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SWEET SMILES: Volunteers and staff sell cookies and squares at Greenwoods' Christmas Cookies and More sale held at Braehaven on Saturday. The Greenwoods program fundraiser is the first among Salt Spring's many seasonal activities.

POST OFFICE

Post office tech glitch fixed

Computer issues limit use of Ganges depot over four days

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ganges Post Office was back to business as usual Tuesday after spending most of the first week of November at limited capacity. "We can confirm that the post office has resumed full service to customers," Canada Post media relations officer Aurelie Walsh told the Driftwood on Tuesday afternoon. "Unfortunately, during the technical problems we experienced, minimal postal services were offered. But, mail delivery and customer access to post office boxes were not impacted. We are sorry for any inconvenience to customers."

Staff first announced on Wednesday, Nov. 1 that major technical issues would keep the office closed for at least that day, with a motherboard problem in the main computer thought to be the culprit. The wait for the necessary part and for technicians to do the work caused further delays leading up to the weekend, while stubborn issues meant technicians worked through Monday to bring the system fully back up to speed.

Salt Spring resident Peter Meyer was just one of the islanders who was shocked to find a closed sign on the island's major communications hub last week. He was even more surprised after he went back to check out the situation on Friday and ended up having staff find the package he was waiting for despite the office being technically closed.

"I was thinking in Vancouver or Victoria the post office would never shut down for days. But this would never happen in Vancouver or Victoria either," Meyer said.

The post office opened with limited services on Monday, although scale services were still not available.

Fulford Post Office was not affected by the technical problem.

GANGES PLANNING

Trust gets harbourwalk earful

Residents say no to overdevelopment

BY GAIL SJUBERG
 DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Islanders demonstrated their interest in the Ganges harbourwalk project on Saturday by not only filling Lions Hall but spilling out the door at an Islands Trust-sponsored "community visioning meeting."

The event was designed to determine what kind of development people feel is appropriate on lands located above the seaside boardwalk structure partially built more than 25 years

ago. Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee and the Capital Regional District have determined upgrading and completion of the boardwalk/harbourwalk cannot be undertaken without permission from upland property owners and are willing to negotiate with them in order to move the project forward.

But it was quickly apparent that the priority for most meeting attendees was letting the Trust know completing the long-dormant project was not worth accepting out-of-scale

development in Ganges Harbour.

"This doesn't look like Salt Spring. This doesn't feel like Salt Spring," said long-time resident Bill Henderson, responding to the Ganges Marina company's suggestion for a 16,000-square-foot, three-storey building with a hotel, underground parking and other facilities on the property. "As far as I'm concerned, they are making it really easy for us to say no."

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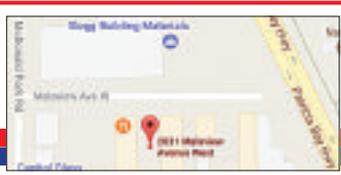
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Advertising deadlines for the Gulf Islands Driftwood Wednesday Nov. 15th edition will be as follows:

Display Advertising Deadline:
Thursday, Nov. 9, 3pm

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Monday, Nov. 13, 3pm

Classified Word Deadline:
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9am



Steering committee work underway

HARBOURWALK

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Last year the LTC gave first reading to draft Bylaw 491, which would create a new commercial zone (C7) for four harbour properties: Slivers of land owned by the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute and the Cudmore family, with more substantial areas owned by Gulf of Georgia Land and Timber Co. (The Fishery area) and B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. (Ganges Marina). Bylaw 491 would not permit the scale of development floated by the marina owners. It would enhance and standardize current zoning, which covers a range of industrial, commercial and residential uses.

Trust planner Jason Youmans told Saturday's meeting that the LTC was looking for "a point of departure" for negotiating with Ganges Marina and other property owners, which is why the consultation session was organized. No public hearing has been set or contemplated at this point.

"The LTC needs to know how they should move forward in this conversation," said Youmans.

The bulk of the four hours allotted for Saturday's event was set aside for small group discussions with a facilitator at each table, but the sheer number of people in the room called that plan into question. The intended format was eventually followed.

"It was unfortunate that, due to misleading social media, many in the room were under the impression the proposal from Ganges Marina, which was rejected by the community some 13 years ago, was again before the LTC for consideration," said trustee Peter Grove on Monday. "Once



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee chair Peter Luckham, standing on a chair, waits for an opportunity to address the lively crowd at Lions Hall.

it was better understood that the C7 zoning, proposed in Bylaw 491, was merely at first reading in order to get the matter on the table for discussion purposes, those in attendance participated in a constructive dialogue which provided valuable feedback. My impression was that while the community would like to see completion of the harbourwalk, it should not be at any cost, and that further dialogue is needed." Lloyd Cudmore, whose family owns a

small piece of land where the boardwalk was not built because no deal could be made with the late Gordon Cudmore over 25 years ago, said finishing the project would be a positive thing for the future of the island. He added that his family is not "holding you hostage," as some people have claimed, because of proposing a possible density transfer for properties owned on Mount Belcher.

"My grandchildren will come here the next time," he said before leaving the meeting.

The Capital Regional District, which holds the statutory right-of-way over the existing boardwalk area, is also investigating how the harbourwalk project could be completed. Early this year the CRD created the Ganges Harbourwalk Steering Committee, with representation from its parks and recreation and transportation commissions, the Islands Trust and Chamber of Commerce, plus a community member at large. Committee chair Matt Steffich said its main activities to date have been to commission archaeological, structural, seismic and geological studies of the area. Whether any of the existing structure, built in the late 1980s and early 1990s, could be repurposed as it stands is the primary question to be answered, said Steffich.

Some people at Saturday's meeting questioned why no First Nations representatives were on the steering committee. Salt Spring resident Christine Hunt said she is willing to take on that role. Letters of concern have already been sent to the LTC by Halalt and Lyackson nations, with Hul'qumi'num feedback also expected.

Attention Passengers Travelling on Vesuvius Bay – Crofton route

In preparation of the expected increased traffic on Remembrance Day weekend and the relief vessel, *Quinitsa* providing service from November 14 - 24, there is a modified schedule with additional sailings, November 10 - 24, 2017.

Monday - Friday Schedule (November 10 - 24)	
Leave Vesuvius Bay	Leave Crofton
5:00 am	5:30 am DC Mon, Wed & Thu
6:00 am	6:30 am
7:00 am	7:35 am
8:10 am	8:45 am
9:20 am	9:55 am
10:30 am	11:05 am
11:40 am DC Mon & Thu	12:15 pm
12:50 pm	1:25 pm
2:10 pm DC Wed	2:45 pm
3:20 pm	3:55 pm
4:30 pm	5:05 pm
5:40 pm	6:15 pm
6:50 pm	8:00 pm
8:30 pm	9:00 pm
9:30 pm Fri only	10:00 pm Fri only

Saturday - Sunday Schedule (November 10 - 24)	
Leave Vesuvius Bay	Leave Crofton
6:00 am	6:30 am
7:00 am	7:35 am Except Sun
8:10 am Except Sun	8:45 am
9:20 am	9:55 am
10:30 am	11:05 am
11:40 am	12:15 pm
12:50 pm	1:25 pm
2:00 pm	2:35 pm
3:20 pm	3:55 pm
4:30 pm	5:05 pm
5:40 pm	6:15 pm
6:50 pm	8:00 pm
8:30 pm	9:00 pm
9:30 pm	10:00 pm

DC: Dangerous Cargo sailings on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays as shown — no passengers permitted.

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NEWS BEAT

Heads up!
Remembrance Day:
 Saturday, NOVEMBER 11
 Activities at Centennial Park + the Legion

AGRICULTURE

Lana Popham tours Salt Spring farms and facilities

Minister refreshed on local challenges, initiatives

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

B.C. Agriculture Minister Lana Popham braved Friday's snow to get a personal view on some of Salt Spring's food production initiatives, with stops at the Burgoyne Valley Community Farm and the future home of The Root included on her itinerary.

Popham has served as NDP MP for Saanich South since 2009 and made several previous visits to Salt Spring in her role as agriculture critic for the opposition. Now that she's part of the ruling cabinet, Popham said she is continuing her work of visiting communities around the province to get firsthand information on their unique situations.

Part of the reason for Friday's visit was excitement around The Root. The community produce processing and storage centre received a Shaw Family Grant of \$100,000 through the Salt Spring Foundation earlier this year and another \$100,000 in BC Rural Dividend funding on Oct. 13.

During a visit to the Burgoyne Valley Community Farm, Popham said she also wanted to look at some of the challenges to farming that exist on the Gulf Islands, such as the limited consumer base and access to government services, and look into what types of services or resources the ministry might consider adding.

"It was really great to chat with Wendy Gilson, one of our bee inspectors for the

Ministry of Agriculture, and hear her perspective on controlling disease on the islands," Popham said. "Bees are one of the things that I love a lot . . . Obviously it always comes down to a source of funding, but the knowledge base that Wendy has is extraordinary, so the input that she's giving me definitely drives the input that I would consider doing."

Popham said her ministry has an exciting mandate that's based on supporting and increasing reliance on local food production. The strategy's three arms are Grow BC, Feed BC and Buy BC.

Policies that meet the mandate under Grow BC would protect the agricultural land base and protect and encourage farming rather than impeding it. Meat production is just one area the ministry wants to increase, with Salt Spring's community abattoir as a potential model.

"There is an absolute call from our local consumer base all around the province to have access to local meat production, so as we grapple with that and figure out how we can improve that over the next year, the Salt Spring example is one to look at for sure," Popham said.

Feed BC looks at increasing the proportion of locally grown and processed food that is used in institutions where taxpayers' dollars are used, such as hospitals and care homes.

"Anywhere you go around the province people are like 'Of course that's what we should be doing' — but it's not what we're doing," Popham said, adding the average local food procurement for health authori-

ties is between 10 and 15 per cent. The government would like to increase that to 30 per cent, although the capacity to do so does not yet exist.

