

## Great Village Garden Club News



Garden Club visitors mark the ceremonial raising of the flags at Bass River Veterans' Memorial Park. (Shears Photo)

by Linda Shears

On June 23rd The Garden Club enjoyed our annual trip. After supper in Five Islands, we toured the new Veterans' Memorial Park in Bass River. Ken Jamieson, a member of the Cobequid Veterans' Memorial Park Society, gave us a very interesting guided tour. At the time of our visit, the Park's flags were flying at half mast to mark the funeral of a Canadian soldier who had died in Afghanistan.

We were invited to share in the solemn raising of the flags to mark the end of the observance. At the conclusion of our visit, a presentation of \$300 was made to Dr. Ewing and Mr. Jamieson to assist in the continuing work on this memorial project. There is an excellent website which details the history and progress of the Memorial Park at [www.veteranmemorialpark.com](http://www.veteranmemorialpark.com).



Garden Club President, Patti Sharpe, presents a cheque for \$300 to Dr. Ewing and Ken Jamieson. (Shears Photo)



Pictured above during the Canada Day drawing of the winning quilt ticket are: Haley Adams, Trevor Livingstone, Constable Pascalle and Chris Urquhart. (Chris Urquhart Photo)

## United Church August Schedule

By Chris Urquhart

Masstown area church services for the month of August are as follows: 10am every Sunday and only one service each week: August 2nd - Masstown, August 9th - Debert, August 16th - Glenholme with Holy Communion, August 23rd - Masstown and August 30th - Debert.

The pastoral charge will continue with one service for the first two weeks of September and then on September 20th we return to our winter schedule of two services each week.

We welcome you to join us at Church on any given Sunday and look forward to seeing you there.

## Onslow Belmont Notes

by Debbie Weatherby

For such a tiny little bird, the hummingbirds sure can make quite a ruckus can't they? Was sitting out in our sunporch this morning with a coffee in hand and there was four of them fighting over the feeder in front of the window. Sassy as all get out they were. Haven't had anymore get stuck in the porch but they have come in and fluttered around and right back out the door.

Summer vacation for the kids is well on the way and sure hope you are all having a great one. The weather doesn't seem to cooperate much though. Between the thunder, lightning, hail and pouring down rain a person never knows what the day will bring.

Congratulations go out to Amanda and Kelly Densmore on the arrival of their baby girl on June 9, 2009 weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs.

Condolences go out to Owen Totten of Belmont on the loss of his wife Rhonda Elizabeth Totten on June 21,

2009 and to the rest of the families as well. She will be missed by all who knew her; Timothy (Ellen) of Lower Onslow on the loss of his mother Marjorie Shirley McLellan on July 13, and to the rest of the families as well.

Belmont Baptist church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday evenings there is a prayer meeting at 7:00 p.m.. In times of need you can contact Rev. Leslie Jobb by calling 662-3134 or 548-2078

The Wesley United Church services will be held in Belmont August 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Then August 9th in Lower Onslow, the 16th in Onslow, 23rd in Lower Onslow and the 30th in Onslow.

People seem to be having fun with fireworks this year for some reason, more so than any other year. Just for the fun of it I guess. Anyway until next time take care and watch out for the kids on vacation.

## Great Village Area Notes

By Florence Adams

The first of July celebrations in the village were the usual success. The parade opened the afternoon celebrations, with games and booths for old and young alike.

Myrtle Kreger is reported keeping well since her stay in hospital. She came home July 1st. Teresa Adams (Beasley) has joined her cousin, Stephannie Patriquin, working at the wildlife park in Shubenacadie.

The annual strawberry and salmon supper sponsored by St James united church was held on July 8th. Good food and good fellowship.

Kiersten Patriquin had the cast removed from her arm several days ago. Will it make for better drumming, Kiersten?

On Monday, July 13th the Great Village Historical Society toured Balmoral Museum and the Tatamagouche Cremery. At each they learned of their history. After supper in Tatamagouche, then visited a home along Route 311. The owner George MacLellan is

finishing building the boat, which Bob Cooper was building a few years ago. George MacLellan's grandfather was one of the early settlers in Great Village.

Royce Bird came home from a stay in hospital with pneumonia in late June. He reports he's okay now.

