



Jacob Clark serves Royce Totten a plate of sandwiches during the Debert Elementary School Volunteer Tea. (Harrington Photo)



A delightful Volunteer Tea was held at Debert Elementary recently. Each class thanked volunteers with a presentation and a delicious lunch was served by (left to right) Sarah Kittilsen, Ally Lake, Alyssa Weatherbee, Trinity Parker, Jacob Clark, Dylan Lockhart, Ryan Benoit and Cole Roberts. (Harrington Photo)



Ryan Benoit and Cole Roberts serve lunch to volunteers Leona Shearer, Brooke Densmore, Carrie Densmore and Daphne Shearer at the Debert Elementary Volunteer Tea. (Harrington Photo)

## Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Earlier in the year, Grade 3 student Rowan Durning requested, in writing, that there be a sandbox on the playground. Through the combined efforts of many, Rowan's request has been granted, and two planters were also built and placed at the front of the school.

Thank you to Bjorn Merzbach and helpers Heather Boyd, Amanda Langille and Zach Higgins for their volunteer hours with building. A very special thank you is extended to Fundy Foundations for the \$500 grant, to Lowland Gardens (soil, flowers, and planting), Masstown Hardware (building materials), and Lafarge (sand for the sandbox).

The weather this spring made starting the vegetable garden a challenge, but won't it be nice to enjoy these vegetables in the fall? Throughout the summer, students are encouraged to check the progress of the garden and to weed and water the garden as needed. Hopefully, there will be a container to collect rain water and some watering cans left outside at the school. Appreciation is expressed to Dawn Sprecher for getting this project started with students planting seeds in the classrooms, and to Vernon McCully for using his tractor to get the soil ready in the garden.

Students enjoyed the "cruise" on the Harbour Hopper on June 11th. This school trip was supported by funds raised through last

month's very successful Read-A-Thon.

A delightful Volunteer Tea was held on June 18th, with students greeting and then serving the volunteers a wonderful lunch. The tea was followed with musical presentations from each class, with all classes singing the last "Thank You" song together. GVES volunteer support is greatly appreciated.

There will be three classrooms at GVES again next year, Grade P/1, Grade 1/2 and Grade 3/4. The staffing process with CCRSB is in progress, and a replacement teacher for Mrs. Barbour (Grade Primary) has yet to be hired and the part-time teaching positions have not been confirmed.

The Home & School Association wishes to thank parents and friends for their continued support of school programs and fundraising activities this year. Beginning in the fall, a parent volunteer is needed for the position of treasurer on the Home & School Executive. If you are interested in being a part of this group, working together to organize events to support students, please contact the school, or our Home & School president, Nicole Morse, at m.nmorse@hotmail.com

Children ages 5-12 years interested in exciting games, activities, and sports will want to check out the day camps being offered by the Municipality of the County of Colchester. The camps are from 9:00am-3:00pm, or 8:30am-4:00pm Monday to

## News from Colchester Trefoil Guild

By Sheila Stewart

Colchester Trefoil Guild began its year with plans to visit Tatamagouche and followed up by having the October meeting there. It was fitting that the last meeting of the year on June 15 was also in Tatamagouche. It would seem that the "Move More Challenge" in which we

have participated all year is having an effect; we are especially fond of the part that says, "Go on a road trip with your Trefoil Guild" - especially when it means that we get to meet Guild members who cannot get out to our meetings regularly!

Our member Kay Mattatall is a life-long resident of Tatamagouche who is confined to her home most of the time so it was extra special to have her with us at both our Tata meetings. Thirteen of us - 11 members and 2 visitors - were wel-

comed at the Chowder House Restaurant; we wholeheartedly recommend this restaurant if you are coming this way!

Not only did we have a fine meal, we were able to make tentative plans for the coming year - and then the best part: We presented Kay with her 55 year membership pin - all years served as an adult! It was so nice to have Gwen Busby, Kay's daughter, and Joan Ellis, a good friend of Kay's and a representative of Maplewood Area, as well as all our current members

present for this special time.

Our hearts were heavy as we recalled the two members we have lost this year - Donna Clarke in October, and Ruth Donaldson in May - but we were sure their spirits were with us as we joined together so joyfully in the fellowship of Guiding.