"It's a little bit like turning a big cruise ship around, this policy. It's going to take some time, but we're starting the foundations right now," Popham said. "I think it's super exciting because we have a lot of land that's not in production, that's in the Agricultural Land Reserve, and this will create a stable domestic market to sell into."

The third program called Buy BC revitalizes a provincial marketing campaign that saw success in the past but was then shelved by the previous government.

"The three-part platform I think, as a farmer in my past, is a really common-sense approach to making sure agriculture works in the province," Popham said. "None of it is something that can work on election cycles; it's a long-term plan, and that also works for agriculture. We've seen a real piecemeal approach to policies in the last administration and I know it can't work like that for agriculture."

"You see people walking away from farming, walking away from producing local meat, farmers that are aging out, and they can't find new farmers to get on the land. The cost of land is too expensive," she continued. "So using all of that in consideration, I think we're going to have a really strong agriculture plan. And I'm really hopeful that regardless of who forms the next government, that it's so successful that they keep it, because that's the most important thing."



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

B.C. Agriculture Minister Lana Popham braves unseasonably cold weather Friday to visit the Burgoyne Valley Community Farm as part of a tour of Salt Spring's food production initiatives.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mail boxes targeted

Salt Spring RCMP have received eight separate reports of community mail boxes being opened and damaged.

"At this time it has not been determined if any mail has been taken," said Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Ryan Netzer.

Damage was reported on

Nov. 1. Boxes were in the Scott Point area, and on Upper Ganges, Long Harbour, Robinson, Booth, Walkers Hook and Mansell roads.

Canada Post and the Salt Spring RCMP are currently investigating these incidents. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Community alliance sets next event

The grassroots group formerly dubbed the "Community Forum" will have its next meeting at Lions Hall under its new official name, Salt Spring Community Alliance, on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

"Twice in the past few

months, Salt Spring Islanders have gathered to enthusiastically talk about what matters most to them and their visions for the island they love," said the Salt Spring Alliance organizers.

Discussions have revolved around the desire to address key issues while retaining treasured values. Themes that have emerged have been housing, affordability, infra-

structure, health and the environment, with governance issues central to each.

Islanders will have another opportunity to share their ideas and concerns, suggest solutions and potential ways to implement them at Tuesday's session. The meeting format will include group discussion of visions and concerns, small working groups to further explore issues raised,

and a concluding time for the group to share what was learned.

The meeting is set to run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and light refreshments will be served. For more information, visit the group's new website at sscommunityalliance.org.

A report from the September meeting will be available on the website.

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AWARDS

Bob Weeden gets stewardship award

Conservation hero has long history of nature advocacy

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee took time out of their regular meeting schedule Thursday to recognize island resident Bob Weeden, who was presented with an Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award.

"As a former university professor in Alaska and a longtime conservation activist, Bob has brought his scientific expertise, organizational savvy, thoughtful mind and sense of humour to conservancy," trustee Peter Grove read from the award materials.

Weeden was officially recognized for his two decades' work with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, which he has been involved with almost since its inception in 1995. He served on the conservancy's board, including terms as president, for 21 years, working with some 60 other board members and nine staff members during that period.

Those attending the meeting heard that Weeden has effectively championed the Islands Trust's "preserve and protect" ideal for much longer than he has lived on Salt Spring, however, working alongside his wife Judy to establish important wilderness protection initiatives in their previous home of Alaska starting in the 1960s.

During his acceptance speech, Weeden conjured up some favourite memories from his past life, during which he and his family learned to pick cranberries, got tired of salmon after too many bountiful catches, cross country skied under the aurora borealis on New Year's Eve and mingled with caribou herds.

"I guess I was born with a vessel in my head that wanted to be filled with experiences in the woods and hills," Weeden said. "When Judy and I went to Alaska in the summer of '59, we obviously knew that that place was absolutely lavish in its offering of those kinds of experiences. Well, Alaska was also lavish in its threats to what we were experiencing."

Mining and energy exploitation schemes on one hand



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Islands Trust legislative clerk Claire Olivier holds the 2017 Community Stewardship Award for Bob Weeden while he makes the first cut in the celebratory cake following his award's presentation at Lions Hall on Thursday.

were met by a proposal to blast out a harbour the size of Lake Erie using nuclear charges on the other.

"We had a vision of Alaska and it wasn't that," Weeden said.

Bob and Judy helped start the groups that would oppose the destruction of the natural wilderness, including the Alaska Conservation Society, but they found they were constantly fighting against groups with dif-

ferent agendas. In contrast, Weeden said, his work with the Salt Spring Conservancy has been characterized by an organization working very much in concert with the local community's wishes.

The Islands Trust Council announced the eight award recipients of the 2017 Community Stewardship Awards at its June 22 meeting on Lasqueti Island. The next award nominations will open in March 2019.

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC backs farm store TUP

Margolin Drive TUP and marina expansion also proceed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee cleared a lengthy list of applications for the agenda Thursday while hearing that staff are struggling with a record number of requests.

Among the projects that received the green light were a long-standing application to expand Fulford Landing Marina and a development permit necessary to bring a Scott Point Drive home into compliance.

Trustees also gave unanimous consent to a temporary use permit that will allow farm sale operations to proceed and expand at 223 Booth Canal Rd.

Applicant Ellis Hroch explained he offsets the for-profit sale of farm goods produced on the farm with non-profit sales of organic dry goods and produce brought in from elsewhere. Store hours are Saturdays only.

Hroch said the combination helps make the farm sustainable and carries on a community tradition he established in a now defunct cooperative in Ganges.

"Your decision today can unravel this long-term relationship, or it can strengthen it," Hroch told the committee.

The LTC received 13 pieces of correspondence related to the file, with only three opposed to the farm store. A neighbour who wrote one of the letters in opposition also spoke against the

application during the town hall session, citing noise and traffic concerns and the store's competition with the Saturday and Tuesday markets, as well as local grocery stores.

Trustee George Grams questioned what percentage of local goods is typically sold at the farm, and whether granting the TUP would comply with Agricultural Land Commission regulations for agricultural land. Regional planning manager Stefan Cermak explained the TUP would bring the property into conformity with the ALC. As well, he said ALC bylaw enforcement officers have been to the farm and expressed their support. They are willing to continue enforcement to ensure Hroch meets the requirement to supply 50 per cent of the produce from the farm.

"I can assure you we are doing our best to supply our own and if not, other local farms. And that is just going to increase," Hroch said.

Diggin' It Excavations on Margolin Drive is another home-based business that moved into zoning compliance Thursday after facing bylaw enforcement activity. Business owner Kris Plambeck said he would prefer to move his business to another location but the island's lack of industrial land has made it impossible. Only one property, currently occupied by the cement plant on Rainbow Road, meets the zoning level that's been recommended.

Plambeck's application received 16 letters of support, including one from his immediate long-term neighbours. Three pieces of correspondence opposed to the application were also received.



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Bylaws 211 & 212

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Officials narrow in on housing crisis

Island situation tied into provincial problem

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An affordable housing plight that appears to be leaving few communities on B.C.'s southern coast unscathed is getting attention from multiple levels of government on Salt Spring, with everyone from appointed commissions to the island's provincial representative searching for a solution.

Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen took a stand on the issue at the senior government level on Thursday, speaking in support of legislation that would protect tenants from a loophole in the Residential Tenancy Act. Bill 16 seeks to amend the act to prevent landlords from being able to evict tenants at the end of a set lease period in order to significantly increase rents under a new tenant.

"It's no secret that we're in the midst of an affordability crisis that is having profound and wide-ranging impacts on people and families in our province," Olsen told the Legislative Assembly. "Renters are particularly vulnerable in this market. It is in this context that I support this bill."

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee was looking at how to address the crisis under its own land-use policies on Thursday, approving a project charter for one of its top priorities: legalizing the residential rental of seasonal cottages. The plan could impact an estimated 1,300 island properties.

Planner Seth Wright outlined how the project could be organized in order to avoid major amendments to Salt Spring's Official Community Plan. The proposal is to create three categories of cottages in zones where they are currently permitted — both seasonal cottages and two sizes of residential cottages. The proposed mapping excludes cottage use in watersheds and community well capture zones as well as the area served by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

The possibility of drafting housing agreements to ensure cottage rentals stay affordable was discussed, but staff noted the Capital Regional Housing Corporation does not recommend doing so for individual units, while increasing the stock available would potentially have a positive effect on rents.

"I absolutely am against housing agreements for the reasons you've given: they're too complicated, too onerous, and I don't think they achieve what we'd be looking for," said trustee Peter Grove. "I think the marketplace will result in these relatively small, 600-square-foot buildings being more affordable."

Grove said he was concerned about the recommendation to explore approval for existing cottages in the NSSWD with its board of directors, since supply issues had derailed the plan to increase affordable housing through secondary suites.

"I don't think that there's any doubt that we should have some form of full-time occupation for cottages."

GEORGE GRAMS
Salt Spring Islands Trust trustee

"Let seasonal cottages be required to have a separate source of water, be it groundwater or rainwater catchment. But I don't want to require the approval of North Salt Spring or anybody else for these seasonal cottages to be useable, as our community has a serious housing shortage," Grove said.

Trustee George Grams said he felt the report set up an important conversation with the community about how to proceed with residential cottage use.

"I don't think that there's any doubt that we should have some form of full-time occupation for cottages; it's a question of just assessing the finer points of that," Grams said.

Grams pointed out most seasonal cottages are occupied in the summer drought period, and extending the use through the winter would put no stress on water resources. However, he felt it is important for the LTC to engage with the water district.

"We are in the midst of an exercise where we're quantifying and assessing sustainable supplies of water on the island," Grams said. "I think we have to involve everyone in decisions we make that might have an impact on consumption."

Grams suggested using a temporary use permit for cottages in the NSSWD area for people who could demonstrate a sustainable water supply might be one solution.

The Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission has also recognized water supply as a factor in the lack of housing for the island's working population, both rental and home ownership. The commission, which operates under the Capital Regional District, joined forces with the Salt Spring Island Housing Council and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce to host an Oct. 30 roundtable on workforce housing.

