



This little guy was tucked into some fall foliage. He is hibernating now but soon enough this grasshopper will be back in our yards. (Harrington Photo)

Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

It looks like winter finally appeared in our area after missing us time and time again. I must say that being still able to wear my sneakers in January has been a real treat!

I hope that you are feeding the birds again this winter. With the cold and lack of natural food supplies it is good to help out our feathered friends. Mary Barley tells me that she has a cardinal in her yard this winter, the first time ever. It chases away the bluejays but doesn't bother the other birds. In our yard we just have the usual winter visitors - bluejays, chickadees, juncos, white throated sparrows, mourning doves, starlings, woodpeckers etc. What do you have at your feeders? If you have something interesting, let me know and I'll pass it along in our next issue!

Here is an interesting thought for you: Chapped lips? Skip the flavoured lip blam. It will tempt you to lick your lips, making them worse! Use unflavoured ones instead, ones with petrolatum, beeswax or an oil based lubricating cream. Make sure you choose one with sun screen.

The Masstown Stewards & Trustees would like to thank everyone who helped out by donating refundables as well as all those who helped out with the pick ups and sorting of the refundables at our recent refundable drive. We raised over \$620.00! Our next refundable drive will be around the end of May so keep saving your refundables for us.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday February 6th, 8am at the Double C Restaurant in Glenholme. All men in our three communities are welcome to attend this meeting.

Coffee Parties in February will be held on February 10th and 24th at 2pm. Bake table, play room for the children and lots of tasty treats to sample! Come and join your friends for a nice afternoon out.

The UCW are hosting Exercises Classes at the Masstown Church for five weeks, of which two were in

January and the next three will be on Tuesday's 7pm - February 3rd, 10th and 17th. These are sponsored by the Along The Shore Community Health Board and are free. Come and learn the best ways to exercise for you and enjoy doing it within the comforts of friendship.

The Masstown Community Association will meet on Tuesday February 16th, 7pm at the Masstown Market. All of you who live in our community are invited to join us at this meeting. We hope to make plans for a Meet 'n Greet in the near future. Your ideas would be greatly appreciated.

I don't know how many of you know who The Message are, but they are the Conference Music Team that Vicki Reid belongs to. Vicki is the daughter of Rodney and Joy Reid and is very talented. The Message have at least two CD's out and come June they will be going to Bermuda to perform. Bermuda is part of our Maritime Conference. Congratulations to all of them! If you wish to get one of their CD's call Joy 662-3515.

Now, the newsy news! Blake Fisher was home from Fort McMurray AB visiting his parents Jerry and Marina Fisher as well as other family members and friends over Christmas. Steve and Jodi Barley are home visiting his parents Jack and Mary Barley as well as other family members. Visiting with Alice Andrews over Christmas were her Aunts Hazel Andrews from Pugwash and Eleanor Andrews from Antigonish and her Uncle Wayne Andrews from Guysborough. Doug and Tracey Jardine and their sons Keegan and Logan went to Cape Breton for Christmas with Doug's family.

Congratulations to Tom and Jodi Moore on the birth of their son, a brother for Morgan. I also wish to extend congratulations to one of our "out of country" subscribers - to Pat and Billy Jo Whiten on their recent 26th wedding anniversary!

Condolences go out this month to Leonard Fraser and family on the death of his father Earl Fraser.

Bass River Notes

By Joyce Starratt

Winter is crawling on, isn't it? More than half of the month of January is gone and I haven't had to have my lane ploughed once! I imagine everyone is pleased about not having to plough. I must apologize to Donnie Putman. He was at the party at the cottage. I believe he drove his mother Doreen, Marie and Dell that day. Sorry Donnie.

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Ronnie Fulton. He was the son of Willard and Pearl Fulton. They had lived in Birch Hill. My

neighbour, Lloyd Fulton is in the hospital in Truro. His son, Richard, Fort MacMurray is visiting for a few days. Richard's daughter's Pamela and Nicole from Comox, BC are also visiting. Lloyd and Rose will be pleased to see them. As I have said before, they have a wonderful family.

Visitors with us over the Christmas season were Barb Hood, Three Mile Plains; Mark, Elizabeth and Jillian Pulsifer, Antigonish and Doug Hiltz and Andrew MacDonald, Dartmouth. Meghan Faulkner, Calgary, spent Christmas with

her parents, Roddie and Mi Faulkner.

All the Christmas programs went very well with good attendance and were most enjoyable. It's a lot of work, but well worth it.

Our organist, Lynn MacIntosh was not well and Sybil Flemming, Great Village, played for our song service on December 27th.

Things are quiet now. Everything slows down after Christmas.

The only other person, I know of, who is in the hospital is Ray Fulton, Onslow, Ronnie's older brother. We wish Lloyd and Ray all the best. So long for now.

Great Village Historical Society Notes

By Linda Shears

The Great Village Historical Society held the first meeting of the year on January 6th in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. The meeting was planned as a working session. In preparation for beginning the updated "History of Great Village", a list of topics was made and sheets of information were organized.

One of the names which

caught our attention was Great Village artist George Hutchinson. There are photos of art classes which he taught, showing ladies in long dark dresses sitting in front of easels, sitting beside the Great Village River.

Hutchinson went to London, England, where he illustrated a serial version of Robert Louis Stephenson's "Treasure Island", in 1894-95.

He also illustrated Conan Doyle's novel, "A Study in Scarlet", which was published in 1889. Hutchinson was also said to be the inspiration for the main character in Isreal Zangwill's novel, "The Master".

The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 3rd, at the regular time and place — 7:30 at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall.

2010 SPECIAL ISSUES:

TOURISM: Coming this spring, the Shoreline Journal will publish a comprehensive 'Along the Shore Tourism Report'. This report will have information helpful to tourists visiting our area including Advocate Harbour to Truro and throughout Cumberland South and West Colchester. As we put the finishing touches on this project, join us and get your message to approximately 25,000 homes in Cumberland and Colchester County. In addition, get your message distributed through Visitor Information Centres and area businesses.

ANNIVERSARIES: Is your business celebrating a special anniversary? 2ND, 10TH, 25TH, 50TH, or 100TH! Let us know soon. We'll try to schedule to coordinate with the exact month.

EXPANSION: Has your business recently opened, expanded, or introduced a new product or service in our area? Let us know soon. We can get your message to your customers.

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