

Remembrance Day in our Communities

Debert Elementary



Members of the Debert Elementary Leadership Group present a tribute to the animals involved in war time.



The Grade Primary/ One Class at Great Village Elementary recited "Poppy Poppy" during the school Remembrance Day Service.



Great Village Elementary Grade 3/4 students recited the poem "In Flanders Fields".

Debert Elementary School Notes

By Erma Cox

Wow! What a way to start term 2, a blanket of snow making everything look clean and report cards completed. These two items mark a change of season for me and a need to ramp up for the next stage of our interventions.

The Indigo Adopt a School campaign has come to a close. I am happy to report, as a result of the support of many, we have received over \$1200 dollars in certificates for books.

Some students will soon be visiting the store in Truro to pick out new books from these funds for our library collection. I would like to thank all of you who made this event a huge success.

On Saturday, November

19th our school hosted a Craft sale. This is the first time we have undertaken such an event, but based on the interest from vendors it very well could become an annual event. We are also participating in a wreath sale this year with orders being taken now for delivery early in the Christmas Season.

Students have also been making efforts to create Global Change. We have a number of our children involved in the "Green Team" where they collect compostable materials around the school on a regular basis to reduce our trash.

The grade 2 class recently held a pajama day to support the building of schools in Zambia and our Grade 6 class



Dan Doroshenko, Assistant Administrator Officer for the Truro Army Cadets and French Teacher at Debert Elementary helps Hannah Archibald pin her poppy on the cross.



Mr. Doroshenko assists Gracie Murray and RJ Lynds as they lay a wreath for their class.

have plans for food collection for a local cause and some sports activities are in the planning stage to support their global action. This class will be travelling to Halifax at the end of the month for the WE Day Atlantic. Kudos to all these children and a huge thank you to all of you for allowing us to make a difference.

Christmas Concert is planned for December 14th. There will be an afternoon concert at 1 pm and then an evening concert at 6:30. The PTG will be selling tickets for front row seats again this year. Hope to see lots of people out to support the children. Once again we will be asking that in lieu of an admission fee a donation of a food item be brought.

president, Robert Pash, said he could not be more proud of what happened within the last year. "This time last year, we were near extinction, but thanks to some great people in the community, the community rallied around and we are here now much stronger. We've made a lot of changes and improvements", president Pash concluded.

Twenty two members were to be awarded long service pins for service to the branch. Included were: Adrian Murphy, 55 years; Robert Glen and Gerry Dykens, 45 years; Owen Totten, O E Gormley and M L MacDougall, 40 years; Sandy Vacheresse and John Jessome, 30 years; Glen Putnam, 25 years.

Others receiving pins were: Ralph Turner, Paula Wood, Paul Eastcott, Owen Slack, Matthew Priest and Alex Pash, 20 years; Joe Williams, 15 years; Shirley Spencer, 10 years; Mike Giles, Mary J. Elliott, Elizabeth Barnhill, and Alex Martell, 5 years.

The number of people attended was down significantly from last year, maybe as much as 40%. Only a handful of the 22 members who would have been decorated were there to receive their pins.

Remembrance Day in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

Remembrance Day Service at the Wentworth Cenotaph was presided over by Jocelyn Morris. It followed the Veteran Affairs dictum: "Remembrance for the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace."

This ceremony remembered specifically those of the Armed Services from the Wentworth area who served during wartime and peace-keeping and have passed away.

With a large crowd gathered at the site of the Cenotaph, the service began with the singing of O Canada, followed by a prerecording of the Last Post (symbolizing the end of earthly life), two minutes of silence (in remembrance of those who have passed), Reveille (signifying birth into eternal life), the raising of the Canadian flag by Bob Smith, the Act of Remembrance ("At the going down of the sun, And in the morning, We will remember them") spoken by Jocelyn Morris and Response by all: "We will remember them."

Jocelyn Morris had all present say the Lord's Prayer and then began announcing the placing of the wreaths at the Cenotaph by first stating the wreaths presented by organizations and then with the names of those who did the presentation and placing: Dominion of Canada -Bonnie Giddons; Municipality of Cumberland—

Councillor Bill Baker; Royal Canadian Legion—Bob Smith; Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department—Weewana Sprague; Wentworth Firemen's Recreation Centre—Joe Patriquin; Friends of the Old Valley Schoolhouse—Carol Hyslop; Ski Wentworth—Leslie Wilson; Wentworth Community CAPSite—Jordan Sprague.

The next wreaths are in memory of those from Wentworth in the Armed Services who have passed away and their wreaths presented and placed at the Cenotaph by present day relatives: Grandfather Hershall Stewart—Weewana Sprague; Grandfather Merton Beebe—Ward Beebe; Sgt. Walton Little—wife Ida & son Ken; Bernard Gower—wife Marion & daughter Heather; Bedford Palmer—family & son Kevin; Leo Feeley—daughter Patricia, son Eddy, granddaughter Melanie; Ralph (Bob) Hunt—family and son Bob; Andy Elliott—son Wayne; Edgar Archibald—family & Wayne Elliott; Jerome Crowley, Phil Crowley, & Tommy Giles—sister-in-law Pearl Crowley, nieces Judy & Jocelyn & nephew Mike, Judy Clarke; Raymond Rushton—family & son Tim; Major John Scott & Warrant Officer Milne Patriquin—Margaret Park & family & John's sister Debbie; Uncle Doug Henderson, Gordon Henderson, Lorne Henderson—Helen, Sharon, Debbie & Faye; Lonnie

Letcher—daughter Shannon; Willard Lynds—son Edison.

Led by singer Sharon Miller, everyone present sang "God Save the Queen." Jocelyn then closed the Cenotaph Ceremony and said "Please join us at the Recreation Centre for refreshments. A special note of thanks to everyone who contributed to the lunch we are about to enjoy. Your hosts for the Cenotaph Ceremony and Recreation Centre lunch are Wentworth Community Development Council and the Firemen's Recreation Association."

"Lest We Forget" written on the Wentworth Cenotaph expressed the emotional impact this service had on all those present. The Wentworth community made sure we residents did not forget the Canadian and Wentworth Armed Forces sacrifices of service during wartime and peace-keeping.

A Remembrance Day ecumenical service by two churches, the Wentworth Baptist United Church and the United Church, was held the previous Sunday, November 8, at the Wentworth United Baptist Church. The two churches rotate the location each year. Once again ministers, Rev. Jean Ward of the United Church and Pastor James Smith of the Baptist Church and the two congregations joined together to honour the Remembrance Day Sunday Service. Members of the Wentworth Volunteer Firefighters attended as they do each year.

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