Until next time - go well and safely through the summer until we meet again in the fall.

Persons interested in the Colchester Trefoil Guild can contact Sheila Stewart, Co-President, Colchester Trefoil Guild, (902) 662-3524, shstewart@bellaliant.net



Anne Leggett and Ethel MacLaughlin wearing their shirt saying "Guiding is . . . to touch a life forever". (Submitted)



Rosemary Baas and Mary Beckett (Submitted)



Gwen Busby (Kay's daughter), Kay Mattatall and Goldie Chisholm (Submitted)



Kay Mattatall wearing her 55 year pin (Submitted)

## Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

Now that summer has finally arrived, it is so wonderful to look out on to green lawns, leaves on the trees and the flowers in bloom. As I drive around Masstown I am struck with how well maintained most of our yards are! I see flowers in window boxes, and in planters as well as in gardens. Lawns are mown on a regular basis, and most yards are devoid of garbage and unsightly items. Many birds are busy either building their nests or looking after their young. The hummingbirds are back and very busy at the feeders. It is such a joy to sit quietly outside and listen to the birds singing.

With summer just around the corner we have some fun events coming up. On July 1st, Canada Day, we have "Canada Day At The Park"! This event is held at the Masstown Community Park from one to three in the afternoon - you will have no problem finding it as we have a lovely new sign. The day will start with a Bicycle Parade, so you kids get your bikes decorated and be at the Park in lots of time! There will be a prize for the best decorated bicycle. There will be live music with Sally Jennings and Friends. The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade is sending a Fire Truck for our future "junior firefighters" to check out. There will be a Bar-B-Que - hot dogs \$1, juice free; a Canada Day Cake, thanks to the Masstown Market; a Teddy Bear Nurse on hand so bring your stuffed friends for a checkup; Face Painting; be Cookie

Decorating and games... loads of games for all ages!

Our BBQ will be under a nice canopy thanks to Castle Hardware. You will find members of our Masstown Community Association either working or just visiting. Remember to bring a lawn chair so you can be sure of a seat! It would also be wise to put on some sun screen and bug stuff (the black flies just love me!) There is a port-a-potty and the well with an old hand pump for any water needs. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun event. If, heaven forbid, it decides to pour down rain, we will postpone and do an event on Natal Day in August.

On Wednesday July 8th there is the Annual Strawberry Salad Supper at the Debert Fire Hall. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$6 and take outs available. This meal consists of a ham salad plate with rolls and biscuits, tea, coffee or juice, and strawberry shortcake. Proceeds are for the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge.

The Debert Military Museum wish to thank all those who attended their recent Coffee Party. It was very successful. They will be hosting Nova Scotia Peace Keeper's Day on August 9th with a Flag Raising at 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.

We have had some visitors and some travelers this past month. Irene Gratto and son, Noel and his wife, Geraldine spent a weekend at White Point Beach, touring around the Valley. Rev. David and Catherine MacLean of Glace Bay visited with Rev. Carol Gillard. Paul Van Zumeren and his sister, Joyce are home from out west visiting their mother, Hilda Van Zumeren.

Condolences go out this month to Gail Hines and Betty Yorsten on the death of their sister Barbara Crandall.

Enjoy our summer days as much as you can, they never last as long as we would like! Also, please keep an eye out for our children, with school out they will be busy playing and riding their bikes and trikes and not watching as they should for traffic.

## Hayman Reunion - July 17-19

By Christine Urquhart

I am hosting a Hayman Family Reunion July 17th to the 19th at our cottage in Brule. If you are a Hayman descendant you would be most welcome to join us! Please let me know if you plan to come as numbers are needed for some of the events. Either call me at: 902-662-3550 or email: rcurquhart@ns.sympatico.ca

Some of our events include a visit to two graveyards, a hike up to the falls at Victoria Park, seeing old homesteads, a Pot Luck Supper and a Church service. We also plan to have a Bar-B-Que on Friday night at the cottage and lunch after Church on Sunday.

Loads of get together time and some games etc. and, as always, lots of food!

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