

Masstown Community News

By *Chris Urquhart*

We have had our first taste of winter and I sure didn't want to see it so early! The birds have been very busy at my feeders and I am now putting out suet for them. Hope you are looking after the birds in your area as well. If you haven't raked up all your leaves think about leaving them as mulch for over the winter. They make great protection for small bushes and plants. You can actually mow your leaves which seems to remove them but actually leaves the bits and pieces to rot and improve your lawn. You will be putting away things like your mowers, rakes and other garden tools so remember to make sure they are clean and dry first. To keep them from rusting a good spray, works great!

With Hallowe'en just a few days away it's nice to know that there are some fun things to be doing for adults and children alike. On this afternoon, Wednesday October 28th at 2pm there is a Witch's Brew Coffee Party at the Masstown United Church. There will be a bake table and there is a great play room for the children. Come in costume for a Spooky good time!

On Saturday October 31st, from 1-3pm, there will be Pumpkin Carving at the Masstown United Church basement. Sponsored by the Masstown Community Association this is great fun for the children of all ages! Children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring carving implements with them. The Association sends out a great big Thank You to Blake's Pumpkin Jungle for donating the pumpkins.

And then it's time for those cute trick or treaters! They will be knocking at your door looking for whatever goodies you are passing out. Make sure your walk way and door way are well lit and that items which could be tripped over are removed. Happy Hallowe'en!

The Masstown Community Association will meet on Tuesday November 3rd, 7pm, at the Masstown Market, restaurant part. All interested folks welcome! They will be planning the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Park at this meeting and looking ahead to

spring and other functions. If you have ideas of things the Association could be doing, please come out to this meeting and pass this information along.

On Saturday November 7th the DGM Men's Club will meet for breakfast at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men welcome.

Also on Saturday November 7th there is a Baked Beans & Brown Bread Take Out at the Masstown United Church. Cost \$10.00 Beans need to be ordered a head of time. To order yours, please call either Irene Gratto 662-2863 or Gail Hines 662-2194. Pick up times are from 1-3pm unless other arrangements are made prior to Saturday.

November 11th is Remembrance Day. There will be a service in Debert. Please come out and support our veterans. We wouldn't have the wonderful country that we have without them. We recently had a federal election - in Canada we are blessed to be able to vote for our leaders. Our veterans made this possible.

Breakfast With Santa will be held on Saturday November 28th from 8am - 10:30am. Breakfast will be pancakes with sausage or bacon, coffee, tea or juice. There will be a bake table and grab bags for the children. You can get your photo taken with Santa for \$1.00! Come on down to the Masstown United Church for breakfast, to sit on Santa's knee and take home some home-made goodies. Everyone welcome.

There has been some traveling and visiting this past month. Elsie Rudolph visited her sister Carolyn Borden for a few days in Sackville, Nova Scotia; Bill and Shirley Leeming travelled around the Cabot Trail; and Jo Ann Oswald from Florida visited her cousin Ron Urquhart and his wife Chris.

Condolences go out this month to: Lawrence McCully, Diane Robinson and their families on the death of their mother Lillie Mills; and to Bernie Totten and family on the death of his brother Daniel Leland (Lee) Totten.

May the upcoming cold winter only affect your outdoors and not your insides!

UNITED CHURCH NEWS and Service Schedule

By *Christine Urquhart*

The Masstown Stewards & Trustees would like to thank everyone who helped out with our recent Refundable Drive, especially all of you who saved your refundables for the Church; and John Ross for sending out their truck to pick up the refundables.

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday November 5th, 7pm, at the home of Irene Gratto. All ladies welcome. We will be finalizing plans for Breakfast With Santa.

Although we no longer have Rev. Carol Gillard leading our Worship Services we do still have services each Sunday with different spiritual leaders. Sunday school is back in full swing and our Sunday School Superintendent, Megan Donkin, does a wonderful job with our children.

Services for the month of November, all at 10am, and all with Sunday school, are:

November 1 - Glenholme, November 8 - Masstown, November 15 Debert, November 22 - Glenholme, and, the 1st Sunday in Advent, November 29th - Masstown.

You are welcome to come out to any of these services; we'd love to see you!



SUNDAY WORSHIP
COME AS YOU ARE!

I am trying to retire from the Church office. If you are interested in having my job as Pastoral Charge Secretary please contact Edith Rutherford via email: geruth@tru.eastlink.ca

You must be able to use a computer and have a valid driver's license.

