



Rock around the clock! These energetic students held an eleven hour Rock-a-thon at the Masstown Market on June 6th to raise money for their "Colors For A Cure" Relay For Life team. Left to right- Tyler Congdon, Wayne Burns, Kaitlyn Sears, Christina Appleby, Nicole MacKenzie, Megan Johnson, Allison Settle, Connor Higgins, Emily Fraser, Nick Carol and Brett Lauther. (Harrington Photo)



Not even the torrential rains at the Relay For Life on June 12th could dampen the team spirit of the "Cancer Squad Investigators". The team has entered the Relay for the last three years and this year they raised \$4200 and were awarded 2nd prize for fund raising. Fund raising events through out the year included a yard sale, BBQ, raffle tickets and collecting refundables. Pictured are Hannah Morrissey, Joann Culgin, Gena Priest, Tina Gratto, Kelly Rushton, Judy Elliott, Nancy Durno, Heather Morrissey, Tanya Raymond, Linda Lane and in the front was Donna Morrissey. Missing from photo were: Geraldine Gratto and Jordan Stevens. (Harrington Photo)



The drum section of Old Scotia Pipes and Drums, from Great Village, marches just ahead of the RCMP and TruroTown Police Members who were leading the parade of Cancer Survivors at the Relay For Life on June 12th. The drum section included Claude Chapdelaine on Bass Drum, Bev Halliday & Stephanie Patriquin on tenor, Ray Halliday and Nick Wood on snare drum. (Harrington Photo)



Trying to keep dry inside their tent were members of the "Miles For Smiles" Relay For Life Team. Team members were able to raise \$2700 in donations for the cause. Most of the team members have been together for five years. Back l to r- Betty Jennings, Barb Cameron, Fran Toole, Dawn Moxsom; Front l to r- Sharon Smith, Florence Axworthy, Angus MacKinnon. Missing from photo was Priscilla Jennings and helpers Wade Jennings and Phil Cameron. (Harrington Photo)

Economy & Five Islands News

By Ruth Thompson

Marilyn Cock flew to London, Ontario to attend an Airwomen's reunion. After the reunion she spent a few days visiting family and friends in that area. She took the train to Trenton, Ontario and met her husband, Dennis and they attended the 50th anniversary of the flight engineers. It was a wonderful weekend and they enjoyed seeing many friends. They visited Quebec City on their way home. It was a busy but fun time. Also, Marie and Ron Scott were recent visitors of Marilyn and Dennis. While they were here they all went to visit Polly Ferdinand of Westchester.

Justin, Chrissy and Charlie Brennan from Debert celebrated Justin's 18th birthday with grandparents, Ray and Carole Dibbon. He enjoyed a treasure hunt to find his birthday present and digging it up in the back yard.

Olsen and Linda Field accompanied their daughter, Anita Reade and granddaughter Emily-Ann to Monson, Massachusetts to attend the graduation of Tim Wells, Emily's boyfriend. While there they vis-

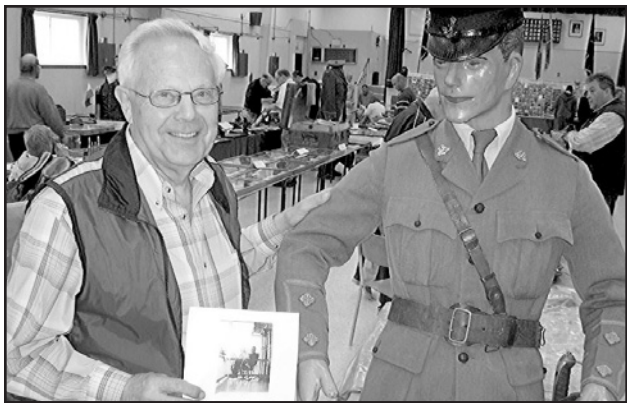
ited with Angela and Rob Webb.

Dick and Sue Faulkner are home for the summer. They are residents of Sanford, Maine and spend their summers in Upper Economy, the family home.

I had the pleasure of going to Magic Mountain to help celebrate the 14th birthday of my Granddaughter, Brooke. She was accompanied by her other grandparents, Ray and Karen Weatherby, her mother, Janet, her dad, Derek, brother Alex, and two friends from school. Despite the rain everyone had a good time. We stopped at a Pizza Delight and had supper followed by birthday cake.

The annual flounder derby was held in Five Islands recently. Winners were: First Prize Women: Valerie Pugsley; First Men's: Junior Davis. Second Prize Women: Valerie Matthews and Kate Newton (tied); Second Prize Men: Ethan Adams, Third Prize Men: Shaun Smith and David Rowe.

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Ken Caldwell has never been in the military but he has a keen interest none the less. He brought this WWI uniform of PG Smith, from Bass River, to the Military Collectors Show & Sale at the Debert Legion on May 30th. (Harrington Photo)



Shannex Debert Court Site Manager Cheryl Myers shows Irene Gratto special features in one of the bath areas of the new facility. An Open House was held on May 22nd. (Harrington Photo)

Great Village Historical Society Notes

By Linda Shears

The Great Village Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting on June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. Plans were discussed for planting flowers at the Pergola display at Wilson's Garage. The Historical Society and Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia (EBSNS) have been working together on this project.

To date, four panels of his-

torical information have been completed and displayed at the site. There are two panels of photos and information about the poet Elizabeth Bishop, who had life-long connections with relatives and friends in Great Village. Her short story, "Primer Class" describes her recollections of her childhood here and her attendance at the Great Village School.

