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J.P. Cormier to headline at the Gathering of the Clans



Multiple winner at the ECMA Awards in the folk/roots and traditional music categories, JP's songs often represent the struggles of the common man. A brilliant instrumentalist, he is a talented player in a variety of instruments. JP's most recent song "Hometown Battlefield", released in YouTube late March, is quickly going viral.

For more news about the Gathering of the Clans, Cumberland County's biggest Canada Day celebration, please go to page 6.

From: Lisa Betts, Event Coordinator

Food Bank Drive a great success, thanks to the Man in Black

On Wednesday February 26 the Pugwash Co Op sponsored a fun food drive with over 140 bags of non perishable food items and cash donations collected for the local Open Hamper Food Bank. The total value was over \$1,500.

In honour of Johnny Cash's birthday the staff and patrons dressed in black and volunteers handed out fried bologna sandwiches, a Johnny Cash favourite! The event was covered by CTV, CBC and As It Happens (a national CBC radio program) . Customers were interviewed as they stopped to make donations and sample the delicious Johnny Cash birthday cake.

We thank the Co Op manager Steve Arkens, his great staff, the volunteers and of course all of the shoppers that came out to support this successful event and hum along to Johnny Cash's music.

From: Bert McWade

Election for Two Village Commissioners on June 7th

Nominations for Commissioners for the Village of Pugwash must be received by May 28th. There are two positions available. The election will be Saturday, June 7th at the Village Hall from 9am to 7pm. Nomination papers are available from the Village Clerk.

PUGWASH AND AREA MASTER PLAN REPORTS

Pugwash Groundwater Exploration update

Justin Cress Waugh, *Director of Public Works/Municipal Engineer*

In December of 2013, a 72 hr pump test was conducted on wells located along the old Murray Road between the Pugwash River and River Philip. This pumping test was undertaken to determine what volume of water the well can produce and provide insight into the water quality. The results of the 72 hr pump test were positive and it was moved by The Municipality of the County of Cumberland Council in consultation with staff, Dillon Consulting and the Pugwash Water Steering Committee to install more test wells around this location to prove the resource.

Our plan of action for the next quarter is to drill three more exploration wells and conduct another 72 hr pump test. Assuming continued positive results we would conduct a multi-well pumping test. Careful analysis and consideration at every step is required to ensure that the selected site is stable and capable of supplying the Village of Pugwash with an abundant and safe supply of potable water.

Multi Purpose Centre and Library

The Municipality of the Cumberland County has taken the lead for the Multipurpose/Library building project. Progress has been made with WHW Architects evaluating a few sites in Pugwash to find one that best suits the criteria for this building.

The Action Committee, WHW Architects the Cumberland Regional Library, the CAP site, the Historical Society, the Pugwash Farmers' Market, the Village Commission and other interested organizations are meeting regularly. The involved parties are expected to make a decision for a site in the very near future.

Norene Smiley & Elaine Cook
Co-chairs, Multipurpose Building Action Committee

Tourism Action Team

The Village of Pugwash will be reinstating a Visitor Information Centre at the Pugwash Village Hall. The Centre will share space with the C@P site and open this May.

This is hoped to be a very positive move by having signage to help bring visitors into the heart of the Village, bringing some additional business to Water Street and the C@P site and provide employment for two summer students.

There is improved hope for a Marina and boating fuel services, although these will likely be long term goals. Collaboration between a variety of interested groups will be key to the success of these important projects.

Lisa Betts, Tourism AT Chair

Communication and Collaboration Action Team (CCAT)

This Action Team has evolved into one that assists, when necessary, collaboration between groups or individuals to get projects of mutual interest done.

Recent collaborative projects that have been completed or are in progress are: landscaping in Eaton Park at the playground, renovations at the Cenotaph, a PeaceGround in Eaton Park, development of a database of non profit groups and the re-working of the Village website.

In the interests of improving accessibility to the waterfront boardwalk, the Village is hoping to extend the sidewalk along Water Street to the Eaton Dining Hall and to the north end of the current boardwalk.

Lisa Betts, CCAT chair



**Pugwash & Area
Chamber of Commerce**

The Chamber is excited to be partnering with CBDC Cumberland and the Department of Labour and Advanced Education to bring the first, of what we hope is a series, of FREE business training opportunities to our local community. The first course offered will

be "Dollars & Sense", an entry level financial management program running from March 24th-May 26th, for 10 weeks on Tuesday mornings at the Pugwash Village Hall.