Celebrate "Quitting Smoking" Successes

By *Chris Urquhart*

Quit smoking: Celebrate your successes! Quitting smoking is hard, so reward yourself for your successes.

Made it through the day without a cigarette? Treat yourself to something special.

Made it through the week?

Count how much you've saved by not buying cigarettes. Use the savings for a special treat or invest the money for the future.

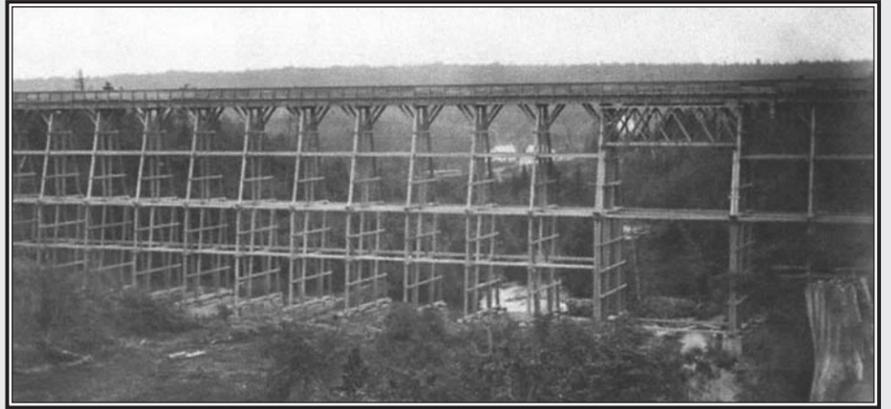
Reward yourself for not smoking by doing something

you enjoy every day, such as spending extra time with your children or grandchildren, going to a ballgame, soaking in the tub, or watching a movie.

Each small success can help you reach your goal to quit smoking for good.

Historic Sites

"CHAPEL BRIDGE, LONDONDERRY MINES"

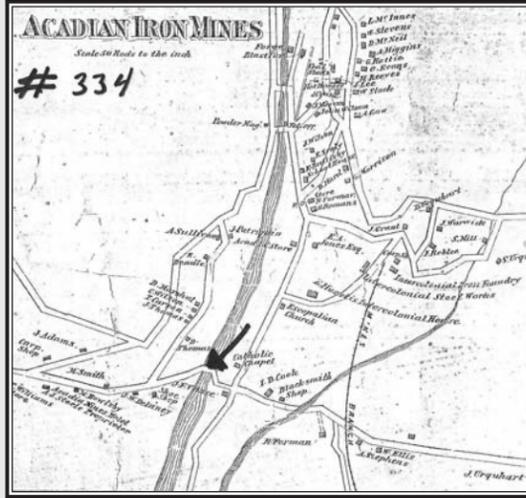


The arrow pointer on map #334 located the "Chapel" Bridge in Londonderry Mines, known as "Acadia Mines" at the time of this bridge's construction. Built of a wood trestle design by S.G.A. Morrison in 1877, it was replaced by a steel trestle bridge in 1898/9 and replaced again in 1972 by a large steel culvert, with the trestle construction of earlier

years replaced by earth fill to complete the structure which spans the Great Village river on the road between the "Mines" and Lornevale, three kilometers to the west. This was one of three bridges spanning the river in the "Mines". The next one up the river was the "Managers" bridge, destroyed by accident in 1972 and never replaced. The "Cumberland" bridge, on the road to Sutherland's Lake was higher up the gorge and is at a height of more than 100 feet above the river below. In addition, in the 1890's, a timber trestle railroad bridge was built above the "Manager's" bridge, which allowed the mining company, who's smelter was located on the east side of the river, to have access to the mines on the west bank and at Martin's Brook and the West Mine, which were located at Lornevale, the "West" mine being located near today's toll highway. The name "Chapel" was used because the Catholic Church and Glebe house were located just to the east of the bridge.

S.G.A. Morrison was born in Lornevale in 1837 and died in the "Mines" in 1915. He was a building contractor and land surveyor, and a prominent member of the community for many years. It is said that he wrote an early history of the surrounding area, this "history" has long been lost. Does anyone know of it?

Sources: T. Matheson's "History of Londonderry" - L. Smith's "Londonderry Letters". Compiled by Dick Akerman.



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