

Peck Brothers MAKE LONDON, UK DEBUT



By Linda Harrington

Kestrels are hitting the UK...not the birds of prey, but a band, with ties to West Colchester.

Chad Peck was getting pretty excited about heading to England for the long weekend in May, with younger brother Devin and Paul Brown, two other members of the band Kestrels. "If someone had told me back when I was 18 I would be playing at a major UK music festival and a popular bar in London, England, I never would have believed them, but that is exactly what we are going to be doing very soon," said Chad. "Playing in London is definitely on my bucket list!"

Kestrels was first formed in 2008. Current members consist of Chad Peck (vocals, guitar), Devin Peck (bass), and Paul Brown (drums). The indie-rock style band has performed regularly at bars and clubs in the Halifax area and throughout the Maritimes, with a few gigs in Ontario and Quebec over the past year.

The band performed May 17th at Camden Barfly in London, opening for DZ Deathrays. After London, they made their way over to Liverpool for a few shows at Liverpool SoundCity.

The trip to the UK kicks off an exciting few months, with a new album being released on June 5th, followed by three shows in Saint John's, NL and then a six week summer tour with two weeks in Canada and four weeks in the United States.

Chad and Devin Peck grew up in Lornevale, attending West Colchester Consolidated School in Bass River, where Chad is currently employed as a teacher. "One of the biggest influences in my life was a former teacher at WCCS, Wayne

Delaney. He wrote and recorded his own songs and I was really impressed by this," says Chad.

Chad says his family was a big influence, as well. "My grandfather, on my mother's side, was very musical and I got my first guitar from him. We always had quite a music collection and were always listening to music growing up." He says his parents Darrell Peck and Donna Pittman have always been very supportive of both boys' musical pursuits. "They have both been great, very understanding, along with our step-parents, too. And I often see my dad wearing our band t-shirt around," laughs Chad.

The band's new album, titled *A Ghost History*, features 11 songs that speak to the band's influences of indie rock and shoegaze. There is a guest guitar solo performed by Tim Wheeler of the legendary Brit-Pop band Ash. In "A Ghost History" Kestrels deliver a sonic blend of guitar tones and soundscapes that will leave you wanting more. It will be released on vinyl, as a CD and for download on iTunes. An album release party is planned for June 22nd at Reflections in Halifax.

Students and teacher colleagues at WCCS were excited for Chad, and the band's trip to England and they are looking forward to hearing all about the experience. "I hope the kids will see I grew up in this small community, just like them, and through my music I have been able to visit lots of places, evening living in New York for a while. Pursuing a passion can open up other doors, and a whole new world," says Chad.

Visit the band website at www.kestrrels.ca for more information.



Joan Slack of Debert has won the hand made Quilt raffled off by the North Star Masonic Lodge #74. The draw was conducted at the regular meeting of the Lodge May 3. Joan Slack is pictured receiving the Quilt and congratulations from Worshipful Master Eugene Adshade (right) and Jack Johnson, Chairman of the Lodge Bursary Committee. The monies raised will be used to assist a CEC Graduate to attend college in the fall of 2012. (submitted)

Out and About With Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Whew! Just got back from a nice trip to Parrsboro to meet with our nursing home chaplains Catherine and Dora. We had already been as far as Economy to my old army buddy Dannie McInnis' burial. When I looked at my gas gage it showed less than half full so all of a sudden it occurred to me that I might not have enough gasoline to make Parrsboro so had to double back to Great Village to get more. Come on people along the shore, pool your monies and get a co-op gas station or something down there. I thought after that I might have been able to scrounge a couple liters from George Linkletter or Glennie Davis!? Anyway we make it back and forth so every thing's OK. I noticed a field with four palomino horses cavorting around. They are a beautiful animal.

Did you know that to go along with 9-1-1, 8-1-1, 5-1-1, there will soon be a 2-1-1? Yes, coming soon to Nova Scotia will be a three digit number (211) with will connect us to all government departments day or night. Remember, you heard it here first in the Shoreline Journal.

Slam my fingers, I forgot to mention last month that we had a delightful phone call on Easter Sunday from a charming lady in Langly, BC. Her name is Rebecca (Becky) Rawluk who is formally from Castlereigh and she wanted to tell me that one of her nephews was coming here this summer to get me to take him up to the old graveyard so he can photograph some the old tombstones and research the Fulton ancestry. I had the privilege of doing that some years ago with Charles Campbell and Aubrey Starritt. I sure hope that road is much better now!

I was pleased to see Lexie Turner's article about working with the old people at the Debert Legion. I don't know

Lexie but her grandmother does my laundry. I couldn't help but think as she wrote about the joy and friendliness of the people who work there why it isn't like that in our churches.

We drove over to the North Shore to check out the campground situation last weekend. We went by way of Wentworth Valley and was surprised to see DOT finally paving the Colchester part of the #4 highway - not before it needed it! That clear-cutting on Folly Mountain is an eyesore and I wish it would hurry and grow back. Not in my lifetime, I guess.

I was driving by Ev Jennex's house in Masstown the other day and saw where it was sold and getting ready for a furniture auction. I contacted Sally Jennings and asked if she had any of Gerald's Bibles and Christian Books. She said she did and Russell was about to burn them! "Stop," I screamed, "would you consider donating them to the Angel Hearts Chapel?" Too make a long story short there are about five boxes of Christian books being sorted at the chapel. Did you know that Sally is a recording artist? She sings at weddings and funerals and such and has one CD out and working on another.

Speaking of the Angel Hearts Chapel we will be open in the mornings from 8 to 10 for coffee and chat starting next week. Rev. Cyril (Cy) Mersereau came by last Friday night and made the rafters ring with his message on how to read the Bible and make it come to life. He has written a series of booklets on the subject and is about to get them into print. He is presently preaching at a UCC church in Shelburne but would be happy to come by your church for an evening service if invited. Please call me and I will make the connection.

Bye for now. See you next time.

May's Passing

*May brought us sunny weather
As the month is almost gone
Making up for rain and cold
We'd been given for so long.*

*Spring flowers are gaily blooming
As bees buzz here and there
Cherry trees and apples
Are blossoming everywhere.*

*Soon June will be out portion
With summer near at hand
Other flowers now in bud
Will beautify the land.*

*However, May still lingers
Although the days are few
But now let's just be grateful
That skies are clear and blue.*

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PHOTO FEATURE Angel Heart Chapel, Debert

The Angel Hearts Chapel, 1217 Plains Road, Debert, is now available for small group meetings, Bible study, and personal prayer-time. No charge. Everyone is welcome. Please phone 662-2097 for further information.

The Angel Heart Chapel held their Grand Opening on May 5th, with entertainment and fellowship, along with the dedication and unveiling of their new sign. Plans are underway for a Meditation Garden located behind the Chapel. (Harrington Photos)



MLA Karen Casey congratulates Kimberly and Andrew King on the Grand Opening of the Angel Heart Chapel in Debert.



Noami King unveils the new Angel Heart Chapel sign, assisted by her father Andrew King.



Rev. John Sullivan (right) offered the dedication for Angel Heart Chapel.



Andrew King and Randy Fortune (right) shared their musical talents with those gathered for the Open House at Angel Heart Chapel.

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