Island employers and representatives from the Islands Trust, CRD, provincial government, local agencies and non-government organizations with housing mandates were invited to attend, with more than 30 people participating in the four-hour session.

Groups discussed existing and perceived impediments to solving the availability of workforce housing; attempted to clarify, define and document the roles and responsibilities of accountable organizations; and identified actionable next steps.

CEDC chair Darryl Martin said multiple factors appear to be impacting the housing supply on Salt Spring, from ever-more restrictive building codes and Islands Trust policies to parkland acquisition and land conservation. As well, Vancouver's competitive market means people are relocating to Salt Spring and buying up some of the former rental stock.

"Well-intentioned efforts to ensure higher-quality housing, global free trade, prosperity around the world, and the desire to preserve the rural character of the island and preserve nature all combined to make it difficult for young people, especially those with families, to buy or rent suitable housing here," Martin said in a follow-up to the Oct. 30 meeting. "As a result, islanders face some difficult decisions on priorities, decisions which will have an important impact on how many people in the 20 to 40 age group we see on the island."

The roundtable's coordinators are now working to summarize their findings and share those with the participants. They plan to make action plans and communicate their progress to the public in the coming months.

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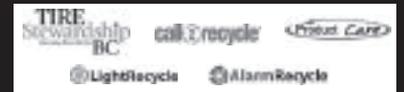
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WATER MANAGEMENT

LTC to request SSIWPA funds

Multiple projects now underway

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee is recommending that a number of research and water management projects get the taxpayer support necessary to continue, with a vote in favour of requesting a \$98,500 special tax requisition for the Salt Spring Watershed Protection Authority in 2018-19.

Islands Trust planner Justine Starke and the organization's new freshwater specialist William Shulba reported at Thursday's Local Trust Committee meeting that a number of activities under the Salt Spring Island Integrated Water Management Program are starting to yield results. They recommended supporting that work with

the requisition request, and to add a new project that will create a comparative analysis of freshwater research and regulation across the Trust Area.

Shulba highlighted details from just one of the five projects now underway.

"This research is producing real data," Shulba observed.

Trustee George Grams, who chairs SSIWPA, voiced support for the proposed literature review as well as the existing projects.

"We're making great headway. It will take some time to bear fruit, but we're really getting going, there's no question of that," Grams said.

Trustee Peter Grove was also enthusiastic about finding solutions to the island's water problems.

"It's clear to me what's coming is something we can really use in the community," he said.

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EDITORIAL

Memories matter

Canada is fortunate to have not had a major armed conflict take place in its territory in modern times.

But our country's citizens have been impacted through participation in the two world wars and the Korean conflict and, more recently in Afghanistan, where 40,000 Canadians served between 2001 and 2014. One hundred and fifty-eight military personnel died in Afghanistan and more than 2,000 were wounded. Just as tragic is that an estimated 54 killed themselves after returning home.

More than 2.3 million Canadians have served in Canada's armed forces, and some 118,000 have died in the process. Those are the individuals Remembrance Day is meant to honour. From those numbers, 175,000 were on peacekeeping missions and more than 1,700 peacekeepers died.

THE ISSUE:

Remembrance Day

WE SAY:

More important than ever

As the number of living World War II veterans continues to shrink, it seems vitally important to keep the memory of the horrors of war alive. If we convince ourselves that the suffering and sacrifices caused by war are not so bad, we will be less likely to choose and insist on peaceful resolutions to our conflicts.

With so many military actions and examples of conflict and unrest occurring around the world, it's not hard to imagine any country, including Canada, being involved in war again.

Perhaps with an awareness of the fragility of peace, Canadians and Salt Spring Islanders seem more interested than ever in acknowledging Remembrance Day. Descendants of those who served in world wars are also eager to learn about and preserve the memories of their relatives' experiences. This issue of the Driftwood contains a powerful and well-composed letter from World War II detailing a British soldier's experience on the island of Crete. Capt. A.P. Corbett was the uncle of Salt Spring resident Jerry Shrive, and the letter was just recently shared between family members.

Keeping the memories and sense of remembrance alive is one thing we can do both collectively and individually this November 11.



SURPRISE!

VIEWPOINT by Patri Janyk

Overall harbourwalk costs too high

After reading the staff report for the Ganges harbourwalk compiled by Jason Youmans, Trust planner, and presented Oct. 13, 2016, it is clear there is too little the community will gain and too much the community may lose if this large development, under the misleading subject title of "Ganges Harbourwalk Completion Project," continues.

There are many issues with the zoning changes required to circumvent the OCP and Island's Trust policies to facilitate this development, including but not limited to potable water, sewer, using fill as land, traffic, parking, water setbacks, land density and usage, First Nations' concerns and taxpayer considerations.

First, if the single issue of water is considered in this development proposal it is revealing that in the report the Trust planner states: "in three recent rezoning applications . . . LTC required applicants to demonstrate their ability to provide potable water." The Trust planner concludes "Authorizing a rezoning of the harbourwalk and upland properties . . . could be viewed as inconsistent with previous decisions." It's a very tactful way to explain the obvious bias of our LTC to push this development forward before seriously investigating the negative impact this very large development could have upon the community in the future, especially as water shortages become more common. We need only look at the recent water shortages on Cedar Lane, likely exacerbated by the Bullocks Lake development, to conclude how critical consideration of demands for potable water are to any development proposal.

Furthermore, it is inappropriate for the LTC to demonstrate their biases so completely by arbitrarily applying the

same guidelines (proof of potable water) to reject some rezoning applications while entertaining another, such as the Ganges Marina development.

Second, let the public be clear about who is paying for the many professionals who must be involved in amending, rescinding, reinterpreting and implementing changes to current OCP and Trust bylaws to facilitate the rezoning of Ganges Marina and the other three adjacent properties. We pay! With regards to potable water the report states "potential options to address applicable potable water policies will entail costs . . . the LTC may have to consider its role in covering some or all of these costs." With regards to sewer, "the LTC may have to consider its role in covering some, or all of these costs." With regards to transportation upgrades, "ordinarily rezoning . . . that entails traffic impacts would be . . . undertaken at the applicant's costs" [but not in this case because] the rezoning "has been undertaken at LTC's initiative . . . the LTC may have to consider who will pay for any [transportation] improvements."

Few people would not want to see the Ganges harbourwalk completed, but not at the costs to our community as so clearly outlined in the Oct. 13, 2016 staff report. It is disheartening to observe the willingness of our LTC to initiate a zoning change and potentially assume costs for those changes to facilitate a developer's economic gains.

Do not be confused or enticed by the promise of the completion of the Ganges harbourwalk. The costs are too great.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

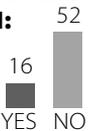
Should harbourwalk completion be pursued?

Yes No

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Does Salt Spring's CEDC need a bigger budget?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It is beautiful here. But when you come from somewhere else, a part of you is always there."

PAT MASSY, 1946 WAR BRIDE WHO MARRIED A CANADIAN SOLDIER

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What would you like to see happen with the Ganges harbourwalk area?



TOM VIKANDER
It should be completed without conditions of development as a public service for the island and it should have been completed a long time ago.



JILL WILLMOTT
I think there should be no upzoning and commercial development. It should be a boardwalk over the water as First Nations have said they'd support.



MAXINE OLYNYK
Finish it but don't build up the commercial area. I'm a pedestrian most of the time and it would be great to get off the road.



MATT BRAIN
It's complicated. I think it would be great to have it completed, but the environmental concerns also need to be considered.



PETER STARK
They should have looked after what they had to begin with better, but they didn't.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Radio hams valuable

When the recent hurricanes and earthquake disasters hit, it was the amateur radio service that provided the only communication link to the rest of the world. All other systems, including cell phone and satellite phone networks, collapsed quickly.

When (not if) we get "the Big One," expect Salt Spring Island to be isolated with little, if any, support, services or supplies from anywhere for several days if not weeks. It will be the amateur radio "hams" who will provide, at least at the beginning, the only link to the outside world.

Amateur radio operators in most communi-

ties in B.C. are well-integrated into the provincial emergency response system, but not on Salt Spring Island. In the basement of the government building on Lower Ganges Road there is a fully equipped radio room, part of the Emergency Operations Centre. It is likely to remain idle with no one to operate it, while local highly qualified and licensed volunteer radio operators, many of whom with extensive experience in military, marine and civil aviation communications are excluded from it, and in an emergency will have to operate from their own, private stations.

There has to be a better way.

URI COGAN,
CALL SIGN VA7C0G

Don't close the gap

Re: Concerning Bylaw 491 concerning the Ganges Harbour boardwalk, as a visitor to Salt Spring, one of the places I love to walk is the boardwalk around Ganges Harbour — the whole thing, including the big gap that requires a walk-around.

I don't live in the city, nevertheless, I truly appreciate Salt Spring's beautiful farms, forests, harbours, and even the busyness of Ganges. The village area on my island is upland, and very different from the splendid harbour view and walk in Ganges.

I enjoy the shops and restaurants in Ganges

Harbour too, and I most certainly would not want to continue doing that if "closing the gap" requires a completely out-of-character development for the boardwalk area.

SUSAN YATES,
GABRIOLA ISLAND

Authentic village

I was amazed to see a letter in the agenda package for the Nov. 2 Local Trust Committee meeting from the Chamber of Commerce decrying Ganges as suffering from vacant, unsightly storefronts and derelict buildings. In a previous email they objected to sandwich boards.

I find the sandwich boards and the older

buildings a charming feature that likely attracts tourists and new residents. There isn't a building in Ganges that I would describe as "derelict." The amount of turnover of tenants and owners seems normal to me.

I do agree with points made in the Chamber letter, that it would be nice to have housing above first-floor retail and that the sidewalks are elderly-unfriendly. However, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District has made it abundantly clear they do not have enough water for increased density within their service area. Better sidewalks would be nice and hopefully will be planned. But they will be costly.

Maybe it isn't perfect,

but I, for one, love our eclectic and authentic village just the way it is.