The Chamber is developing a new website to promote the region as it's priority project for 2014. The URL for the website will be "Pugwash.biz" and will focus on promoting the area as a

vacation destination and great area to live, work and retire. Design for the site is in its preliminary stages with a target launch date of June 1st.

Everyone is welcome to attend our AGM Thursday, April 10, at the Chatterbox Café. Meet starts at 7pm with social afterwards.

From: Nancy Burgess-Graham

THINKERS' LODGE - STEERING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP NEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

From: Nancy Burgess-Graham

With the recent restoration of Thinkers' Lodge and in anticipation of the completed Dining Hall (Lobster Factory), a group of local citizens met in Pugwash last December to gauge the community's interest in becoming more actively involved in the future development and use of this iconic National Historic Site.

A local Working Group was appointed to explore how such an organization could be structured to help ensure that the true potential of the property is realized. Out of the Working Group's report, a Steering Committee has been established to carry on the next phase in the development of the new community group.

The Steering Committee is comprised of one member each from the County of Cumberland, Pugwash Village Commission, Pugwash Parks Commission and four members from the greater Pugwash community. Co-chairs have been appointed from the community membership. Weekly meetings are being held with the goal that new initiatives will be in place in time to positively impact the 2014 summer season.

The Steering Committee will complete its work by May 30th and to report back to a general meeting of concerned citizens no later than June 30th. An interim report outlining the Committee's vision will be published in April. Stay tuned for future developments!

The Ivany Report—"Now or Never: An Urgent call to ACTION for Nova Scotians"

From: Bill Kempt

A fourteen month government study of the social and economic state of our province was released to the public in February. The Report of the Nova Scotia Commission on Building our New Economy (the Ivany Report) is, in my opinion, a must read for every adult in the province.

We face many challenges. Until we understand the problems we cannot overcome them. Everyone is urged to read the report. The full report can be read online at: www.noworneverns.ca or at www.onens.ca.

History Class at Thinkers' Lodge

From: Theresa Kewachuk

Students in Global History 12 are having some classes in the Thinkers' Lodge where they can learn about the role of Pugwash during the Cold War.

The 1957 conference brought scientists from both sides of the Iron Curtain to our village to discuss the hazards of radiation from atomic bombs and the need to ban further testing. Students listened to a recording by Anne Eaton, who read the letter that she wrote during that 1957 conference. Students went to the dining hall to see the original political cartoons by Bob Chambers. They analyzed laminated versions and discussed the meaning and intent of each cartoon.

CBC is filming a documentary about the history of the conferences and how that history is passed down to young people. A camera crew joined the class Friday, 21st March to record some of the lessons.



Several community members and students in Global History 12, have been retrieving the furniture, dishes and kitchenware from storage, sorted it and returned it to the dining hall.

A special thank you goes out to the volunteers: Peter Blaikie, William Blaikie, Justin Brownell, Georgina Eagleson, Calvin Elliott, Yasmine Brander, Mary Hartling, Karen Iler, Joanne MacPherson, Holly Peers and Teresa Kewachuk.

Friends of the Pugwash Estuary



From: Alice Power

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on February 15, local fisherman, Kevin Ferdinand, gave a fascinating presentation on "Eel Fishing in the Pugwash River". Did you know that eels come from the deep waters around Bermuda and that the females return there to spawn and end their life cycle? Directors at large are: Ralph Thompson, Sarah Whitney, Betty Hodgson, Alroy Chase, Bill Greatorex, John Caraberis and Stephen Leahey. The 2014 Executive is Theresa Rushton (secretary), Maureen Woodlock (treasurer), Greg Nix (vice-chair) and Alice Power (chair).

April is our principal fundraising month and again this year the main raffle will be a beautiful quilt, courtesy of Miriam Thompson. There will be a barbeque at the Co-op on Saturday, April 26 and, to help celebrate Earth Day, there will be an Open House at FOPE's new headquarters at

2169 Crowley Road on Sunday, April 27 at 2p.m. There will be tours of the property, information sharing, socializing and, of course, fundraising. Throughout April, we hope to raise \$5000, which will be matched by Scotiabank.

This year FOPE will be focused on improvements at the property on Crowley Road. The osprey pole has been replaced and awaits the building of a new nest in the spring. Construction will start on the interpretive kiosk this summer and work on the grounds will continue. Funding will dictate how many of the planned renovations can be completed.

