



Karen Casey presenting certificates to Percy and Joy Graham on their 40th anniversary. Joy has worked in several capacities, including executive assistant, when Casey was Cabinet Minister. (Submitted)

## Great Village & Area News

By Florence Adams

Despite the power outage, earlier in the afternoon, the July 13th, the annual salmon and strawberry supper, sponsored by St James United Church, Great Village was a great success.

Audrey Akerman celebrated her 90th birthday on June 21st. A family part was held to celebrate the occasion.

Derrick Lundie is home from Alberta visiting family and friends. Curtis Adams and wife, Marilyn have moved home from Newfoundland and are not living in Portapique. Welcome home folks.

Condolences go out to the family of Kenneth Congdon, Great Village, who had been seriously ill in hospital.

Strawberry pickers are out in full force in all the fields. Millen's U-Pick is now open certain days. Imported workers are now occupying the old St James Manse on Lorneville Road. It's good to see the building in use, the workers are great quiet neighbor and are a welcome addition to the community.

## Upper Londonderry CANADA'S OLDEST PASTORAL CHARGE

By Linda Giddens

This year is the 240th Anniversary of the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge, the oldest pastoral charge in Canada. A special service was held at Erskine United, Glenholme on June 19, 7 PM to celebrate this auspicious occasion. Lester Settle delivered the address, on the first minister Rev. David Smith, and St. James Male Chorus was the guest choir.

The Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge is one of the oldest pastoral charges in Canada with a settled minister in 1771. There is much history here because the Acadians had their main church here long before the English settled. There are still remnants of French Acadian artifacts to be seen. This Pastoral Charge is part of Truro Presbytery, the oldest Presbytery in Canada; Truro Presbytery is part of Maritime Conference.

Masstown and the entire Cobequid shore is a place of history. The French Acadians settled here and had the first church where a resident priest held mass, hence the name: "Mass House Village," now Masstown. 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. The Acadian parish is remembered with a cairn in front of the Masstown United Church. The first Presbyterian Church was of log construction and may have been built as early as 1767 and was later replaced by the present church in 1871.

The Church in Debert dates from 1850 and was briefly shared by both Baptists and Presbyterians. Each congregation built its own church: Presbyterians in 1879, Baptists in 1881. The Presbyterian church burned

and was rebuilt in 1880 and, with the addition of a vestry is the current Debert United Church.

Erskine United Church, a large, well-kept building, occupies the prominent location in the village of Glenholme. The area was once an Acadian settlement. After the expulsion of the Acadians in 1755, it was settled by Presbyterians, mainly of Scottish and Irish background. In 1769, the settlers invited the Rev. David Smith in Scotland to minister to them. He arrived, in 1771, to become the first permanently "Called and Inducted" Presbyterian minister in Canada. He ministered here for 24 years, until his death in 1795. The log church of early

# Colchester Trefoil Notes

By Goldie Chisholm

Colchester Trefoil Guild members met at the home of Anne Leggett for a picnic, which has been an annual event during the month of June. A rainy day changed outdoor activities to be held indoors, but everyone reported a pleasant time.

The new executive for the year was announced. Jane Madden will remain as president, Anne Leggett, correspondence secretary, and

Donna Taylor agreed to stay on as treasurer.

The Lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia hosted an anniversary tea on June 20th to celebrate 100 years of Guiding in Nova Scotia. Representatives from Guiding were invited to attend and Goldie Chisholm was chosen to represent Colchester Trefoil Guild, as she was the one who organized the guild in 1988. "It was an honour an privilege to

attend this guiding event" Chisholm said. "It was just another highlight to be added to my years in Guiding", she concluded.

The September meeting will be held at the home of

Jane Madden, president, on September 19th. The meeting will take the form of a planning meeting for the coming year. Members are asked to bring along their ideas for next year's activities. It will also be the time to pay our annual membership fees.

I hope everyone has a fun-filled summer.

## Safety Tips During Hot Weather

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legs or abdomen caused by high heat and humidity and a resulting loss of fluids and electrolytes. Signs of heat exhaustion include cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea or dizziness, overall weakness, and exhaustion. Move the person to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths to the skin. If the person is conscious, have them slowly drink small amounts of cool water. If the person vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1.

**HEAT EXHAUSTION** can develop after several days of extremely hot weather and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids and primarily affecting the elderly and those with high blood pressure. Symptoms can include profuse sweating,

pallor, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting or fainting. The skin may be cool and moist. Pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. Untreated, it may progress to heat stroke.

**HEAT STROKE** (sunstroke) is life-threatening and occurs when the body is no longer able to cool itself. Signs can include hot, red skin that can be moist or dry; fainting, vomiting, and high body temperature. Call 9-1-1, move the person to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths to the skin. If available, apply ice or cold packs wrapped in cloth to key points like the neck, armpits, groin, wrists and ankles.

For additional tips on heat preparedness and other summer safety, check [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca).

Claude Adams with wife, Elaine, and granddaughter, Drew Burbine, motored home from Tappan, British Columbia to view with family and friends in the district. Reggie Smith and family have recently moved home from Alberta. Reg's daughter, Dakota, is with him. His daughter, Courtney, will join the family in a few weeks.

Robert and Natalie Adams are enjoying having their grandson's Bailey and Lucas from Toronto visiting with them. Alan Peppard and son, Cole, are home from Alberta to visit his mother, Marie Peppard, for a few weeks. Alan had the misfortune, on July 16th, to have a change in his vacation plans when he broke his leg. At the time of writing was still a patient in the Halifax hospital.

The Saturday Farmer's Market on July 16th was even more successful for some booths than usual, probably because of the annual extended yard sale along the shore. The annual Bird reunion was held in the athletic hall in Londonderry on July 17th. Due to accidents and illness, it was not as well attended as previous years, but everyone still had a good time. Attending were family members from Tappan, BC, Canning and Toronto.

times was replaced by a frame construction church in 1794, and the present church was built in 1865.

The Cemetery next to Erskine United Church, "Folly Village Cemetery" has been in operation since the 1770's; the land (about 5 acres) was donated by an original settler (about 1762), Mr. James Flemming. In 1901, the Cemetery was Incorporated by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and in the 1920's an effort was made to develop the land as a Cemetery with Trustees appointed to improve the land. A survey plan was completed in 1922 and lots numbered and sold to individual families. An Endowment Fund was established which amounted to over \$30,000 in the 1960's. For many years the interest from the Endowment Fund paid for the annual care of the

lots and mowing of the grass. In more recent years, following the 1980's, interest on the invested funds has not yielded sufficient income to do the annual maintenance without reducing the original investments. Current Trustees are now faced with the challenge of building up the Investment Funds again to the \$30,000 or higher amounts. Lester Settle offered to make the sales of his recently published booklet, "Historical Sketches of Glenholme, NS, 1699 - 2011" available to the Cemetery Endowment Fund. The 61 page booklets are priced at \$10 each.

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