dual blades. There is a 300-metre exclusion zone for vessels around all the turbines. How they will enforce this with whales,

development. The B.C. developed, Clean Current Mark III, is a 2 MW turbine, the most powerful designed to date.



An estimate by an American research firm in 2003 approximated there was 300 MW available for extraction in the Bay. Mathematician Richard Karstens, of Acadia University, has done more detailed calculations. He puts forward that there's as much as 60 GW available, of which 5%, or 3,000 MW could be extracted before there would be any noticeable harm. This is an amount that is *ten times* what was originally estimated.

Elizabeth Kosters, a sedimentologist living in Wolfville, figures only 1% of the energy could be tapped from the Bay before it affects the salt marshes and shorelines of the Basin. Whatever the impacts may be, they will be difficult to determine without some specific indicators established ahead of time.



Good Neighbour Club Report

By Charlotte Legge

The Good Neighbour Club (GNC) has been busy since the last newsletter. We have had two very successful breakfasts and the last one this season will be on June 20.

We assisted with the Centreville District Community Development Association's (CDCDA) annual Pig Roast on May 2.

Elsie Kinsman's family held an open house for her 90th birthday on May 16 which was catered by the GNC.

The members bought tickets on a Mother's Day basket to raise funds for our Entertainment committee. The winning ticket was drawn by Betty Harper and the lucky winner was Kay Rideout.



Myra Spurr (left - Entertainment Committee), Kay Rideout (lucky winner), Doris Foley (background - one of the hostesses,) and Betty Harper (far right) our guest ticket drawer.

The members donated used books for the SPCA's Spring Book Sale and Daphne Cragg, the contact person for the SPCA, called to say how much they appreciated and marveled at the quality of the books!

Tickets to win a Quilt, which was created by some of our members, will be distributed at the GNC season closing, and will be sold by members in the near future. The draw will be held at the November 21 Big Breakfast.

The Club will be collecting used batteries from our community starting this September (see details in the Events section, P. 16.).

The GNC will be holding its Closing for the summer on June 3 with a catered supper by the Centreville Baptist Church as well as entertainment from our local talent, the "Four Amigos"...

Club will start again on September 17 with a pot luck supper at the hall. Hope to see everyone there and hopefully, we will see some new faces. We always have a good time, not to mention lots to eat!

The next Big Breakfast will be on September 19 (don't forget to come!).

The Club would like to thank all the wonderful people who helped in various ways in our fund raising efforts. We are very grateful for your continued support.

See you in the fall!

Glimpse into the GNC's Past:

February 26, 1947

The Club met with Mrs. Chas MacDonald. There were 27 members present and this proved quite entertaining.

Mrs. Ward gave out calendars from the B.F. Hospital to those who wanted to help that institution.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Ward and all agreed that instead of our regular monthly tea in March, have an evening of games held at the hall. It was agreed that everyone pay 25¢.

March 5 - There were 29 members present. It was discussed and a temporary committee of Mrs. Easton and Mrs. Clarke was appointed to visit Mr. Lydiard and send some remembrance from the Club. It was left up to their judgement as to the amount spent. It was also decided that we have a special fund for sickness or shut-ins - this to be collected on a voluntary basis at any or all meetings. A collection was then taken to start the fund and \$1.10 was collected.

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Centreville Park and Recreation News

By Suzanne Trudeau Gormley

May 14, 2009 - Cleanup "Party" at the Park



Dismantling old, broken-down picnic tables



Removing pine needles & debris in the tennis court



Cleaning out rubbish from the maintenance building.



A TEA ROOM FOR CENTRE-

At the Delft Haus B & B we are excited to have finally begun constructing our long-planned new addition.

We hope to open our new Tea Room, which will accommodate up to 24 people, during the early part of July 2009. Our menu will include a number of



extravagant ice-cream sundae specials, a wide selection of teas, coffee, Jet smoothies, ice-cream floats, home-made scones, cakes and sandwiches. At this stage we plan to open from 11 a.m. until early evening during the summer months, and from 11 a.m. until late afternoon out of season. It is our desire to offer excellent service and quality products in a cozy and welcoming atmosphere.