MAXINE LEICHTER,
MOUNT BELCHER HEIGHTS

Leave war behind

A Grade 7 student recommended we wear our poppies on our backs, instead of our fronts, as a symbolic gesture to remind us to "leave war behind."

We are reminded of war on a daily basis. On Nov. 11, take a couple of minutes to also "remember peace." A small gesture, yes, but a place to start. Why not?

"Leave war behind, put a poppy on your back."

JOHN MCCOLL,
ELIZABETH DRIVE

AGING with GRACE: Little old ladies larking about

"Are they organic?" she asked.

Our Halloween grotto was decorated with 10 or 12 jack o'lanterns; monsters were crawling over and around the tent sheltering a table supplied with some 70 hand-decorated paper bags stuffed with candy and chips. Four beautiful Brinkies were dressed fit to kill: a butcher whose apron, hands and face were smeared with blood; a convict so recently escaped from maximum security she was still wearing stripes; a faceless fashion plate kept talking through her feather-fringed hat because she clearly had no mouth; and a decaying Miss Havisham, straight out of Charles Dickens' Great Expectations, was still wearing the wedding gown she refused to take off ever since being left alone at the altar many decades earlier. Appropriately, it was in shreds. And, so as not to scare the kiddies too much, we also had a cuddlesome kitten and a cumbersome clown.

We managed to terrify a little dog but we were starved for chil-

dren. So an Englishman (a dead ringer for a Scotsman, if I do say so myself), who had been assigned to direct the traffic that barely materialized, started dragging kids in off the street even when, in this case, they were clearly not trick or treating.

Miss Havisham spoke first: "We're old ladies and we like to eat little children."

Wanting to alleviate any fear Miss Havisham might have engendered by that remark, the kitten quickly interrupted, "How would you like a bag of treats?"

So this young girl asks whether they're organic.

Organic? How could mass-manufactured candy, whose main ingredient is sugar, or chips, whose main ingredient seems to be salt, possibly be organic?

But not to worry, we also had a few bags of home-dried apple rings, apricots, and bananas. We had assumed we'd be left with the healthy treats. These days, what terror-filled millennial parents would allow their children to accept anything that

was home-made? But when we showed the fruit to the girl and her brother — who'd been innocently out for a walk with their dog — and asked if their parents might allow them to accept healthy homemade treats, they both assured us they would. The evening was saved.

Hallowe'en is great fun, but it's more fun with lots of children. Perhaps we had our share of trick-or-treaters this year, but we had fewer than last year, which were fewer than the year before.

Maybe I shouldn't be surprised because children (defined here as anyone from 0 to 14 years of age) represent only 11.8 per cent of our island population. In contrast, those over 65 constitute almost 30.6 per cent, giving us oldsters almost a three to one advantage.

How do these figures stack up against the rest of the province and the nation as a whole? According to the 2016 census, those B.C. residents aged 0 to 14 represent 14.8 per cent of the provincial population and

those over 65, 18.2 per cent. For Canada as a whole, residents aged 0 to 14 constitute 16 per cent of the population while those over 65 come in only slightly higher at 16.8 per cent.

Wow! I keep track of such things but those figures surprise me too. The proportion of people over age 65 living on Salt Spring Island is almost twice as great as for the rest of the country. This is a great place to retire and, if we can, we're staying put. But there are consequences.

Fortunately, many of us are young at heart and can still see the fun in dressing up and acting silly. It's also a good thing we're doing everything we can to keep our bodies, minds and social relationships as fit as a fiddle.

And when it's time to move into a supportive living arrangement, we're lucky to have such facilities as Braehaven, Heritage Place, and Meadowbrook. Let's hope we'll take this new step with joy in our hearts and smiles on our faces. Life is to be

embraced no matter where in our journey we happen to be.

Meadowbrook, the brain child of the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association, was the earliest of the three to accept residents. That was back in 2003 and it was an overnight sensation. I know residents who've waited for years for the opportunity to move in. The community has long hoped for another facility and it's beginning to look like Meadow Lane is more than a glimmer in GISRA's eye. A waiting list is already forming, so I went down a week or so ago to sign up.

Just remember this: the time will come soon enough when the benefits of supportive living will be welcome. Once we're there, we can keep right on pretending, if we wish, to enjoy eating little children. But maybe we'd better think twice about it — there aren't enough of them to go around.



by HELEN HINCHLIFF

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Large projects could do grave harm

BY LUISA MAFFI AND DAVID RAPPORT

Our local trustees never cease to surprise us. First, elected (along with the present CRD director) on a platform focused centrally on an incorporation study, they shepherded the process all the way to an incorporation referendum that, if successful, would likely have led to a serious weakening — if not the de facto demise — of the institution they had been elected to serve: the Islands Trust.

Then, once incorporation was soundly defeated (for the second time in 15 years), they proceeded to change their tune, cheerfully informing us that, with the referendum finally out of the way, it would now be possible to take action on many issues of improved governance that had been kept on hold. (If you're wondering why our trustees didn't take action on those governance improvements to begin with, instead of subjecting us to a costly and divisive referendum, you're not alone.) In the aftermath of the referendum, trustee George Grams even went out of his way to write to the B.C. Minister of Municipal Affairs, asking her to respect our community's decision — as if there were much of a chance that the minister might choose otherwise!

Setting aside one's distaste for the above course of events, one might well have gone on to expect that the first item of business on the trustees' desk would now be the much-delayed improvements to our local governance. But no! What pops up at the top of the trustees' priority list? Bylaw 491, meant to allow the up-zoning of several properties along Ganges' inner harbour, including the property owned by Ganges Marina — thus making more development possible on the stretch of shoreline north of

Rotary Park.

Even so, it seems that the up-zoning wouldn't be enough to satisfy the aspirations of the marina owner. A development proposal that is similar to, but appears to be even more grandiose than, the one our community overwhelmingly turned down a decade ago was suggested. What's more, the marina seems to be suggesting a quid pro quo: they would grant their right-of-way for completion of that fabled amenity of ours — that is, the forever-stalled shoreline boardwalk — if (and only if) the Trust would allow them to plunk a huge three-storey hotel with underground parking and laundry facilities, five dwellings, staff accommodation and plenty of commercial retail space (all in all totalling 16,000 square feet) on their portion of the shoreline. Whoa! We don't need to spell out how community-minded that sounds — it's already been well described in the three letters on the topic that appeared in the Nov. 1 Driftwood.

What we do wish to point out is that nothing has changed in the circumstances that led to the Ganges Marina proposal being turned down the previous time around. It is apparent now even more than it was then that a project such as this would not only add an unsightly urbanized character to our harbour, irrevocably damaging the island's rural character, which we just voted to maintain; but also, as all too many projects of this sort inevitably do, it would likely add considerable stress to a marine ecosystem already under great pressure from human activities.

As one of us wrote in the Driftwood a decade ago: "History is replete with cases in which human action has gone too far, and as a consequence, ecosystems have bit

the dust... Real progress is that which does not take place at the cost of the vitality of the ecosystems that sustain all life." This is not to say "no" to any and all development in the harbour. But it is a strong caution against rushing forward with a large-scale project that is most likely to do grave harm, both ecologically and in terms of the island's character, to Ganges Harbour — the very heart of Salt Spring.

Furthermore, additional development along the culturally and ecologically sensitive inner harbour shoreline would be against the wishes of at least two First Nations bands (Lyackson and Halalt), who have written to our trustees expressing their opposition to any such expansion. In an era of reconciliation, it would be egregious to proceed with any type of development along the shore without the full blessings of the Indigenous communities that have cherished and stewarded these lands for millennia.

Bylaw 491 is, in our view, a profoundly retrograde step — culturally, socially and ecologically. Our local trustees should decline to give it any further consideration. And, instead of attempting to appease shoreline owners chomping at the bit for a big windfall, they should turn their minds to exploring other options for boardwalk completion that do not involve currying favour with special interests and contravening the spirit of reconciliation with Canada's First Nations.

The writers are Salt Spring residents who have worked for decades with governments, international organizations and local communities worldwide on assessing and restoring the health of eco-cultural systems.

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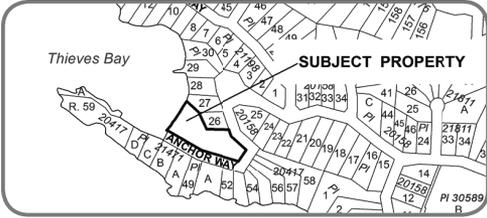
Rezoning for a Picnic Shelter - Thieves Bay Park
 Bylaw 213

PUBLIC HEARING
 NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

Note: this is a second Public Hearing for this application. Changes were made to the Bylaw based on feedback at the first Hearing.

What is the bylaw about?
 To permit the construction of a picnic shelter on the property shown in the sketch map below. The bylaw will rezone the property to a site specific Community Park 1 (a) (CP 1 [a]) zone that will:

- Allow picnic shelter as a use.
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- Limit the maximum height to 4.6 m (15 ft) and create setback regulations.



How do I get more information?
 Copies of the bylaw and other information is available at the Islands Trust Victoria office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, November 10 to 22, 2017. Or:

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 Send by 4:30 p.m., November 22, 2017 to:

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Who should attend?
 Anyone affected by the proposed bylaws

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RANTS and Roses

Nina and Teresa would like to thank Country Grocer, Mouat's, Pharmasave, Thrifty's and the Uptown liquor store for allowing us to put out donation boxes. And a big bunch of roses for all the people who donated! Thank you, everyone!

Many hoops full of roses from SIMS to all of the volunteers who helped make the Harlem Crowns basketball fundraiser such a huge success. It was an incredibly fun and hilarious evening for all. A huge thank you to: Country Grocer for the food and drink donations; to Uptown Pizza and Glad's for their contributions; to Christianne Wiigs, Valesca San Martin and their parent and student helpers for baking and working the concession; to Mid-Island Co-op, Salt Spring Books and SIMS administrative assistants for selling tickets; to Tom Langdon for helping organize the event; Annette Wright for being the sixth Harlem Crown; and to the GISS Senior Boys Scorpions, coaches Myles Wilson and Tony Mason, and referees Blake Gold and Myles Wilson for being such good sports on the court.