The other two panels describe original inhabitants

and early European settlers to this area. If you haven't already done so, stop by the Pergola for a refreshing history lesson this summer!

Plans were made to sell both the "History of Great Village" and the "Elizabeth Bishop's Great Village, A Self-Guided Tour" at the Farmers' Market this summer. The latter is a fascinating little book full of photos and descriptions of numerous Village landmarks which had significance in Bishop's writings. It sells for only \$10.00.

It has become a tradition for the Historical Society to

have an outing each summer. Last year's tour was to the Joggins Fossil Institute. This year's trip will be to several locations in Pictou County and is now scheduled for July 13th.

The Historical Society and Elizabeth Bishop Society will share a display table at the Canada Day celebration site, the Great Village School.

Some time was spent listing industrial archaeological sites for the survey which Enid Cooper is working on.

We will be having a summer "recess", so the next formal meeting will be on October 7th.

Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

Summer is here and with it comes lots of visitors to our wonderful community. We welcome all of those who visit with us and those who keep coming back to our friendly community.

Did you know that Masstown has its roots in one of the oldest settlements of European people in Colchester County? This is true. Read on...

In March 1689 a grant of land around Cobequid Bay, (from Noel to Economy), 12 miles wide and deep was granted as a Seigneurialship to Matthew Martin (the first European to be born in Acadie - 1636) and called "Cobequid".

The center of the community was "Cove D'Eglise" where the Masshouse, "St. Peter-St. Paul" was built in 1738 by Abbe Jean Louis LeLoutre, an historical figure of some note. The Church served as the focal point for the whole community of Cobequid, the only place where there was a resident priest and that the Mass was regularly celebrated on the Sabbath. Chapels were erected in other surrounding communities but were served from the Masshouse of St. Peter-St. Paul. The Acadian parish is remembered with a cairn in front of the Masstown United Church. You are invited to stop by and remember our first European settlers.

The present Church at Masstown dates to 1871. The village, following 1755 when

the French were expelled by the English, was re-settled with English, Scottish and Irish farming folk and the community was for many years called "Masshouse Village", which was later shortened to "Masstown", the name it still bears.

Speaking of our Church, summer services started up on June 28th in Debert and continue every Sunday at 10am: July 6 - Glenholme, July 12 - Masstown, July 19 - Debert and July 26 - Glenholme. We continue rotating services until September 20th.

The DGM Men's Club meet on Saturday July 4th, 8am at the Double C Restaurant for their usual breakfast meeting. There will be a guest speaker and all men of our communities are invited to join in. The speaker, I am told, will be very interesting! For more information on the DGM Men's Club, you can call Keith Baas 662-2255.

The Upper Londonderry Pastorl Charge Annual Strawberry Supper is going to be held on Saturday July 4th, 4:30-6pm at the Debert Fire Hall. This is a salad plate supper with strawberry shortcake for dessert. Take outs are available. Please note that for this year only we are holding this supper on a Saturday instead of our usual Wednesday.

Canada Day At The Park! Come to our Masstown Community Park on July 1st from 1-3pm and join in the festivities! There will be a bar-

b-Que, face painting, games, cookies for the children to decorate, a fire truck, an RCMP officer, and lots more, including Haley Adams playing her fiddle for us! Bring a lawn chair and a smile! Join with your neighbours and friends at the Masstown Community Park! Quilt Tickets will be on sale up until we draw the winning ticket at 3pm. Have you gotten your ticket yet? The quilt, which is very beautiful and a queen sized quilt, will be on display at the Park. Remember, we have a well with a hand pump on it and the water is safe to drink. A wonderful thing to remember during a power outage.

There has been lots going on in our community. An 80th Birthday Party was held for Audrey Smith at Marina and Jerry Fisher's house. There were 17 guests including her brother Dale Lambourne, lots of cards and gifts, and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" as they served the cake and ice cream. Everyone had lots of fun!

Kelly Fraser was home from Castlegar BC (that's near Trail BC) for a week visiting his mother Kay Maxwell. He really helped her out around the yard and she enjoyed his visit very much.

Rhona Gomez-Murray is in Trinidad at a family reunion. Unfortunately Wade couldn't go with her as it is haying time on the farm. I am sure she will have lots of stories to tell when she returns.

Laura MacDonald, who is 97, was visiting with her son Bill MacDonald from

Vancouver. They visited in Masstown, Pictou, PEI and Fredericton. While in Masstown a group of neighbours joined her at Kay Maxwell's house for "tea"! She is "sharp as a tack" and it was "wonderful to see her"; were just some of the comments. Still busy with her hands and busy in her community. I am sure she enjoyed her visit in her old stomping ground very much.

The next meeting of the Masstown Community Association will be held on Tuesday July 21st at the Masstown Market. You are invited to join in on this meeting. We will be looking at ways to spend our proceeds from the quilt tickets on things for our community.

Aubrey and Irene Gratto with son Noel and wife Geraldine Gratto spent a week touring in Newfoundland. Elsie Adams from Henfield, England has been visiting her cousin Rosemary and Keith Baas for the past two weeks, along with her daughter Mary and her husband Chris Jones. Mary and Chris have spent some of their time here seeing more of Nova Scotia. Also visiting with Keith and Rosemary are Rosemary's son Calvin and his wife Noreen Trenholm, who are back at Shady Nook for five weeks. Rosemary's other son Scott and his wife Brenda Trenholm will be here visiting for two weeks.

Condolences go out this month to Marilyn Mitchell on the death of her aunt Jessie Clayton.

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