Find us on Facebook or on our website (in development). Membership is \$10 a year or \$25 for three years. The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary is a charitable organization and can issue tax receipts.

Feral /Stray Cat Spaying /Neutering Program

From: Marilyn Williams (902 - 661-3183)

In less than a year fifty feral/stray cats in this end of the county have either been spayed or neutered. The reduction of the number of kitten litters due to this program is too great a number to realize and will have a huge impact on cat colonies in our various communities.

These have been totally paid for by public donations at the many donation jars in Pugwash, Wallace, Port Howe, Oxford, Westchester and Malagash. If any other businesses would be willing to have a donation jar placed please let me know. Direct donations to the Marilyn and Friends Account can be made at Northumberland Vets or by donating their refundables at KGB Recycling near Port Philip. A very successful bake sale and basket raffle fundraiser was just recently held raising eight hundred dollars which put a large dent towards paying off our account.

We are making a wonderful difference and with continued support we can even do so much more. Thanks to everyone supporting this local public endeavour.

Did you know? That as of March 1st, pet waste and kitty litter can go in the compost bin picked up on alternate Tuesdays? It must be in compostable containers such as newspaper or cardboard. The biodegradable dog poop bags do not degrade fast enough to qualify as compostable.

Pugwash Village Hall
Summer office hours:

**Monday to Friday
9am to 4pm**

Clerk Treasurer:

Lisa Betts

Phone: **902 243 2946**

Email: villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

124 Water Street
PO Box 220
Pugwash, NS
BOK 1L0

pugwashvillage.com

The Village Hall has space available for a variety of uses and meeting sizes. This is FREE to non-profit groups.

Please call the Clerk to book a time at:
902-243 2946

Nova Scotia



Community Access Program

Pugwash C@P Site
Summer hours
(starts May)

**Monday - Friday
9am to 4pm**

Pugwash Village Hall
124 Water Street
ph: 902 243 2088

PUGWASH COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM (CIB)

People, plants, and pride growing together. In this spirit of collaboration and working together, Communities in Bloom is teaming with various area groups to achieve meaningful goals for Pugwash this spring and summer.

When you see the new street planters along Water Street, you will say "wow"! These locally built planters are the joint effort of the Village and CIB. Plans to revitalize the hillside by the playground area of Eaton Park began last fall with excavation and construction of stone-walls and steps with a railing. The area will be more attractive and

safe for families, residents and visitors. Look for new plantings in the garden plateaus coming in the spring. This revitalization is the financial collaboration of County grant monies and CIB fundraising. Changes are coming to the other end of Eaton Park as CIB and high school art students, under the direction of their teacher Louise Cloutier, are working together to create a PeaceGround area. The Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society and CIB are working together to create a self-guided walking tour of the village. Significant sites will be marked with historical photos and information throughout the community.

CIB is working with the Village of Pugwash and representatives of the Legion to create a more inviting dedicated memorial park area at the Cenotaph that will encourage people to come, sit, reflect and stay awhile.



Communities in Bloom is an involved and evolving group of people who are committed to growing the Pugwash community together. If you are interested in being on our organizing committee or being a project helper, please call Mary at 257-2468 to learn how you can help.

From: Mary Maron

Important Information Regarding Laboratory Services

From: Ann Keddy

As recently announced, the Cumberland Health Authority will be introducing changes to laboratory services over the coming months. These changes will only impact where tests are processed and the public will continue to access lab services at their local hospitals.

Timely and accurate laboratory services are our priority.

- ◇ The public will continue to go to their local hospital/ collaborative emergency centre (CEC) for regular blood work and other specimen collection.
- ◇ Local lab collection times will remain the same.
- ◇ Once collected locally, specimens will then be transported to the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre (CRHCC) in Upper Nappan for processing/testing.
- ◇ Test results will be shared with the patient's doctor or nurse practitioner in the same timely manner as they are now using computer technology. If a patient is receiving emergency care in a CEC, necessary lab tests will be done using technology known as point-of-care testing. Those point-of-care test results will be available immediately to the doctor treating the patient.

Pugwash and Area Community Health Board (CHB) Report

From: Peter Lewis

The Pugwash and Area CHB has heard two presentations since recently. The first was from Ruth Curry and Carolyn Fraser of Cumberland County Transition House Association (Autumn House). The mandate of the Association is to assist abused women and their families through the provision of shelter, counselling and support services, and through community education and awareness. Autumn House has been serving Cumberland County since 1987. It is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Phone lines are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at 667-1200. Services are free of charge.