As soon as you see the 'Open' sign, we hope you will come and try our menu, and enjoy sitting and watching the world go by.



THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PIG ROAST!

By Peggy Sheffield

The Centreville District Community Development Association would like to thank everyone who helped make the 9th Annual Pig Roast a success.

Thank you to all who helped set up, peel and cook the vegetables, donated food for the supper and for serving and cleaning up. And to all who attended - we served around 250 dinners and cleared \$1,556.50 which will be used for Community Development.

We hope for all your support again next year.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN YOU BRING YOUR REFUNDABLE ITEMS TO FRITZ'S, THE PARK ASSOCIATION NOW HAS AN ACCOUNT IN WHICH YOU CAN DONATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MAINTENANCE OF THE PARK.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Suzanne Trudeau Gormley, on behalf of the Centreville Park Association



Story from the Family Farm

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man's wages in the early 1900s was a dollar for a day's work. The farms raised a variety of livestock and poultry and made their own soap and butter. They grew fruit and vegetables and all of these products from the farm were either for their own use, sold or bartered. The Porters made trips to Kentville with the market wagon or sleigh, and after 1890 they would often travel on the train with produce to sell or barter.

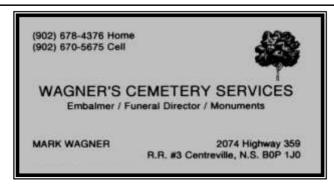
There were many contagious sicknesses during these early times with very little means of prevention or a cure. With the progress in preventive cures, many of these diseases that were common have been practically eliminated. The mortality rate was very high especially among young children. Most of these early settlers from the period are buried in the Billtown Cemetery.

With all of the dedication that was necessary to maintain their family farms, they had time to help each other. When their friends and neighbours were sick or needed assistance they were there to help. When reading the Porter diaries, rarely was there a day that neighbours did not stop in for a visit or to stay for a meal. It was common for relatives and friends to visit for several days.

William Porter married Harriette Maud Wournell on Sept. 2, 1907. William and Maud Porter moved off of the farm and into the large white house on Highway 359 opposite Butler road in Centreville. They continued their hospitality in their home and were a kind and friendly couple. William outlived his wife and died in 1980. Both had reached the age of ninety five years. The diaries provide an insight into the way people lived in Centreville and life on the family farms during that period.

Harold is William's and Maud Porter's son and the seventh Porter generation to live in the Centreville area. Harold located and preserved these wonderful documents that portray the life in Centreville during these early times. Harold Porter has typed them as they were written and added some early photographs of his family and ancestors. He has presented copies of his work to the Kings County Courthouse Museum in Kentville and the two volumes are available for the public.

Many thanks to Harold Porter for sharing the diaries and for making them available.





Vision and Strategic Plan for Trails in Kings County.

Submitted by Angela Morin

As many of you know, EDM - Environmental Planning and Design and SageHouse, in association with Kings County Trails Committee, have been working on a Vision and Strategic Plan for Trails in Kings County. The draft Vision and Strategic Plan defines a philosophy that will guide future management decisions regarding trail development within the Municipality. For those interested in reviewing the draft plan, the maps are too large to include to everyone, but if you would like to see them in advance of the open house, email me (Maya Morin (mayamorin@gmail.com) and I can forward them to you.

To get input, the Trails Committee is hosting two Open House events to present the draft Vision and Strategic Plan and the associated draft maps. The Open Houses will run from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the following locations:

Wednesday, June 17th Kingston Fire Hall, 570 Sparky St. Kingston, NS

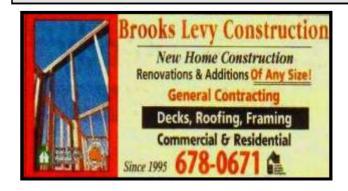
or

Monday, June 22nd
Port Williams Community Centre (Multi Purpose Room),
1049 Hwy, 358 Port Williams, NS

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Good Neighbour Club Report

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It was suggested that shut-ins in the community be remembered during the Easter season. Further plans to be made later.