A wheelbarrow full of poppies to Country Grocer and Salt Spring Inn for door and

costume prize donations to our first responder and community volunteer appreciation Halloween dance. Thank you both so very much! RC Legion Branch 92

Generous armloads of yellow roses to all the Central Hall donors attending the recent presentation that described in words and in pictures the history of this community hall and the area around it. The Salt Spring Historical Society and Archives provided research and photographs (thank you, Frank Neumann) while Don Cunningham was host and speaker. Snacks and refreshments were provided by The Fritz Cinema. (Thank you, David Paul). Those in attendance were very generous with their donations, as was our one corporate donor, Mouat's Trading Company. Future donations and support are always welcome.

To the lovely pistachio grandma (Pat?) who bought my daughter a bag of her favourites in the Thrifty's line-up. You've expanded our hearts and smiles with your kindness.

The Friends of Kenya would like to send a matatu of perfumed Kenyan roses to all those who attended our sixth annual bridge tourna-

ment. Special roses to Ruth Hopping, our primo saleslady; Mollie Colson, our chef; and our hard workers, Mary Beckett and Josh Lawrence. Special mention to the various firms that supplied food, bridge prizes and silent auction items. Working together, 125 Kenyan children will be able to continue school.

Greenwoods and Braehaven would like to send big love and roses to all who helped bake and contribute to the success of our first Cookies For Christmas sale. We are grateful for your support and blessed to have such a wonderful community! A special thank you to Braehaven residents for welcoming the community into their home, Margaret O'Neil for going the distance, as well as Rosemary T., Fiona W., Lisa, Rosemary B. and Dorothy K.

A display of beautiful antique roses for John and Susan of Britannia Antiques and Estates for their visit to our island and their free appraisal service and advice for Salt Springers. Adding to their generosity by the donation of a significant portion of sales to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation is especially appreciated. Thank you. You'll be welcomed back anytime! Julian and Britt

COMMEMORATING THE 11TH HOUR

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Remembrance Day

November 11



Over the years, the Driftwood has published wartime photos submitted by community members. Some of those appear here as a Remembrance Day collage. Clockwise from top left: Luke Marshall and friend Omie Adcock in 1940; World War I soldiers in Guelph, Ont.; Ganges war memorial; Bette Burbidge (Barbour) and her friend on a Norseman plane in Jasper, 1944; crew of the HMS Ganges in the Royal Navy in World War II, portrayed in a Christmas card; Salt Spring boys swimming in Bullock Lake in 1913, from left, Jesse Bond, Ian Halley, Dun Halley and Bill Evans, before Bond and Ian Halley volunteered to serve in WWI.



SOLDIERS' EXPERIENCES

Uncle Bert's letter home recounts invasion on Crete

Each year around Remembrance Day I think of my uncle (Bert Corbett) who won the Military Cross for his inspiring action as commander of a battery of heavy anti-aircraft guns during the airborne invasion of Crete by the Germans in WWII, during which he was severely injured and one of only a handful of people to survive the action. Although he passed away some years ago, I was recently sent this riveting letter which he wrote to his fiancée and parents in England after he had recovered from his injuries.

— Jerry Shrive of Salt Spring Island

From Capt. A.P. Corbett
51st H.A.A Regiment R.A.
M.B.P.
June 14, 1942



Capt. Bert Corbett, the late uncle of Salt Spring Island resident Jerry Shrive.

An order has recently been published out here which allows us to tell of personal experiences up to a certain date. As this includes the Crete show, I thought you would like to know some of the things that happened. It is not going to be very nice, but I think you will all be interested.

We arrived on the island in April, and within a day or two had our guns and vehicles ashore and were ready for action. Actually, we had a fairly hot reception because we encamped in some olive groves and only been there a few hours when there was a raid by high flying Italian planes, five of them. They dropped several bombs but did no damage whatever. Then again in the afternoon the same day, we had a raid by the Hun and the planes flew low over the groves and machine gunned as they went away. No damage, no casualties, but a large amount of excitement — made me think somebody had

phoned the Hun and told them I had arrived. However, we marched into the mountains for the night just in case, and next day began unloading our ship. It was rather a slow process as we had a Cypriot unit doing the stevedoring, and as they could not speak English and were very excitable, we did not get on too well together. In the end, we did it, however, and I took my four guns away sometime in the middle of the night and started getting them into action.

Quiet time at first

At first, things were comparatively quiet. We had the odd daylight raid, but nothing at night and we got on with the work. Gradually things began to get busier. We had more and more daylight raids and then the evacuation from Greece began. Thousands of troops came onto the island and we had to give up blankets and clothes to fit out those who had little or nothing in the way of kit. This was no hardship as we were well provided for and everyone gave up something and gave it willingly.

There were not many raids during this time and, as yet, very few dive bombing raids. Most of the Greece troops were got away from the Island and back to Egypt, mostly at night and only a comparative few were left behind and organized into Infantry. This was the time when the dive bombing raids really started. The Hun had collared some small islands near to Crete and using them as bases could send dive bombers over. Then he started sending them several times a day. Sometimes high flying attacks and sometimes dive bombers. They almost always went for the harbour. Occasionally they went for the small town of Canea.

Night raids begin

Then we had our first night raid. I happened to be on duty and they started just after dark at about 9.30 p.m. Throughout that night we had one or two planes every 10 or 15 minutes and not once did the searchlights fail to illuminate the targets. We managed to hit two, and both were reported to be coming down into the sea on fire.

During the previous daylight raids we had done some reasonable shooting and had two to our credit. We did our shooting on a rather different system to the other batteries and our shell burst could always be picked out. All our four burst together and we were rather famous whenever we went into the town or whenever anyone visited us.

However, during this first night raid there was a lot of machine gunning down the searchlight beams but from a great height and nobody was hurt. I think we got three that night. The next night was similar but not on such a large scale and during the day we had the usual crop of dive bombing raids. During these raids they used to skim away over our guns at about 10 feet high and we did manage to get one of them as he went away. He came down into the sea. They always machine gunned as they went away but very sketchily and nobody was hurt.

Then we started seeing Hun fighters over the Island. They came in twos and threes, escorting reconnaissance planes, and we very definitely did not like this. A fighter has only a short range and we knew if they could fly fighters to Crete and back to their base, they were not very far away. However, we kept shooting and managed to bag another and damage one or two. The raids by this time were becoming intensified and we were on the go all day long.

Then on the morning of May 20 (I had been on duty during the night) we had one or two raiders over, but nothing much. I received a message to the effect that "there are several groups of enemy planes to the North and North West." I thought of another Stuka raid and manned guns and prepared to shoot 'em all over the sky.

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Dive-bombed from behind

We did have a large raid on the harbour and all four guns went into action at about 30 Stukas. One of them blew into two large pieces and just about then we were ourselves dive-bombed from behind. All our guns were pointed towards the planes dive-bombing the harbour and not until it was too late to swing them around did we find that we were also a target. About eight of them screamed down and dropped their bombs on or around the position. Rotten shots all of them, the nearest being about 15 yards from the nearest gun pit. The furthest was 300 yards away. We had a few casualties in the one gun pit and that was all.

We started evacuating these wounded and had got a few away in a truck when we were attacked by about eight fighters. These were far too fast to traverse the guns and we were strafed for quite a time. It seemed like half an hour, but I expect it was about five minutes. This machine gunning caused a lot of casualties and the chaps who had been looking after the wounded caught it most. I am afraid a lot were killed and many wounded. As the fighters were clearing away, I noticed what I thought at first to be a formation raid from a low height and ordered the guns to swing round to engage this new target.

Then my spotter said, "They have got no engines, Sir." I had a look through the glasses and found they were gliders, five of them, losing height rapidly and preparing to land. The guns never got round to them and they landed in a rough half circle in front of our position.

Intense battle

I could see that they had all crash landed but at the same time I could see Huns disembarking and ordered all available rifles to be manned. We had not many in the command post and none in the gun pits,

but I took one myself and we prepared to sell our lives dearly.

We opened fire at longish range and I am convinced that the Huns thought we were all dead because they showed great surprise when fired upon. I think there were about 50 of them and they all had rifles or tommy guns and lots of grenades.

Eventually they got into the gun pits, which were only 30 yards from the command post where I was and we had a terrific battle. They threw grenades whilst we tried to pick them off as they stuck their heads over the gun pit wall in order to aim the grenades.

We were doing quite well and then they brought along a small mortar. This they set up in a ditch and began firing. After a time, one round dropped into the centre pit of the three small command post pits and killed three of my rifle men and Peter Stebbings, one of my officers. This robbed us of half our rifles as I only had eight to start with. We carried on, however, and then one by one the other men were wounded and one man and myself were the only two left.

The Hun had by this time established a machine gun over on our left and this was unpleasant. They were also in three gun pits and one or two were still left from a party on our right. We tried to watch all sides at once but it was impossible and as I was trying to pot one of them in a gun pit, the machine gun opened up and got me through the face. As there was only one rifle left going, it was impossible to carry on and the Huns after a time — during which there was silence from our command post — came out of their corners and we were taken prisoner.

George Cocollis, another of our officers, and two telephonists had been in the little dug-out we had for the 'phone and they were brought out with their hands in the

air. They had no weapons and were immediately shot by a Hun with a tommy-gun. They stood us in a line and I really thought they were going to shoot the lot of us, but a diversion occurred caused by a bullet ricocheting and hitting one of their own men, and I think this really saved us.

One of the wounded

Actually I was feeling rather like death at the time and I was not very particular what they did. I was bleeding rather badly and although my binoculars were covered in blood, one of the Huns took them away from me. There were about a dozen of us left, nearly all wounded, and only about 10 of them. It looked as if we had done fairly well and this was proved when they made four of my men bring in their wounded. I counted 16, some we must have killed as well.