Rachael Bird of the YMCA presented to the Board a program from Cumberland Youth on the Move which is for inactive girls aged 10 to 14 years. Research shows that girls of this age are less active than boys of the same age. It is an after school program involving non-traditional sports. Funding comes from the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Wellness. Currently the program operates twice a week with one day planned and one day flexible according to the wishes of the participants. In Pugwash, last year, 15 girls took part. Leaders are mostly older students who have gained leadership skills.

The CHB Chair, Peter Lewis, and other CHB chairs in Cumberland County met with the Minister of Health and Wellness, Leo Glavine, on February 26 at All Saints Hospital in Springhill. To participate in discussions as to the role of CHBs after the restructuring of the Health Authorities. The Government will replace all health authorities in the Province with one authority and one for the IWK Children's Hospital. The three CHB Chairs described their activities to the Minister who gave assurances that CHBs would continue with the support structures that we need to operate. Legislation has yet to be drafted. However, it is expected that the new province wide health authority will be in place by spring of 2015 with four management (leadership) zones.

With the changes to come in the next year, it would be a good opportunity for any person, in our area, to join us. Contact Peter Lewis, chair, at 902-243-2075 or lewisp@ns.sympatico.ca.





TUESDAY, JULY 1ST GATHERING OF THE CLANS

From: Lisa Betts, Event Coordinator

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT IN EATON PARK

8:30am	Highland Dance competitions
2pm	Opening Ceremony
3pm	Rocky Ripley
4pm	Abandoned House Band
5pm	John Paul Mingo
6pm	Sweet Addictions
7pm	Alycia Putnam and family
8pm	J.P. Cormier
10pm	Canada Day Fireworks!

Highland Dance Classes Back in Pugwash

After an absence of many years, Highland dance will again be available in Pugwash. The instructor is Gwendolyn Henderson from River John. Gwendolyn has competed in Pugwash many times, winning the Bonnie Gael Memorial Trophy at least twice. Gwendolyn is now attending Saint Xavier University and will spend some of her summer teaching dance in Pugwash.

The number of classes will depend on the amount of interest shown. Minimum age is 4, no maximum age. Girls, boys and adults welcome. A half hour class will be \$9 and a full hour will be \$12. Classes start May 5th at the Pugwash Legion at 4pm. We're hoping to have enough interest to have a class at 4pm on Mondays and Fridays.

To register, please contact the Village Clerk. Once classes are established, all future arrangements will be made through the instructor.

RETURN OF THE MASSED PIPE BANDS IN 2014

If everything goes to plan, we should be able to witness the heart stopping thrill of a massed pipe band marching along Water Street again. This spectacle is difficult to arrange and hasn't happened in Pugwash for many years, but if everything goes just right, we hope to have the massed bands march from Thinkers' Lodge to the Village Hall.

When all the individual and band competitions are over, the bands come together as one big pipe band. This usually happens around mid afternoon. The timing will depend on the number of competitors.



Dartmouth and District Pipe Band

The theme for the 2014 Canada Day Parade is "East Meets West". This can be interpreted in many different ways.

We are expecting a very interesting variety of floats this year. There is no fee to enter the Parade, so get your thinking hats on and join us on July 1st when East meets West!

The Canada Day fireworks are expertly set off by highly qualified pyrotechnics who happen to also be in the Pugwash & District Volunteer Fire Department. They take great care to consider which direction and how hard the wind is blowing and of any imminent rainy weather. If the fireworks are rained off, they fireworks will be set off during HarbourFest. This year the moon will be fairly new, so the night will get dark early. We expect the fireworks to be set off at about 10pm.

Lobster Supper at the Eaton Dining Hall

The old Eaton Dining Hall (Lobster Factory) is now fully renovated and ready for use. The last time the hall was used for the Gathering of the Clans was 2010. Visitors and resident of Pugwash alike have missed the dinners and a fresh taste of lobster is long overdue.

We are looking for an organization to put on a dinner. Please contact the coordinator if you are interested.

Lisa Betts: 902 243 2946

HarbourFest 2014 in August

From: Lee Fleming, HarbourFest Coordinator



Plans are well underway for Pugwash HarbourFest 2014 – now in its 9th year! Festival dates have been moved to August 8th to 10th.

HarbourFest’s major annual fundraising event, the Scotiabank Cake Auction, is set to go Friday, May 23rd, 3pm at the Pugwash Scotiabank. Please come and support this community festival, and bid on fabulous cakes!