There was a short report from the Sick Committee appointed for Mr. Lydiard. He was sent cigars, copies of the Advertiser and Pansies valued at \$1.00.

March 12 - After discussing it, we agreed to take the money from our regular funds. Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Phyinney were appointed to the committee for ordering flowers for the shut-ins.

March 19 - Treasurers report revealed \$11.40 on hand. An outstanding bill was paid to Mrs. Manson, \$3.98 for materials and floss. Mrs. Porter reported for the Shut-ins Committee. They had ordered five pots of hyacinths from Mr. Fillmore at 75φ each.

It was moved that Mrs. Wood have authority to order whatever flowers she feels suitable for any funeral in the village. **April 2** - In order to simplify the work of the Treasurer, Mrs. Paul was appointed to take care of the sick fund.

April 16 - Talked over the trouble with lights and fuses at the hall. Mrs. Manson and Mrs. Clarke were on a committee to have wiring inspected. Ran heavier wire into pantry and move meter outside.

May 7 - Made plans to build a chimney for the hall.

July 2 - the first role call had 12 members by the July 2 meeting there were 44 on roll call.

Sept. 3 - The evening was spent discussing Club problems in general.

November 26 - The wiring in the hall had cost \$32.18. Go on with plans to change the entrance to the hall and have an exit on the south side. It was agreed to raise \$15.00 in the Club for a wheelchair for Mrs. Knuckle.

December 10 -The work on the doors at the hall had started that day.

It was agreed that \$5.00 be donated to the school for the school concert. Made plans for a Christmas party in the hall; everyone to bring a gift of about 25¢ and a small plate of refreshment

December 17 - Christmas party, Mrs. Wood opened the meeting with roll call and minutes. Miss Porter and Mrs. Watson sent a letter thanking the Club for their help with the school Christmas treat. Mrs. Wood thanked Mrs. Barlow on behalf of the Club for a load of wood which she had delivered to the hall. The fruit bowls were filled and wrapped. Christmas carols and Santa ended the evening with an elaborate lunch from all. Thus, the first year ended.







GLOOSECAP SKATING CLUB INVITES

YOU TO CELEBRATE IT'S 34th YEAR OF OPERATION

Gloosecap Skating Club has been operating since 1976, involving children from: Sheffield Mills, Canning and surrounding area. Throughout the past few years, our numbers have gone down and we would like parents to know that this program is still available.

The Gloosecap Skating Club offers lessons at all skating levels through Skate Canada's CanSkate and Star-Skate programs, guiding your child from those first tentative steps on the ice.

In order to have a great skating season 2009-2010, we need to know if you plan to register your child for the next season.

Please contact Sharon Hirtle at her e-mail:

sport975skate@ns.sympatico.ca\ or phone 582-7186 before July 30, 2009.

CanSkate is a wonderful recreational learn-to-skate program following the technical requirements of Skate Canada.

This next season is open to all skaters, 4 years old and older.

Welcome to this great opportunity in our community.

IRISH RIVER DANCE FOR LADIES

with dance instructor: Johanne J. McInnis Where? Sheffield Mills, Community Hall When? Thursday night for 9 weeks

Time? 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Starting: July 2nd.

Ending: early Sept. with a break in August. Reservation/Information: gib@oricom.ca

Price: 2X\$45 (first payment July 2nd, last payment Au-

gust 2nd)

Great evening of dancing, stretching and joyful moments with fun ladies.

CHILDREN IRISH DANCE CLASS

(6-12 years old) with dancing instructor:

Johanne J. McInnis

Where? Sheffield Mills, Community Hall

When? Thursday night for 9 weeks

Time? 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Starting:** July 2nd

Ending: early September with a break in

August

Reservation/Information: gib@oricom.ca

Price: 2X\$45 (first payment July 2nd, last payment Au-

gust 2nd)

Great occasion for young people to discover the dancing Irish culture through movement and creative expression.