We were allowed to go into the olive groves into the shade as it was getting hot about this time and they laid out Nazi flags round the gun position. Hun aircraft were flying about the whole time the show was on and these flags were to show their position. I managed to get into a tent with all our wounded and there we lay for the best part of a day. Before we did this, we could see parachutists being landed by the hundreds in a valley a little way off to the left. There were different coloured parachutes and it looked a marvelous sight in the bright sunshine.

At the same time I knew that there were New Zealanders in that area and I was just hoping they would mop up all the Huns. After lying down in the tent for some time, I took no further interest in proceedings for a long time.

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Late in the afternoon one of the men shook me and we could hear a lot of rifle fire and then silence. We looked out and found that our chaps had arrived and a few marines had recaptured the position. They had a few wounded and we started to evacuate the wounded to hospital, including myself.

I knew I had been hurt a bit but thought that if I could get to the hospital and have my face dressed I could come back and help to clear up the mess. The doctors thought otherwise though and they operated on me as soon as I arrived and, of course, kept me there.

Next day when I came around after the operation I was feeling pretty low and found that my mouth was open only about a quarter of an inch and that I could not use or move my jaw at all. I could, therefore, not eat anything for a week and I lived on juice from tins of beans and cups of tea. I did manage to slip some tinned bacon fat through the opening and this helped.

However, I managed to keep going and eight days after being wounded, the doctors came to me late one night and asked if I could walk. I said I could and was put in charge of about 100 walking wounded and ordered to make my way to Suda and report to the sentries on duty there. This was about midnight. We arrived in Suda at about 2:30 a.m. and I reported to the sentry. He told me to take my men down to the

quay and to report to a naval officer, who put us aboard a destroyer.

On the destroyer

I never thought of being evacuated when we left the hospital but merely thought we were being sent further away from the fighting. When we got aboard the destroyer we were all given cigarettes and hot drinks by the Navy and as these cigarettes were the first we had smoked for a week, they were good. Whilst in hospital we did have a couple of tins of coarse Navy pipe tobacco which we made into cigarettes, the paper used being airmail letters which chaps had in their pockets torn up into the right sizes. I cannot recommend cigarettes of this brand and would not ask my worst enemy to smoke them. However, we smoked them and liked them.

There were three destroyers on the convoy back to Egypt and we had a run for it. We steamed at full speed and were attacked by dive bombers for about one hour and a half in the early morning.

We made it, however, with only a near miss which temporarily put out the steering gear of one destroyer. This caused it to turn three complete circles whilst repairs were being carried out and, of course, all three ships turned as well. Repairs were apparently carried out, however, and we reached Alexandria after no further incidents.

Heartfelt cheers

As we left the ship we were given a further 20 cigarettes and a spontaneous cheer went up from those wounded chaps for the good work the Navy had done. They gave them

three of the heartiest and most heartfelt cheers I have ever heard. Nobody cheered louder than I did, or at least I cheered as loud as I could with my jaw in a sort of sling.

On the ship I had a large growth of beard which I managed to chip off in the ship's doctor's cabin – at least I got some of it off but it was a painful process. I had my shaving tackle because the Major had visited me in hospital and brought me one or two of my things he was able to salvage from the mess. These I wrapped in a towel and brought off the island with me. I carried them on the end of a stick, rather like Dick Whittington.

So to the clean white sheets and comfort of a large general hospital and we really thought we were in heaven, at least I did. The first thing was a hot bath and then the Sisters made me some marvellous soft scrambled egg, which I was able to eat and thoroughly enjoy. And so to bed and the rest you know.

Everything went well with the wound and I cannot offer enough praise to those doctors in Crete. They were all Navy chaps as it was a small Naval hospital and they were wonderful. I have seen them all since and cordially thanked them for the work they did on me.

Now I am going to close. This has been a long outstanding story and I hope you have been interested. There are odd bits here and there which I have missed, but nothing which makes much difference to the tale.

Cheerio for now and my very best love.
Bert

Editor's note: Bert Corbett served in the 51st (London) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery. Note that the sub-heads in this presentation were not part of his original letter.



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WAR BRIDES

Women's war participation led to love and marriage

Salt Spring's Pat Massy one of 48,000 WWII war brides who emigrated to Canada

BY PAT BURKETTE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

When WWII veteran and war bride Pat Massy attends Remembrance Day ceremonies with 30 family members this year, she'll have mixed feelings. There will be pride and respect for those serving in wartime, alongside sadness about war itself.

"I see war as a very evil thing," said Massy. "I lost friends and one of my cousins, and it seems such a waste."

Massy, now 94 years old, was one of 48,000 women who married Canadian soldiers and emigrated to Canada. Like Massy, 93 per cent of them were English. These war brides weren't just young women who had fallen in love with handsome soldiers. They were warriors in their own right.

Massy was a 17-year-old student when she received her call-up letter to join the war effort.

"Everybody had to join up," she explained.

Both male and female British citizens had to serve their country. Women joined the army or navy, became "land girls" on farms, and worked in ammunitions, with the Red Cross and Women's Auxiliary.

"The ammunitions jobs were dangerous. My mother joined the Women's Auxiliary and she had to fight fires in London with a small canteen," said Massy.

"I don't know why I chose the army," she admitted.

A corporal in an intelligence unit, she went to communities to educate about home security issues such as spotting infiltrators. Massy drove herself around in big army trucks.

"I learned how to drive on a WWI ambulance in the Welsh hills," said Massy. "I did very much enjoy the driving."

Massy met husband-to-be David Massy, who had been living in Victoria, B.C. prior to the war, when both were stationed at Winchester. Pat was 21 when they married in 1944. Their honeymoon, spent in Chertsy, a town on the Thames River, was interrupted by Germans bombing the town's bridge.

In 1945, after serving in Europe, including work with the Dutch underground, David went home to Victoria. Awaiting army discharge and travel arrangements in England, Pat had the first of their six children, who is now Salt Spring resident Jane Petch, in early 1946. Pat saw first hand how the war changed life for British women.

"During the war, women had freedom for the first time, and they were being paid. But afterward the men wanted their jobs."

Soon, with baby Jane in her arms, Pat was on board the Queen Mary with hundreds of other war brides and their babies.

"It was appallingly rough," she said.



PHOTO BY PAT BURKETTE

Salt Spring residents Pat Massy, right, and her daughter Jane Petch.

"I wanted some air and got as far out on the first deck and was told to go back down as it was too dangerous."

"I was full of excitement to see my husband," said Pat, "and full of regret to leave my mother."

In Halifax, the war brides boarded old, dilapidated trains. The bunks were hard, the food was poor and it was difficult to get enough to drink.

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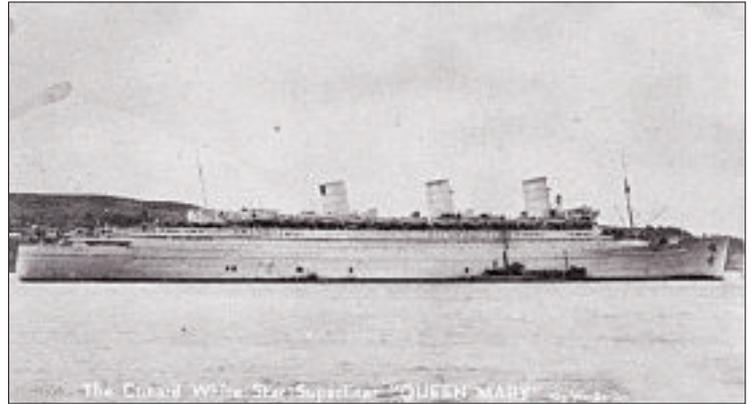
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Pat will never forget one vignette, seen from her window.
“Suddenly, in the middle of the night, the train stopped somewhere in the wilderness. One of the women was left alone at the stop. As we pulled away, she was just standing there, no one to meet her.”
But David and his family were waiting for Pat and Jane in Victoria. David was attending university to become a teacher, and their first home was in an

attic, with a hot plate to cook on.
David’s teaching career took them to Salmon Arm, Enderby, Quebec and View Royal where, once her children were grown, Pat served as a CRD director.
The couple finally settled on Salt Spring, where David died in 2011.
“It is beautiful here,” said Pat, who is still interested in politics, and lives in a home filled with books. “But when you come from somewhere else, a part of you is always there.”
For those born after WWII, it’s fortunate women like Pat Massy were “there” fighting a good fight.



PHOTOS COURTESY PAT MASSY
At left is Pat Massy holding her baby Jane in 1946.
At top is the Queen Mary ship they took to travel from England to Halifax, before boarding a train that would take them to their new home in Victoria.

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Veterans' Luncheon 2017

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 held its luncheon for veterans on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at Meaden Hall. The event has been held for the past few years during the week before Remembrance Day.

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From left, Helen Cannon and Ernestine Crawford.



From left, Tom Thomas and Cliff Kelly.



From left, back row, Terry Norfolk, Lewis Pitman, Ron Wood and Keith Lavender. Seated, from left, Peter Brodie and Jim Andrews.



Nursing veterans, from left, Betty Ball (dietitian), Suzanne Winter, Pat Lavender, Marg Monro, and Terry Murray.

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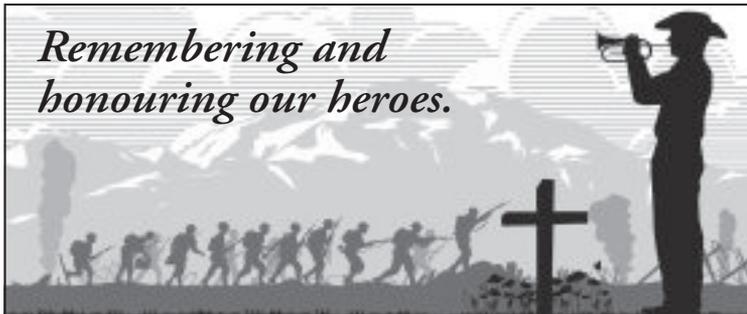


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Wed. Nov. 8

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Mother Goose. Join Nomi and Hannah on Wednesdays in the Salt Spring Library Program Room for Parent-Child Mother Goose, with songs, rhymes and play-time. 10:30 a.m. to noon.
Art Talk for 150 Years and Counting: Fighting for Justice on the Coast. Talk by UVic professor John Price accompanies exhibit at Salt Spring Public Library. Co-sponsored by, and at the monthly meeting of, the Salt Spring Island Historical Society. 2 to 3 p.m.
SongJam. Pub-style sing-along to the soundtrack of our lives. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.



