

New Café In Great Village Heritage Building



Cousins Ciara and Danica Congdon help apply a fresh, bright coat of paint to the basement walls of the St. James building.

By Margaret Congdon

The St. James United Church building will begin a new chapter in its long history at the heart of the community when it opens the doors on a café on June 28th. The "In The Village Café" is a project by the newly formed non-profit organization The St. James Preservation Society.

With the congregation of St. James recently voting to cease at the end of September this year, and the church building having been put up for sale, people were concerned for the future of the historic building. Opening a café in the basement this summer is a first step in making the building an active thriving center for the community, tourists, cottagers and those who frequent the antique shops on the same corner.

The café will serve local, seasonal, fresh foods with a core menu of creamy chowder, homemade soups, hearty sandwiches, crunchy salads and delicious desserts. There will be lots of fresh baking to enjoy along with coffee and teas, homemade lemonade and refreshing iced tea.

Daily specials such as fish cakes, curry's or pizza will round out the menu and provide variety. As in past years, Saturday morning breakfasts will be held.

Art by Joy Laking and photography by Laurie Gunn will be on display and for sale on the freshly painted walls of the café, and some of the décor items will come from the antique stores nearby.

There will be a comfy sitting area, café tables and chairs on the lawn. Future plans are to include local crafts people, artisans and food producers, hold concerts and coffee houses, and host a variety of events of interest to the community.

The Great Village Community Association will be moving its computers and CALA program to the St. James building, and the summer workers hired through the Association will help provide staffing there. The Marine Museum, an Elizabeth Bishop display, and history of Great Village will be available for public viewing, along with the beautiful structure of the building itself.

The St. James Preservation Society invites anyone interested in preserving this beautiful building to support us by dropping in to the café, helping out with a community breakfast, or making a monetary donation towards the operating expenses and upkeep of the building. Members include Charles Thompson, John Patterson, Cameron Gunn, Margaret Congdon, and Terry Francis.

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The café will be open Wednesday through Friday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sunday from noon until 8:00 pm. Check out the In The Village Café facebook page for updates.

www.shopcentralns.ca is in Test Mode

By Maurice Rees

On-line shopping for Truro stores should become a reality later this year after a test-launch of a new website developed as the result of a four way partnership involving the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Truro Partnership, the provincial government and the Sobey School of Business.

Once the test period ends

the Chamber and DTP intend to make the site available to every business in Truro-Colchester. www.shopcentralns.ca is in the testing mode, which will continue until later this year, when more businesses will be included. It is hoped the site will enlarge the shopping radius for local businesses, who want to keep pace with the global growth of online shopping.

Along with the Chamber and the Downtown Truro Partnership, the other partners include the Nova Scotia government, Northern Opportunities for Business and Saint Mary's University along with the Sobey School of Business.

Running in test mode until sometime in December, the site is being monitored by I-T Advisor Mike Ross, who works with the



Community Access Program. Ross will also deal with any issue during the test period. Another Truro connection to the project is Greg Beaver, who with the help of the Sobey School of Business, has formed GB Techsulting, with his Halifax partners.

Tidal Project Begins Construction on Subsea Platform

By Maurice Rees, with files from Matt Lumley

A new advanced sensor underwater platform being built for the Minas Passage is designed to measure the tide in real time via cable connection - a breakthrough for Nova Scotia's tidal energy efforts.

Simon Melrose, the platform project manager for the Fundy Ocean Research Center for Energy (FORCE), said, "To harness the enormous power of the Bay of Fundy, we have to understand it. That's why we're building an underwater platform that will give us a clearer, moment-by-moment picture of

the tidal currents at the FORCE site."

Tony Wright, general manager of FORCE, said: "The platform builds on the successful deployment last year of the first subsea cable ever laid in the Minas Passage - a task that proved we can work in the world's most challenging tidal site."

The platform will be connected from sea to shore by a 3-kilometer subsea data cable installed in 2013 and is expected to record vital information on the tides, current flow and water quality. The platform is part of FORCE's Fundy

Advanced Sensor Technology (FAST) program. The FAST program is designed to monitor and characterize the FORCE site with a recoverable platform that uses a variety of onboard sensing equipment.

Most of the work will be carried out by local firms - proving to the rest of the world Nova Scotia and Canada already have the expertise to lead this industry. Some of the Nova Scotia companies involved include: Open Seas Instrumentation Inc., based in Musquodoboit Harbour, who are designing and building the platform; EMO Marine Technologies Ltd., based

in Eastern Passage, who are designing and building the communication system to bring data ashore over the fibre optic data cable and Mackenzie Atlantic Tool and Die Ltd., also based in Musquodoboit Harbour, who are building the specialized stainless steel housing for the equipment.

Dan Wellwood, president of Open Seas Instrumentation, says: "This technology will contribute to enhancing our understanding of the extreme conditions in the Minas Passage, and can be exported for use in other high flow sites around the world."

From Flanders Fields

I met a man
His brother you know
Was in Flanders
There he wrote where poppies grow

These ravages i did not understand
Of this sad story that was real
About that great lone man
Who wrote home from flanders fields

Even though
I didn't go to war
It broke my heart
When i heard the score

Yes the poppies did blow
As those years gave forth wartime yield
To this day the names still show
On lone stones in flanders fields

Those poor boys who gave up their souls
Where the poppies blow row on row
Out on the battlefield is where he wrote
This from his brother a man I do quote

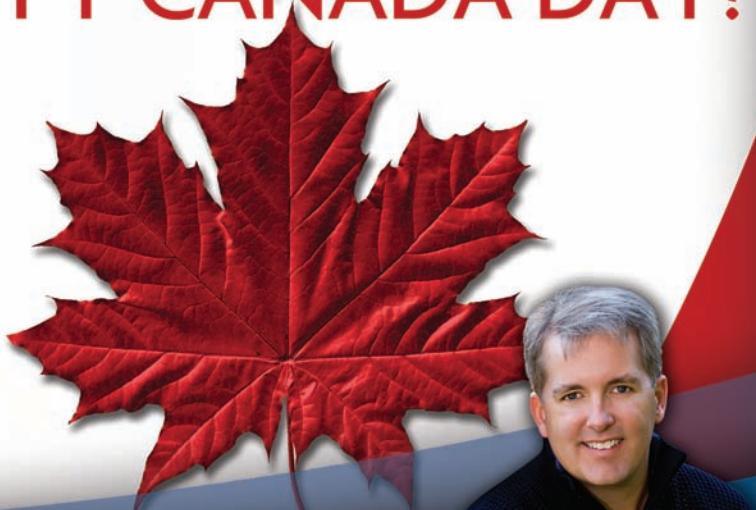
Deep within the recesses of his mind
Those words of his still stand surreal
Forever they will affect our somber minds
The man who wrote home from flanders fields



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