HarbourFest Chair Wally Vaters is enthusiastic about this year’s festival: “I love the energy that surrounds HarbourFest! It’s truly great to see so many wonderful volunteers do so much to create something fun and vibrant right here in the community. It is exciting for residents and visitors alike!”

The YMCA of Cumberland has agreed to take on the organizing and running of the Basic Spirit Dragonboat Challenge, and Sport Pugwash has agreed to organize, with the help of the Ys Men of Amherst, the 2nd annual HarbourFest 5K road race. Cunningham Construction will be returning with the Bathtub Boat Races and the very popular Sunday Soapbox Derby. Two evening “Dance in the Park” events have been added to this year’s festival. Advanced Heli-flight, after an absence of a year, will be back offering Heli-copter Rides. Plans are underway for the 3rd Annual

HarbourFest Motorcycle Rally. Kite Building workshops are scheduled again, as well as the Sunday afternoon massed Kite Flying event.

Tried and true returning events include the Sunrise Trail ATV Club’s very popular Power Boat Poker Rally, the HarbourFest Beach Volleyball Tournament, Mixed Palette Art Show & Sale, Pugwash Fire Department Sausage & Pancake Breakfast, Pugwash Farmers Market, Puppet Palooza, Family Pork BBQ, Peace Branch Legion Lobster & Ham Dinner, Classic Crib Tournament, Beer & Wine Tent, Antique Auto Show, Sand Sculpture Contest, and more! Of course, there will be great entertainment on Eaton Stage during the festival.

Please visit our new website – ready by the end of March – at www.pugwashharbourfest.ca for up-to-date information. Please like our Pugwash HarbourFest facebook page.

For more information call: 902 243-2275 or email officemanager@pugwashharbourfest.ca

Upcoming Events

	May	June
	Gaelic Awareness Month	
April	1st First day of local lobster season	7th Election, Pugwash Village Commission (2 positions)
6th Tartan Day	5th Highland Dance classes start	16th Village Commission meeting
21st Village Commission meeting	8th <i>Growing Perennials along the Northumberland Shore.</i> Presentation at NCCC at 7pm	23rd-27th Special collection week of bulky garbage items, furniture and construction/demolition debris.
22nd Earth Day. Lights out: 8:30pm to 9:30pm	10th 9am to noon. CIB plant sale.	30th Fireworks in Wallace
26th Community Pick up Litter Day 9am and 1pm shifts. Meet at the Chatterbox café.	17th Farmers’ Market opens for the season.	
26th Hitchcock’s “Rope” showing at NCCC. 7pm	19th Village Commission meeting	
30th 6am. Setting Day.	24th 11:30-12:30pm. Hazardous waste pick-up at the Pugwash transfer station	
	28th Nomination Day for Village election	
	29th Village of Pugwash Annual General Meeting	

Check out pugwashvillage.com “Events” page for more details!



Summer is almost upon us and so is the Summer Reading Club at the library. Readers from ages 3 to 100 are encouraged to take part and win prizes.

This year we will be attempting to make 1,000 Origami Yodas at the libraries in the County. Come in and give us a hand.

Make sure to check out our Calendar of Events on the library's website (www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca) to find out what's happening.

From: Denise Corey

Pugwash Library

Winter hours

September—May

Monday - 11am - 4pm
 Tuesday 11am - 4pm
 Wednesday 2pm - 7pm
 Thursday 2pm - 7pm
 Friday noon - 5pm
 Saturday 10am - 1pm
 Sunday - closed

Ph: 902 243 3331

Pugwash Library

Summer hours

June— September

Monday - closed
 Tuesday noon - 5pm
 Wednesday 2pm - 7pm
 Thursday 2pm - 7pm
 Friday noon - 5pm
 Saturday 9am - 2pm
 Sunday - closed

Ph: 902 243 3331

Pugwash Farmers Market

From: Jennifer Houghtaling

This year's Farmers Market will kick off on the May long weekend, Saturday the 17th at 8:30 am. We are located next to the old Pugwash CN train station.

Most of our vendors have had a quiet and chilly winter and we are looking forward to seeing everyone out again in nicer weather!

Our AGM will be held April (12th) at the Northumberland Community Curling Club, and anyone who is interested in becoming a vendor or participating in any way is welcome For more information please call Jennifer at 902-243-2918.