P.S. The last class will be a mini dance show for parents and family! Celebration of lively creative movement

Comments made in the year 1955!

(It's all relative!)

I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries **■** for \$20.00.

■ Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2,000.00 will only buy a used one.

'If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.

■ 'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?'

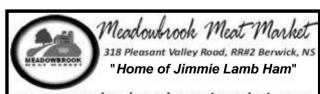
"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas ■ would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN YOU BRING YOUR REFUNDABLE ITEMS TO FRITZ'S, THE PARK ASSOCIATION NOW HAS AN ACCOUNT IN WHICH YOU CAN DONATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MAIN-TENANCE OF THE PARK.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Suzanne Trudeau Gormley, on behalf of the Centreville Park Association



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Rustic Charm at the Concrete House

By Ruth Legge

If you've passed by the Charles Macdonald Concrete house lately, and wondered what that odd collection of metal objects is hanging from the maple tree, it is a piece of Uncommon Common Art. The Alliance of Kings Artists began this project last year, asking for submissions of "found art" or pieces created from inexpensive materials, and placed in public spaces. A map is produced, indicating where the art is to be found, and inviting the public to think about how they too can create from what is around them.

"Rustic Charm", or Rusty, as I think of him, usually hangs in my garden in West Brooklyn, on the South Mountain. It was made from rusted metal farm machinery parts, the bits and pieces that I've dug out of the ground (while trying to plant vegetables) or literally stumbled across in the woods surrounding our old farmhouse. Many of the

components are easily identifiable, but the original purposes of some remain a mystery. Can you help put a name to Rusty's parts? The Charles Macdonald



Concrete House will have a numbered photo and booklet in which you can record your best guesses or certain knowledge. Be sure to tour the galleries and enjoy the art of our own Uncommon, Common Man.

Charles Macdonald Concrete House Museum will be opening on June 21st for the summer season. Hours are from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.. Sunday to Saturday. Admission is free.

Visit regularly for new and exciting events and exhibitions at the museum this summer.

Also, Charles Macdonald Concrete House Society will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** on Thursday June 18th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Museum, 19 Saxon Street, Centreville. All are invited to attend. For more information please contact: info@concretehouse.ca

Ruth Legge Secretary Charles Macdonald Concrete House Society



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The Eiffel Tower Celebrates 120 Years!

By Gren & Gail Jones



Dear Post Readers.

As I searched for a topic to share with you, I realized that this year is a milestone for "La Grande Dame!" Built for the Paris World Exposition in 1889, this building is truly an architectural marvel and there is easily enough information to fill the entire edition of the Post and more! Fortunately, Suzanne wouldn't allow that to happen!!

The Fiffel Tower was named for its owner. Gustave Eiffel who wanted to show the industrialized world in the late 18th century that it was possible to build a structure higher than 300 meters. In addition, he chose iron instead of steel and the 12,000 pieces were built in his company's iron works and transported to the site. The construction also required 2.5 million rivets! Once the architects and engineers determined how to build the base and the foundations, they began the task of raising the superstructure. Following several years of planning, Eiffel and his team were ready to go - the original plan called for a structure to be built across the River Seine, but the City refused and thus it was decided to build beside the river on the terrain of the great park, le Champ de Mars on the Left Bank.

The tower was built in 2 years, 2 months and 5 days. Not one worker was killed during the construction, although one worker did die while showing his fiancée the structure. It was financed privately and there were several strikes (... a national pastime in France!) There were only 250 workers on the actual site and although the cost

of construction doubled, there was no government contribution. Today, the city of Paris is the actual owner and the majority of the profit taken from having nearly 7 million paying visitors goes to the city with a rather small portion going to the company that actually operates the site.