Sympathy is extended to the Graham family and friends on the passing of Carol Hann on July 12th at her home in South Uniacke. Carol was born and grew up in Great Village.

The Great Village Farmer's Market is continuing to function in spite of the rain. The booths are placed in the church and Fire Hall on rainy Saturday's, thanks to the firemen.

Valerie and David Austen with son, William, enjoyed a visit to Ontario recently. David and Valerie were celebrating their 10th anniversary.

The annual Bird family reunion held in Londonderry on July 19th was an enjoyable event with lots of hugs, music, laughs and an especially lavish supper. Everyone left looking forward to next year.

## Bass River Fire Brigade Notes

By Peter Christensen

What a Canada Day that was! An iffy day to start, not knowing if the weather was going to be good, but as the summer moves along the weather is like that all the time.

The Brigade thought that a fund raiser like some of the past picnics would be neat. So after a lot of ideas we got together and set the day in motion.

There were games of chance run by fireman David and fireman Kohl, I actually won 75 cents on the Crown and Anchor, but unbeknownst to me there is a rule where you have to lose the money you won before you could leave the Crown and Anchor. At least that was what I was told by carny David.

There were venues with cotton candy and slushie machines manned and womaned by very entertaining carnies. Where they get these folks, I do not know, but I liked their spirit and they laughed a lot to.

The food of the day was everything great and hot. The head chef was Blaine Dickie and his #1 cook was Terry Lewis, these boys served up great food with onions all day long.

A great attraction for young and old on Canada day was the dunk tank. It was awe inspiring to watch the different people risk their dry clothes to raise money for the brigades new rescue watercraft.

And it was truly inspiring to see our Chief Alfred Grue

as he sacrificed his body and his clothes as he continually got out of the cold briny water to take one for the brigade once again. I am getting all teary eyed just remembering it all.

And of course all the glitter that goes with a picnic day should not be left out. A great big thank-you to the kids, who decorated their bikes for the bike parade. I saw one with all Canada emblems on it, and all the other bikes were just awesome. Great job everyone!!!

A really neat event at the picnic was the wagon rides!!! They were an awesome sight, trotting down the highway with all the smiling people. The only thing was that no one thought of doing rides. Gordon Lewis came to the picnic just to see the festivities, and he was asked if he was doing wagon rides, but being the man he is he said sure and after the first ride, Gordon and his half fingers went for another 8 or 9 trips. Now that is giving to the cause. Thank you Gordon.

We had a great first box lunch social as well. We had I believe nine box lunches. And the bidding was fast and furious. The box lunches were well presented, and of course very much appreciated.

Bidding at times started slow, but when the husbands got on their horse and started bidding on a lunch that was lovingly made by the one they loved well the heart always took over and when that happened the winners were the top bidder and the fire brigade. Thanks to everyone who participated.

As anyone knows no big event is put on by one person, so I would like to give special mention to the behind the scenes people. They are Ronda Dickie, who tirelessly put all of the events on Canada day into motion. To Blaine Dickie, who was as active as his wife no doubt; Kohl Grue, who is the pertinent behind the scene guy and all the other members who helped out on Canada Day. Great job. Hope to see you next year.

The day would not have been complete without entertainment, and we were very fortunate to have the Elliots on board to play up a storm. Another great musical event your day supporting your fire brigade.

As well we had Andrew fedora and his bluegrass style, who came back home to play his guitar and give the Elliots a breather. Great pick in and strumming Andrew.

Alas the Canada day cele-

brations have ended, but we are gearing up for the ANNUAL WOODEN BOAT RACE on AUG 1 at the Heritage Day celebrations. The Boat Race will begin at 2pm, starting at the highway bridge and proceeding down the Bass River until the boats cross the finish line under the old Foot Bridge behind the seniors complex. Tickets for the boat race are on sale at the Dominion Chair store. Get them fast, cause they are going fast.

First boat to cross the finish line this year will receive a cool cash prize, which will coincide with the number of boats sold. Be fast to get your boat cause we have only a limited supply, so your chances are better than the lottery. See you at Heritage Day.

The trucks are going to be at Heritage Day ready for your inspection and any questions you may have. Have a great day at the Heritage celebrations on Aug 1 and stay dry. Fireman pete saying clean your flues before fall.

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