Camp Pagweak is Getting Ready for Summer

From: Ruth Rushton

Camp Council meets regularly during the off season to plan the camping season. We are in the middle of staffing all our positions – we need Sr. and Jr. Male and Female Counsellors, a Program Director, a Cook and a Cook's Helper! Believe it or not the hardest position to fill at a camp is the Cook and I know from growing up in Pugwash we have lots of wonderful cooks, so I'm hoping someone from the local area will consider applying!! Camp Pagweak has a beautiful new kitchen with some modern equipment and it's the happiest place to work with all those children! Send all resumes to me at: ruth.rushton@ns.sympatico.ca.

We are planning eight weeks of camp this summer and the first camp will start on June 29th. Camp Pagweak is owned by 30 Baptist churches,. However, we welcome children from all denominations.

We also welcome any rental inquiries and have already booked some for September. It's a great place for children (and adults) to come and just have fun – picnics, hay rides, a zip line and a climbing wall are just some of the activities that we offer! The kayaks have also been very popular along with a beautiful beach and the best view of Pugwash! Meals can also be arranged if we know in advance.

Memories, great friendships, fun and God's love are all experienced at Camp Pagweak! For more info visit: www.pagweak.org or come see us on Facebook!



How do you contact your doctor or the hospital?

All phone calls made to the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital or the Primary Health Care Clinic should be made to one number:

(902) 243 2521

You will then be asked to choose one of two options:

Option 1 - Hospital

Option 2 - Doctor or Nurse Practitioner

The Hospital phone is answered 24/7. The Clinic phone is answered 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm except weekdays from 4:30 to 5:30pm and weekends from 12 to 1pm and 5 to 6pm.

In an emergency dial:

911

The Friends of the Margaret King School

From: Paolo Brenciaglia & Pat Briggins

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Margaret King School Society on February 27 was attended by the Board and some visitors. Our motto for the group "*Together We Can Achieve the Extraordinary*" is in fact proof of the engine of our achievements in the last few years. The highlight of the AGM was that our project will be fully completed by October of this year.

At that time there will be a Grand Opening. The Memorial Garden will be at the corner of the Thompson Road and the Pugwash Junction Road. The land for it was generously donated by Karen Ross, one of our long-standing executives.

The site will consist of interpretive panels, a granite monument and the remaining pediment (entranceway) of the original school. There will be parking for up to six vehicles and garden paths with flowers, shrubs and trees. It truly has been a labour of love from the volunteers who are mostly school alumni from its 30 year history (1930- 1960).

This top notch school was generously financed by Cyrus Eaton and designed by renowned architect Henry Cobb in 1929/30. The school was truly a marvel for its time, especially in a rural setting, surpassing some of the contemporary urban schools in terms of facilities.

The memorial of the Margaret King School and its history, as well as the history of Pugwash Junction will be displayed for visitors and local residents. All are welcome to visit the site for the Grand Opening in October. We are always looking for volunteers and members, especially during this final stage of construction.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Peace Branch No.60



Regular Events

- ◇ Bingo every Wednesday night, 7pm
- ◇ Cribbage is the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 1pm
- ◇ Highland Dance - Mondays and Fridays, 4pm
- ◇ Regular monthly meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7pm

10 Digit local calling

Did you know? That you can already dial all numbers in Nova Scotia and PEI using the 902 area code? You only need to also dial the 1 if you are calling long distance.

After November 16th you will *have* to include the 902 area code, whether it is long distance or local, or the call will not go through.

Any new phone numbers will be given 782 for an area code, wherever they are in NS or PEI.

Pugwash Pictures in the Park

Kirsteen Thomson

Pugwash Pictures Presents the final film of the 2013-2014 winter season.

On April 26 we will show **Rope** (1948). Directed by Alfred Hitchcock and starring James Stewart, it is not to be missed. The movie starts 7 pm at the Northumberland Community Curling Club. Admission by donation, free popcorn!

Check out our facebook page for more details or phone 902 243 2684

Did you know? That burning permits are no longer required, but you must check the fire index online for your area before burning brush?
<http://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/burnsafe/>

PDHS Panthers win Provincial Division 4 again!



The Pugwash boys Division 4 team won its third Provincial championship in a row this season, beating Cabot High School in the final 95 to 79.