The tower's true objective was to be a place where scientific and military experiments could be carried out. Today, it is the world's largest lighthouse with a beacon that revolves 360 ° and can be seen from a



distance of up to 80 km! It is also an important communications tower for FM radio and TV. In fact, there are 116 stations (antennes) that take advantage of this 324 m building. In the evening, on the hour, from dusk until 2 a.m. with a duration of ten minutes, 20,000 flashing lights present one of the most spectacular shows! Imagine sitting on a park bench in one of the many gardens along the park's wide pedestrian avenue or from the expan-

sive lawns that form the majority of le Champs de Mars - it is a thrill to watch! Last summer, another aspect was added to the lighting: a series of blue projection lights were installed at the base of the tower. I first saw the new lighting while out on the river on an evening boat ride with my clients. It is difficult to express the sensation I felt while watching as we approached the tower. The blue was simply amazing!

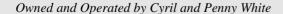
Visiting the tower can be quite a challenge! It takes a lot of patience, as on a typical night there can be up to 5,000 visitors on the tower at any one time. The first level can hold up to 3,000 while the 2nd can accommodate 1,600 and a further 400 can be on the top level where Mr. Eiffel had his office. It is possible to climb to the second storey, although the majority of people tend to take the elevator to the second floor. This is the point where one must wait to take the second elevator to reach the top. On a typical summer evening, one can easily wait for 2 hours to go through security en route to the ticket office and then on to the elevator!! On many summer nights it is impossible to purchase a ticket to the third floor. Actually, the best view of the city is from the second floor.

However, there is one way which visitors can gain access to the second floor: reserve a table at le Jules Verne restaurant where for around 500\$ two can dine and enjoy one of the most spectacular views a restaurant can offer. This gastronomic restaurant has seating for 95 patrons and

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The Eiffel Tower Celebrates 120 Years!

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it employs 90 people. It is recommended that patrons reserve at least three months in advance for dinner, or one month for lunch! Patrons are invited to take the express elevator directly to the restaurant.

When Eiffel decided to build with iron instead of steel, he was perhaps ahead of the competition. He also decreed that the tower should be repainted every 7 years to prevent corrosion. The latest project began in March and will take 18 months to complete. The 25 painters who have experience in painting metallic structures while being challenged by heights will work with brushes that are attached to their hands while hanging from 60 km of lifelines! Following the anti-corrosion and fouling work, the actual paint will be applied. 60 tonnes of unleaded paint will be used to cover every square inch in a colour that is appropriately named Eiffel Tower Brown.

For more information on The Eiffel Tower and its 120 year celebration, please visit the official website: www.tour-eiffel.fr/teiffel/uk/index.html

The Readers' CONTEST: In the last issue I wrote an article on Leonardo de Vinci who lived in Amboise near the end of his life. I offered a prize- a bottle of Vouvray (a lovely, local white wine) to the 1st respondent who correctly answered the question- how much did Bill Gates pay for the Leicester Codex? The answer was 30M\$ (actually 30.8 million) and at least 6 readers wrote me with the correct answer. The winner is JoAnne Bond. Thanks to all who took the time to write and I invite all readers of any age to try my next quiz:

Please respond as quickly as possible- I will take all correct responses and choose 1 lucky winner. Deadline- July 1st. Please answer all the questions!

I will choose 1 name randomly from those with the most correct answers!

PRIZE: a perma-plaqued print of la Tour Eiffel (It will be hand delivered following my return from Paris this summer.) QUIZ:

- 1. With over 5 billion sold, what is the #1 souvenir of the Eiffel Tower?
- 2. What is the name of another city in France that has a communications tower that is built in the very same style as Eiffel's tower?
- 3. During WW2, how was the Eiffel Tower used and by whom?
- 4. The Eiffel Tower is built on 4 pillars- in what direction do they face?
- 5. By the end of 2009, what building, currently under construction, will be the tallest in the world and what is its name and height?

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Centreville has a new Association

By Darrell E. Spurr, President

Recently, a group of young and not so young residents of Centreville and area met to form a weekly fun group. Our first meeting was held on April 22, 2009, at the Community Hall. Although our official name is Centreville "50 Plus", we welcome adults of all ages. At present we meet at the Community Hall, where we enjoy card games, board games and musical entertainment, etc. During the summer months, we hope to start meeting at Lydiard Park where we will play horseshoes, washer toss, Bache ball, croquette, etc.