Thu. Nov. 9

ACTIVITIES

Ten Steps to Peace. Laura Dafoe and Philippa Tattersall give a presentation on 10 things we can do to contribute to internal, interpersonal, community and organizational peace based on the principles of nonviolent communication. The presentation will include information about SSI Restorative Justice Program. Salt Spring Public Library. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Thu. Nov. 9

ACTIVITIES

Lunch at Salt Spring Seniors. Every Thursday at the Salt Spring Seniors Centre beginning at 11:45 a.m.



Tacking Against the Wind: Non-profits in a Climate of Uncertainty. Volunteer and Community Resources invites members as well as others in the community to join them at their AGM with keynote speaker Peter Elson, adjunct assistant professor with UVic's School of Public Administration. SS Public Library. 4 to 6 p.m.
International Folk Dancing. No partner needed. Salt Spring Middle School Dance Studio. 4:30 to 6 p.m. For more info email jdwilkin@telus.net.
Open Mic Night. Moby's. 8:30 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Community Theatre Production. Two one-act comedies: Mother's Nature (telephone conversations with my mother) + Salt Spring Blues. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.
Ballet Victoria: Dracula. Prepare to be seduced by the eerily evocative ballet that will bite deeply into your soul. Show 7:30 p.m., with bar at 6:30 plus post-show talkback.

Fri. Nov. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Shadow Warriors. DJs Steampunk Samauri with special guests Cleo Madelaine, Mykey Boom and Indigo Matiko. Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Ballet Victoria Open Rehearsal. Local dance students invited to attend performance preparations at ArtSpring. Company class 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., run-through 2 to 4 p.m.
Family Movie Matinee. Salt Spring Library free event for families with kids ages six and up. Kids under 10 must be signed in and out. Today's screening is Oz the Great and Powerful. 2:30 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Community Theatre Production. See Friday's listing.
Swing Shift & Salt Spring's Andrews Sisters. Swing Shift's only Salt Spring dance of the 2017/18 season, with music from the 1930s through 1960s, runs at Meaden Hall. 8 p.m., with doors at 7:30 p.m.
Mad Day Out. Live band at Moby's. 9 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 11

ACTIVITIES

Remembrance Day. Breakfast by donation at Meaden Hall. 8:30 to 10 a.m. Muster for parade at Thrifty's parking lot at 10:15 a.m.; service begins at 10:30 a.m. culminating in minute of silence at 11 a.m. Open House at the Legion beginning at 11:45 a.m. Alan Moberg plays from 2 to 5 p.m., along with a meat draw.



She Said This is Who I Am: Artists' Reception. Opening reception for show of work by 14 island women. ArtSpring. 5 to 7 p.m.

Sun. Nov. 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Community Theatre Production. See Friday's listing, except time is 2 p.m.
Back on the Rock: A Baroque Bouquet. Chamber choir and orchestra conducted by Michael Jarvis presents music by Pergolesi, Mozart, Bach and Vivaldi. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Mon. Nov. 13

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Forum: Stephan Lewandowsky. Psychologist Stephan Lewandowsky presents Denial: From Climate Change to Conspiracies at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Tue. Nov. 14

ACTIVITIES

Youth Book Club at the Library. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month with Anna and Monika, for everyone ages 9 to 12. November book is Tuck Everlasting. Room 106. 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Salt Spring Community Alliance. The newly renamed Salt Spring Community Alliance invites islanders to share ideas and concerns about local governance, suggest solutions and potential ways to implement them. Small group discussions, information capture and full written report back. Lions Hall. 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Doors will open at 6 p.m., and light refreshments will be served.)



Wed. Nov. 15

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Digital. Meeting at the Legion. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: www.saltspring-digital.org
Art Talk: Japanese Canadian Internment from Salt Spring Island. Presentation by Brian Smallshaw at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m.
Mother Goose. See last Wednesday's listing.
SongJam. See last Wednesday's listing.

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Lynne Terry and Daniel Squizzato rehearse for Mother's Nature (telephone conversations with my mother), one of two plays in the Salt Spring Community Theatre show at Mahon Hall beginning Friday.

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EXHIBITIONS

• **She Said: This is Who I Am** — work by 14 women artists — Selena Baldwin, Sam Barlow, Isabelle DeLauniere, Erin Fawcett, Odette Graham, Beulah Gordon, Jane Mackenzie, Nikki Menard, Meghan McKillop, Ahava Shira, Julianna Slomka, Aria Squire, Charlene Wolff and Emily Surbey — runs at ArtSpring from Friday, Nov. 10 through Nov. 19, with an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Aura Arindam** exhibits new acrylic paintings of seascapes and landscapes at **Fernwood Road Cafe** through November.
 • **Cinda Helm** presents a painting series called Coffee Girls at **Salt Spring Gallery** until Nov. 22.
 • An exhibit titled **150 Years and Counting: Fighting for Justice on the Coast** is in the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through November. See What's On events above for special events related to the exhibit.
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CONCERT PREVIEW

Bach on the Rock season opens with style

Fun program includes familiar masterworks

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bach on the Rock opens its 2017-18 season this Sunday, Nov. 12 with an ArtSpring concert that puts the spotlight on the period the organization was created to celebrate.

The umbrella group that includes the Salt Spring Chamber Choir and Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra is set to perform a variety of masterworks covering the early, mid and late 18th century. Director Michael Jarvis has selected four audible blooms to make up his Baroque Bouquet, with Pergolesi's Magnificat in C major, Mozart's Bassoon Concerto, Bach Brandenburg IV and Vivaldi's Gloria all in the bunch.

Jarvis, who is based in Victoria and has a busy career as a musician and instructor, continues to make time in his schedule to champion early music alongside the island-based organization. Having just wrapped up a tour playing harpsichord with internationally acclaimed viola da gambist Sam Stadlen, he followed up Saturday's final concert in Vancouver with a Bach on the Rock dress rehearsal on Salt Spring the next day.

"It's going to be a great performance," Jarvis reported. "It's a lovely program. The choir has certainly had a lot of fun putting it together, as has the orchestra."

Jarvis said with November's cold dark nights starting to hit hard, he felt a fun and uplifting program would be a good way to combat the gloom and also set the tone for the coming season. He selected pieces that many audience members will be familiar with, and are accessible to those who aren't regular concert goers.

"We're in the process of really building our audience base and also want to perhaps attract new people who don't go to choir or orchestra concerts," Jarvis said. "Bach, Vivaldi and Mozart are composers that people sort of know who they are even if they don't know a lot about music. And this is an opportunity for people who don't regularly go to early music concerts to hear some of the masterpieces of the period, done very well by a local orchestra."

Jarvis said one of the exciting things about Sunday's concert is nearly all the choir and orchestral soloists featured live on Salt Spring, aside from Brentwood Bay's Elyssa Lefurgey-Smith, who is the orches-



PHOTO COURTESY KERRY GRAHAM

Kerry Graham and her bassoon. She is the soloist in Bach on the Rock's presentation of Mozart's Bassoon Concerto in B-flat major in a concert on Sunday.

tra's solo violin and its leader. Bo Curtis and Andrea Varju are flute 1 and flute 2, respectively.

In the choir, soloists include Ben Neufeld, Linda Quinn, Patricia Flannagan, Dion Hackett, Larry Woods, Anke Smeele and Manya Sadouski.

"The audience appreciates having soloists from the island and I think it's really important to nurture our local performers as well," Jarvis said.

Kerry Graham will be featured in Mozart's Bassoon Concerto in B-flat major. Graham has lived on Salt Spring for five years and played with Bach on the Rock for the past two. The organization is actually one reason she and her husband chose to come here.

"We wanted to move to the Gulf Islands and it's really the only one with an orchestra of this calibre," said Graham, who has played with the UBC Symphony Orchestra, the Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra and the West Coast Symphony Orchestra. She is also a member of the Faire Wyndes Quintet on Gabriola Island.

According to Graham, the bassoon is often the butt of jokes in the orchestra and composers also treat the instrument that way in their works, as it can sound very comical. However, it also has a huge range of nearly four octaves and unusually rich tones because of the double reed. Unlike most instruments, it hasn't changed much since it was first invented in the 1700s.

"So it's quite challenging to play but also really rewarding," she said.

Graham explained Mozart's concerto is one of the most important pieces in the bassoon repertoire. It was his first piece for wind instruments and foreshadowed much of what he did later on in his operas.

"It's kind of a calling card in a way. If people don't know anything about bassoon, this is the piece you should hear," Graham

said, adding, "In general most people don't get to hear the bassoon very often and Mozart shows it off very well — the range and agility of the instrument."

Under Jarvis' direction, Bach on the Rock will continue to concentrate on smaller orchestral pieces that suit the local orchestra's size and make-up during the coming season. The programs will be predominantly

from the 18th century with a few notable side trips. Next up will be Salt Spring's first ever complete concert setting of Handel's Messiah, which the choir and orchestra will perform in December in addition to the annual community sing-along.

Tickets to Sunday's concert are available through ArtSpring. The show starts at 7:30 and will run to around 9 p.m.

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DANCE

Swing Shift gets dancers tuned up

Popular Remembrance Day event at Meaden Hall returns



Swing Shift leader Derrick Milton.

Four decades of great music will come alive at Meaden Hall this Saturday, Nov. 11, when Swing Shift big band hosts a Remembrance Day dance.

The evening will feature songs from Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Ary Barroso, Hoagy Carmichael, George Gerswin, Benny Goodman, Harry James and more.

Sue Newman, Patrice Bowler and Margo Milton will once again delight listeners with authentic renditions of toe-tapping, heartwarming, WWII Andrews Sisters classics, such as Boo-

few modern tunes to round out the evening," he said.

