

# Out And About With Ken



Choir Director Monica George Punke leads the congregation at St. James United Church, Great Village in a verse of Pack Up Your Troubles. The Trinitarians, a 50 member choir from New Glasgow, held an afternoon of song featuring gospel, old favourite hymns, and wartime songs with audience participation on several selections. The event was sponsored by Cobequid Legion Branch 72. (Harrington Photo)

By Ken Kennedy

Fruit flies. I hate them. Where do they come from? Are there more this year than last? Someone told us to put a few drops of vinegar in a glass and cover it with cellophane with a small hole in it. Hopefully they will find their way in and forget the way out. It works! Except for the smart ones. They are still out flying around footloose and fancy free.

Fallen leaves! I know where they come from - my neighbours Bob on one side and Leonard on the other! They look nice on the trees but not on my driveway. I vacuumed up a bunch the other day but now there are twice as many.

Clear garbage bags! Whose dumb idea was that? I'd hate to

be a garbage collector these days. Next thing you know they will want us to take it to the balefill site and sort it!

That's my rant for this month. Time to get serious.

We had a good time at Saint James UCC on Sunday afternoon when the "Trinitarians" from New Glasgow area came to sing some old familiar songs. There was about 40 of them and about 60 in the pews. (Actually, I had expected to see more people out for this what has become an annual event, sponsored by the Great Village Legion.) After the service we gathered at the Legion for supper put on by the Legion ladies - and men. (I have to say "men" because Merton Eagles joined the ladies in the kitchen to crack the whip. Merton is an ex-army cook so he knows the ropes in the kitchen. Merton has moved into MacCaull Villa. He is quite the computer guy, I hear. He was telling me he has quite a collection of old photos of the Five Islands area.

Speaking of the Cobequid Legion, the Wheels to Meals program has started up again. It was about to close down but a survey was taken a recent bingo and the people said they would support it. Will have to wait and see. A hot dinner is served on the first and third Wednesday at noon. The cost is only \$6. Can you believe it? Please call Betty MacNeil for further info.

Big plans are underway to coordinate the upcoming Remembrance Day Legion activities. President Logan Spencer needs all the help he can get. The local Legion parade schedules will be listed in the media.

Attention Branch 72 members: The November monthly meeting has been moved ahead to Nov. 2nd in order to finalize the Nov. 11th events. A good turnout is requested. Next year's dues of \$32 are due in as well. Call our trusty treasurer Fred Richard at 662-3729 for info or see him at the bingo on Tuesday evening.

Now I have a sad story to tell you. Do you remember from a couple of months back

when I mentioned we had two new nursing home chaplains in Parrsboro? Well, believe it or not, we have a weird reader of the Shoreline Journal down there because someone phoned one of the ladies and told her he was me and that her application was rejected as we were leaving for Florida for the winter. A big LIE! It broke her heart! Anyway, Velma and I convinced her it was all a hoax and that she was accepted and is now working with Shannex in Amherst. Praise the Lord!

By the way, I have started up a little visitation program called "Ken Kennedy Ministries" whereby if anyone or group would like me to come to their home to discuss Bible issues, just give me a call. I don't know all the answers but I have scads of books that have a lot of answers. I guess you could call it "Have Bible - Will Travel!" We have had some success with the nursing home chaplain program so we are moving out into the homes as well. Velma and I are licensed lay Baptist pastors but are inter-denominational in Bible study.

Bonna Mae Chapman ("Happy Chappy's" daughter), formerly of Debert, came by the other day with her sixth book under her arm. I haven't read it yet but it is based around the Parrsboro area. "I really love the Parrsboro area," she said, "I've spent a lot of time down there while researching the story. The people are quite friendly and very supportive."

In the Debert area, we have had a couple of notable milestones lately with Doug Slack turning 39 (backwards!) Also Velma and I celebrated our 46th anniversary on Thanksgiving weekend. We went down to Oak Island Inn on a beautiful sunny weekend and came down with a touch of the flu! Anne and Ross Roberts also celebrated their 29th and Jan and Erma Siter celebrated on Oct. 6th. Back in Sept. Gordon and Edie Rutherford celebrated their 40th with an open house of about a hundred people. (Not

all at the same time!) Eric Jennings celebrated his 72nd on the Oct. 18th. (He's much older than Priscilla!) He and Priscilla celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 7th. Priscilla is a deacon in Debert Baptist Church. There are lots of exciting things going on there this Fall and winter.