We are in the process of applying for a seniors' grant and if successful, both Lydiard Park and the Centreville Community Hall will benefit.





We meet Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. New members are always welcome and we hope to see you next Wednesday at the Hall - bring a friend!





COMMUNITY EVENTS

Centreville Baptist Church will be holding a **Vacation Bible School** for children ages 4 to grade 6 from August 24 to 28, 9:00 a,m. to 11: 30 a.m. There will also be a Vacation Bible School for youth and adults that week, starting with lemonade, cookies and conversation at 6:30 p.m. The VBS will end at 8:00 p.m. For more information on these events, please call 678-1946.

Annual Strawberry Shortcake & Ham Salad Supper

First Cornwallis Baptist Church Corner of Hwy 341 and Middle Dyke Rd., Canard. NS

July 4, 2009 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Adults: \$9.50 Under 12: \$4.50 Preschoolers: Free Wheelchair accessible

Take-Outs Available by calling on the day of

the supper 582-7855.

"50 Plus" Fun Group meets at the Centreville Hall every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. New members welcome.

GNC's BIG BREAKFAST

Monthly—3rd Saturday

(Except for July and August)

Sheffield Mills & District Women's Institute - 3rd Monday, 2 p.m.

Canard United Church - Sunday Worship Service - **9:45 a.m.**,

www.canardunitedchurch.org

TOPS: - Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 PM

TOPS meet at Centreville Baptist Church on Murray Drive. (In the nursery room)

Monday evening:

Weigh-in from 6:00 to 6:30 PM with a short meeting to follow.

We are open to new members at the cost of \$30.00 yearly which includes a magazine from headquarters with "Eating Sensibly" ideas and recipes. You can drop by for one free night.

For more information contact Leader Jean Bond at 679-1284 or Madeline Sheffield at 678-7584.

THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR CLUB (GNC) meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at

7:30 p.m. at the Hall (Except for June, July and August).

All ladies of Centreville are welcome to attend and join the Club.

MacBerry Farms is Hiring!

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BATTERY RECYCLING IN CENTREVILLE

Starting this September, you can drop off your used batteries at the Centreville Community Hall on Thursdays between 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. as well as at the monthly Big Breakfasts.

All batteries may be turned in **except** hearing aid batteries and car batteries.

New - Centreville "Events" Website

Do you have an upcoming event? Do you want it seen on the Centreville Website, www.centreville-kings-county.com?

If you do, send the information to:

events@centreville-kings-county.com

<u>Pictures of Centreville District</u> and Surrounding Area



Did you know that the Centreville website has an email address you may send pictures to? If you have pictures you

want to share with others you can send them to:

centrevillepictures@centreville-kings-county.com

Pictures of interest could be Old Historical, Nature, Business or People, whatever you think others would be interested in.

The pictures sent will be put on the Centreville website:

www.centreville-kings-county.com.

ACADIA LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE (ALL)

The ALL Centre provides courses, seminars, outings and special events for adults 50+ in environmental science, fine arts, writing, and more.

ALL membership benefits include free Acadia credit course audits and access to the Vaughan Memorial Library; reduced course and special event fees; and free seminars, lectures and readings. The annual membership fee is \$20.

The ALL Centre now has a new phone information option. For course updates, cancellations, room changes and ALL announcements call 902-585-1434 or 1-800-565-6568, at the prompt press 1. This is a recorded message that will be changed daily. If you want to join ALL or sign up for a course call the same number but press 4 at the prompt to speak to a client service specialist. When you call our office our voice message will guide you through these options. Or you can simply email all@acadiau.ca. We will continue to update our membership through our website all.acadiau.ca and via emails.



To view courses offered through ALL, Acadia University Calendars will be available from the Centreville Post Office or through the following website: all.acadiau.ca