The scorers for the championship game were: Jordan Reid 36, Colby Stevens 22, Lucas Morrison 10, Jordan Boyd 9, Caleb Pye 9, Tristin Mckellar 7 and Kyle Fromm 2

Back row: Coach Vincent Pye, Jordan Boyd, Caleb Pye, Jordan Reid, Ben Elliot, Garrette Alguire, Isaac Purdy, Coach Angela Stewart. Front row: Lucas Morrison, Justin Brownell, Kyle Fromm, Colby Stevens, Tristin McKellar



**Girl Guides
of Canada**
**Guides
du Canada**

From:
Mary Maron

The Pugwash area has a group of energetic, active girls involved in Girl Guiding. There are 12 girls who are Sparks (ages 5-6), Brownies (ages 7-8), Guides (ages 9-11) and Pathfinders (ages 12-14). Girls from Pugwash, Wallace and Malagash meet weekly at the Wallace School.

Everyone is involved in learning the Guiding traditions (campfires, hiking, community service, selling Girl Guide cookies). Each group also engages in unique program activities and projects. The Sparks are learning more about being healthy and active. Brownies have been learning more about their community. They planted a tree by the Pugwash library last fall and visited the Open Hamper Food Bank. Guides and Pathfinders are exploring other cultures, improving communication skills and public speaking through drama.

The girls participate together in activities like Science Night singing for residents at East Cumberland Lodge, Earth Day cleanup, Wallace Country Christmas Parade, and the selling of Girl Guide cookies.

Most of all, Girl Guides have lots of fun and laughs, make some new friends and learn new things together. If you would like more information, please call Mary at 902-257-2468.

RCMP Crime Prevention and Community Policing

From:
Cst. Travise Dow



The community policing unit enhances the RCMP presence in Cumberland County through education and crime prevention initiatives. Over the past few months there have been quite a few school talks on Internet Safety, Healthy Choices, Anti-Bullying and Senior Safety - to name a few.

The anti-bullying program, WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out and Seek Help) has been running in the county for two years now with great success. Many of our elementary schools are now running the WITS program.

RCMP Youth Advisory Groups (YAG): One of the four groups running in the county is in Pugwash. The goal of the YAG is to connect the youth of our areas to the RCMP members to allow them to have insight into the atmosphere, school activities and assist in issues that need an educational component.

Other events that Community Policing is involved in would be: DARE, monthly meetings with MADD, Crime Stoppers, Schools Plus, Cumberland Kids, Senior Safety and other local committees. The Senior Safety Coordinator is looking to begin a Police and Senior Safety Academy in the Pugwash area. Plans for the spring and summer 2014 include bike rodeos, community events, school safety talks and demonstrations, community presentations and Cops and Kids camps.

For any more information, please call Constable Dow at 902 667-3859 or email at travise.dow@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Mixed Palette Art Group



The Mixed Palette Art Group meets at the Pugwash Village Hall every Thursday from 9:30am to 1pm. We paint, chat and learn from each other.

We paint enough paintings through the year to have a ten day Art Sale in August at the Village Hall. This year, over 1,000 people visited the sale and we sold about 70 paintings!

New members are always welcome. Just drop by the Village Hall on a Thursday or contact Heather Cunningham at 902-243-2380.

It Takes a Village Newsletter

is generally published quarterly in March, June, September, December. The deadline for our next issue is **May 19th 2014**.

Maximum word count of 250. No ads. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Submissions from non-profit groups only please. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows.

Send articles by email to: villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

For more info call:
902 243 2946



Sport Pugwash

John Nauss, Chairperson

The 2nd Annual 5K run will be hosted by Sport Pugwash and the Y's Men Service Club of Amherst again this year during HarbourFest in August.

The Roy Mattinson Ballfield at the Sport Pugwash, Miller Road property is expected to be very busy this summer with the regular softball weekly events and an increase in ball tournaments. Harness horse racing is expected to commence in July with races scheduled for Tuesday evenings

Discussions are in the early stages to establish a summer ball hockey/winter rink at Miller Road, similar to the outdoor facility in Wallace. This is only in the planning stages, it is a positive step to provide a new physical activity opportunity for this area and to utilize more available green space at the Sport Pugwash site. All are looking forward to the completion of the new canteen facility, the final part of the legacy from the TSN Kraft Celebration Tour.

Sport Pugwash is looking for historical information about the local harness horse industry. There were numerous tracks in the Northumberland area with many notable harness horse owners, drivers and trainers. We are looking for old racing forms, programs, pictures, track site information et cetera. We hope to compile stories and information into a publication to serve as a historical document for all to share. For more information, or to give us yours, please call 902-243-4078 or email lindanauss@hotmail.com.



Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC)

Hazel Felderhof

According to all reports it has been a successful season. We had 104 full members, 15 Once-A-Week members, 3 Snowbirds, 39 who have Paid-As-They-Played, 6 Juniors, 12 Little Rocks and 26 Social Members. In addition, The Commercial League fielded 6 teams and a dozen Sunset residents curled each Tuesday afternoon. The refrain around the tables last night was, "What will we do when curling is over?"

Special events brought additional festivities to the curling club. On the last week of January NCCC once again hosted an invitational bonspiel with eighteen teams participating. Players from Halifax, Moncton and Sackville, to name a few locales, wanted to register for next year before leaving the "fantastic hospitality" of Pugwash. In March NCCC hosted the High School Regionals and our team, under the coaching of Lou White, placed second. This weekend the Juniors are off to an Under 18 Provincial tournament. A Robbie Burns evening and a 50s Bonspiel were other fun evenings to fill the winter weekends.

The end of curling season does not signal the complete shut-down of the facility. HarbourFest, The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary, Pictures in the Park, Friday Night Cards and shuffleboard will keep the doors swinging throughout the summer months. Once again, NCCC will hold a 3-D event in September as their major fund raiser. One hundred dollar tickets will be sold throughout the summer providing, those who purchase, the chance to win the \$10,000.00 top prize or one of five \$500.00 prizes. Don't neglect to buy your ticket from a club member. Only 250 will be sold.

NCCC plans to continue to provide a healthy and friendly recreational facility for the catchment area of Pugwash district and beyond. This will be possible with the continued support of our advertisers, the public and our many wonderful volunteer curlers. We wish to extend hearty thanks to all for a successful season.

Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are usually on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. Come to the next meeting and find out what is going on in YOUR Village!

Meetings often include special presentations from local organizations and groups, the RCMP or Provincial representatives

If you would like to make a presentation, call the Clerk at 902 243 2946 or email villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

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Allison Gillis
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MLA Terry Farrell

The Amherst office is located at 10B Havelock St on the corner with Ratchford Street. The office is staffed daily. Deby White is the Cumberland North Constituency Assistant. You can reach us at 902-660-3148 or by email at terry.farrell@live.com. We will be at the Pugwash Village Hall every second Monday afternoon. Come by chance or call 902-660-3148 for an appointment.

Next Regular Meetings

April 28th
May 19th
June 16th

AGM
May 29th

Message from Commission Chair, Dave Farley

The recent Ivany Report is a wake up call to all of us. No longer can we sit on the side lines as to how we as Nova Scotian citizens react. It is a shared responsibility.

This includes how we participate in such endeavours as local government. There are 22 incorporated Villages in Nova Scotia and they were set up to provide services that their community wanted and the next level of government was not prepared to provide. Many Village Commissions see their role as advocates of their community for services to senior levels of government that other groups cannot have in quite the same way.

So, if you care about our community and want to take responsibility for how we go forward in insuring we are heard at senior government levels and retain the services we have, then step up to the plate and stand for one of the two positions as Village Commissioner that will become vacant in May. Don't just assume that someone else will. Your community needs you and it can be a very satisfying endeavour to serve.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Clerk Treasurer at the Village Hall.

Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help administer what is going on in YOUR Village. To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits and be willing to give up time to work for the sake of all Village residents. Elections are held every June for one or two positions that are for three years.

Dave Farley (243 3284) is the Commission chair and a member of many organizations including the Cumberland Health Authority. **Rod Benjamin** (243 3629) is the Commission vice chair. Rod lives on Water Street and is also a lay reader for the Anglican church.

Roger Mundle (243 2042) Lives on Water Street and is semi-retired as a truck driver. Roger delivered furnace oil in this area for 28 years.

Kathy Redmond (243 2606) lives on Freedom Lane. Kathy brings 12 years of Municipal experience to the village commission. Kathy works weekday afternoons at the Cooperators Insurance office.

SUMMER (STUDENT) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Visitor Information Centre
Counsellors (2 positions)**
C@P Site Attendant
Assistant Groundskeeper
Recreational Director

Flexible hours.
Job descriptions available.
Please send résumé and covering letter by 4pm Monday
April 28th to:

Lisa Betts, Clerk Treasurer
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Depending upon success of funding applications, preference may be given to full time students. All applications will be received and reviewed.