On Saturday evenings at Debert Baptist, Aaron and Sherri (Hebb) Stevenson have started a Youth Night for teens at 7:00 p.m. Of course, on the third Saturday evening there is always the gospel coffee house. This is the tenth year for that popular musical program. It was started in 2001 by Rev. David Robertson, Deacon Dave MacLean and myself. For info on any and all these events please call Pastor Bill Martin at 641-2499.

Last but not least, please remember to remember our nation's war veterans on Nov. 11th. As a member of the military for 25 years, I guess I am classed as a veteran. The closest I got to being fired on in anger was coming through the gate at Fort Henry in Germany with NATO forces with the Yugoslav guards pointing their guns at me. Of course there was the time we got lost driving at night in our little Vauxhall Viva when we took a side road to Koerbecke and stumbled onto a US surface-to-air site. They turned on all the floodlights and, man, did we get out of there fast!

A lot of our local veterans are members of NATO, Korea, Gulf War, and UN forces. Jim Chipman of Bass River is one of them. (Actually, I think he was in Germany twice. He must have liked it!) Under NATO, with a the exception of the 157 killed in Afghanistan, there are 587 soldiers and 626 dependants buried in Europe in support of the "Cold War."

We have a website: [www.natoveterans.org](http://www.natoveterans.org)

## Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

Lots of things happening here in Masstown! First, the Masstown Management Committee would like to thank each and every person who helped out in any way with our recent Harvest Pot Luck Supper. We raised over \$960.00! Thanks so much!

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday November 3rd, 7pm, at the Masstown United Church. All ladies welcome. We will be, among other things, planning our Breakfast With Santa, which will be held on Saturday December 3rd.

There will be Coffee Parties on Nov. 2nd and Nov. 16th, both at 2pm, at the Masstown United Church. Bake table and play room for the children; and for those of you who like to quilt, come early, there is a quilt in right now!

The DGM Men's Club will have their breakfast meeting on Saturday November 5th, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant. All men are welcome to attend this meeting.

The Masstown Community Association meet last week and decided not to hold the annual Pumpkin Carving this year. The last couple of years the turn out has been very low and it gets harder and harder to find people willing to help out with these events. They did decide to hold the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Masstown Community Park on Friday December 16th with a storm date of Saturday December 17th. This will start at 7pm and there will be a bon fire, hot chocolate, and carols. Dress

warm! With luck, Santa may even come! The next meeting of the Association will be Tuesday November 15th, 7pm, at the Masstown Market.

Many people have been on the move this last month! Cecil and Dotty Jennings went to Ireland and had a marvelous time! They have lots of photos and I am sure would be more than willing to tell you about their trip. Marina Fisher and some of her family spent a few days down in the Annapolis Valley. Mark Stevenson is on his way home from Texas to visit with his mother Lynda Stevenson and Bob Warning. They are looking forward to his visit! There was on very special event which happened in Amherst - it was the 100th birthday party of Elsie Clarke! Elsie is the mother of Gail Hines and Betty Yorston. Gail's daughter Susan was home from Kamloops BC and she, her sister Sandra, brother Chris, sister Kathleen and all their families along with Gail attended the birthday party. Ava Murray, Kathleen and Wayne's daughter, was the youngest great grandchild and had her photo taken with Great Grandmother Elsie. It was a wonderful day for the whole family! Believe it or not, Elsie's brother-in-law Gerald Clarke who turned 100 last month was also there!

Keep being thankful for all your blessings. Look forward to Hallowe'en and all the fun. Take the time to go out driving and see all the beautiful leaves while they are still on the trees. This is Autumn. Enjoy it.



Elsie Clarke on her 100th birthday with youngest great granddaughter Ava Murray. (Submitted)



George Durning of New Glasgow sings a solo with the Trinitarians at a concert at St. James UCC in Great Village on Oct. 16. (Ken Kennedy photo)



Arnold Williams of Branch 72 Great Village Legion sings with the Trinitarians from New Glasgow at a Legion sponsored choir presentation at St. James UCC on Oct. 16. (Ken Kennedy photo)

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## The heat is on to get off electricity.

You could save thousands of dollars on the cost of substituting electric heat with wood or pellets. To be eligible for rebates you must be pre-approved and have installation completed by December 31.

Participation in this program is limited and will be determined on a first come, first served basis. So, get in touch with us soon.

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