Patrons will be able to enjoy a beverage from the full bar while savouring delicious snacks prepared by Lou Ellis.

The doors will open at 7:30, with music beginning at 8 p.m.

Swing Shift has made it their mission to encourage music fans of all ages to discover the great sounds of big band jazz.

Saturday's dance will be Swing Shift's only local dance for the 2017-18 season. A similar event in 2015 sold out, so people should get their tickets early. Tickets are available at the Legion and Mondo Trading.

The evening is presented by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 and Swing Shift.

gie Woogie Bugle Boy and Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree. Music director Derrick Milton said the event will be enjoyed by both dancers and by people who prefer to sit and listen.

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ART EXHIBIT

Women speak through artwork

She Said opens Friday

A group of 14 women will share their artwork in this year's version of She Said exhibits.

She Said: This is Who I Am runs at ArtSpring from Nov. 10 through 19, with an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The show features work by Selena Baldwin, Sam Barlow, Isabelle DeLauniere, Erin Fawcett, Odette Graham, Beulah Gordon, Jane Mackenzie, Nikki Menard, Meghan McKillop, Ahava Shira, Julianna Slomka, Aria Squire, Charlene Wolff and Emily Surbey. Some group members have presented work together on previous occasions.

"Through their own creative process, each of these women explores who they are as individuals, what matters to them and how they see themselves as artists," explains a press release.

"The women hope that through their own creativity, their openness and vulnerability they will inspire others to find their voice and a way of expressing who they are."

She Said: This is Who I Am will include work done in paint, mixed media, collage, mask-making, photography, glasswork, woodwork and up-cycling.

GUILD ANNIVERSARY

Painters pleased with special show

High turn-out

The Salt Spring Painters Guild was delighted with the response to its eight-day 45th-anniversary celebrations.

Show coordinator Judy Nurse said more than 500 people came to see the colourful showing of 91 paintings by past and present guild members. Works by 33 former members were exhibited, including many from family members who were willing to share their treasured art pieces.

The Saturday, Nov. 4 wrap-up event was also

well attended, in spite of a light snowfall.

"Guest speaker John Threlfall, from UVic's faculty of fine arts, had people enthralled by his condensed history of groups and guilds in Canada, the U.S.A. and Europe," states a guild report. "The audience of about 40 people responded with recollections of seeing some of the exhibitions of groups that he mentioned."

The Salt Spring Community Arts Council's support of the whole event was much appreciated, said Nurse.

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VIVIAN DAWSON (HESELTINE)

1930 - 2017



VIVIAN DAWSON (HESELTINE), a resident of Victoria, previously of Salt Spring Island British Columbia, Saskatoon Saskatchewan and England, passed away on October 15th, 2017 at the age of 87 years.

She is survived and greatly missed by her loving husband of 62 years Doctor Bryan Dawson, their five children, Kathryn Rozdilsky and husband John of Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Gillian Brook and husband Michael of Puyallup Washington, Fiona Klotz and husband Ken of Saskatoon, Andrew Dawson and wife Ida Plasentin of Richmond Hill, Ontario and Jonathan Dawson and wife Cheryl of Regina Saskatchewan. Their fourteen grandchildren, Jennifer Lucy and husband Evan, Rebekah Kurylyk and husband Chad, Rachel Brook, Meagan Brook, JoAnn McLain and husband Brett, Robert Brook, Daniel Rozdilsky, Matthew Rozdilsky, Jeremy Dawson, Thomas Brook, Samantha Dawson, Connor Dawson, Brooklyn Dawson and Emily Dawson. Their four great-grandchildren, Dillon Lucy, Madison Lucy, Noah McLain and Anberlyn McLain. In England, Vivian's sister Jean Moor, her children Lorraine and Christopher and his family, Vivian's cousins Anthony and Les Freeman and their families, brother-in-law Doctor John Gawthorpe, his children Judith and Julian and their families. Plus numerous friends, old and new across Canada, England and around the world.

Vivian's adventure of 87 years began on March 1st, 1930. She was born to Sydney and Marjorie Heseltine at their home on Oldfield Avenue, Bishopthorpe, York, England. In 1933, she welcomed her only sibling Jean to the family. Over the next several years they lived in South Cave and Hull before returning to York where Vivian attended Mill Mount Grammar School for girls until the age of 15 when she took her school leaving certificate and started work as a junior clerk in the architects department of County Hall in Beverly, Yorkshire, followed by employment as a librarian at the County Library. On February 28th, 1949, the day before her 19th birthday, Vivian was accepted at Leeds General Infirmary to begin her dream career of nursing. She always remembered the following training years fondly and made many life-long friendships. Vivian qualified as a State Registered Nurse in August 1952 and quickly found her niche in the Operating Theatre where she was promoted within two years to the position of Theatre Sister. It was while working there that she met her future husband Bryan Dawson who was in his final years of medical studies. A wonderful romance ensued and they were married on April 9th, 1955, one month after Bryan qualified as a Physician. Vivian retired from nursing with the arrival of their first child in 1956. After living for a short time in both Stockton-on-Tees and Burton-on-Trent the growing family moved with their now four children to Bryan's boyhood home of Broughton-in-Furness in the Lake District of Northwest England. Vivian spent her six years there as a busy Doctor's wife, known to the locals as "Mrs. Doctor", immersing herself in village life and presiding over community events in addition to raising their five children. In 1968 Vivian and Bryan and family plus two dogs, fourteen trunks and an assortment of toys emigrated to Canada, sailing across the ocean on the last East-West crossing of the Empress of Canada and riding the train across the country from Montreal to Kamloops, British Columbia. Unfortunately, the medical position Bryan took on was not to their liking and less than six months later the family packed up yet again and returned to England to live in Ulverston, a town not far from Broughton. They remained there re-connecting with old friends, making new ones and enjoying everything the Lake District could offer, until 1974 when they once more emigrated to Canada, this time choosing Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Both Vivian and Bryan enjoyed life on the prairies and lived there until retiring to Salt Spring Island, British Columbia in 1991. During their 17 years in Saskatoon, Vivian was an active member of the community. She was a member of the Foundation Board for Saskatoon City Hospital from 1984 to 1990 and for many years a busy member of the Hospital Women's Auxiliary. She was involved with Folk Fest, especially organising the English/Welsh Pavilion and she sang in the choral group "The Georgians", performing at many events and functions over the years. Her volunteer life followed her to Salt Spring Island where she became President and Past President and Auxiliary Representative to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and was a very involved Auxiliary member, volunteering weekly in the thrift shop and organising many successful fund-raising events. She and Bryan also became busy members of the Salt Spring Island Seniors for Seniors and spent many wonderful productive years as both President and Treasurer. Vivian particularly enjoyed singing with the popular seniors choir "The Lost Chords". During all of these busy active years Vivian, together with Bryan spent many fun, memorable holidays with their large, expanding family, laughing at silly jokes and drinking lots of tea and wine. They travelled together back to England numerous times to visit family and friends. They discovered the hot, sunny weather of both Hawaii and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, which became a favourite destination for Vivian and they also enjoyed a much-anticipated trip to New Zealand. In November 2016 Vivian and Bryan left their home on Salt Spring Island to live in a retirement community in Victoria. As Vivian's health declined after a long three month stay in the hospital, they were warmly welcomed to the Sunrise Assisted Living community where she was looked after by their caring staff, until she passed away with Bryan at her side, on October 15th, 2017. Her family will be forever grateful to everyone who entered her life in the final months. For the loving care and compassion given to her and for the recognition and complete understanding that Vivian was special to every friend who knew her and all her family who loved her so very much.

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KEVIN JON BUCHANAN
March 1, 1952 - September 15, 2017

Kevin (65 years old) passed away peacefully from complications of COPD. He spent 10 years in the Salt Spring community, a further 24 previous years on Pender Island, and was born in Sarnia, Ontario. Kevin is survived by his children: Cassidy Buchanan, Marlon Fraser-Buchanan, and Leilani Fraser-Buchanan, his granddaughter Kalliope Abbott, and his sister Shelly Buchanan. Kevin will be remembered for his gentle spirit, his love of cats, his support of music and art, and his goofy sense of humour. He was a hardworking employee behind the scenes at the Salt Spring Inn for 7 years and put in many hours at work as "Brampa" to Kalliope. Kevin is deeply missed as a wonderful father, grandfather and friend to many.
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CURRENT EVENTS

Climate change denial in focus

University of Bristol professor at next Salt Spring Forum event



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Stephan Lewandowsky, a psychologist and cognitive scientist at the University of Bristol.

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NASA faked the moon landing. 9/11 was an inside job. The government is creating chemtrails. These three statements are all conspiracy theories. From vaccines to GMOs to the death of JFK – conspiracy theories cover a wide range of topics. Actually, half of us are said to believe in at least one conspiracy theory.

Thirteen per cent of Americans believe that climate change is a hoax despite consensus among nearly all scientists that human activities are causing climate change through the emission of greenhouse gases.

What contributes to climate change denial and to conspiracy theories in general? What causes people to reject scientific evidence?

To help us understand and address these critically important issues, the Salt Spring Forum is pleased to welcome its next guest on Monday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpring: professor Stephan Lewandowsky, a psychologist and a cognitive scientist at the University of Bristol.

Lewandowsky's most recent research interests examine the potential conflict between human understanding and the global climate. He has published extensively — in leading peer-reviewed journals — on how people respond to corrections of misinformation and what deter-

mines people's acceptance of scientific findings. He has also written numerous op-ed articles in international newspapers on the topics of climate change "skepticism" and the coverage of science in the media.

This special event commemorates Andy Skuce, a self-described "recovering oilman," climate change activist and much-valued community member.

Tickets are on sale at ArtSpring and at Salt Spring Books.

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This Week's Horoscope

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Jupiter and Venus, the prince and princess, the two brightest planets, form a conjunction at regular intervals every 3 years and 3 months. So, each time the conjunction occurs, it does so in a completely different sign. This is quite significant indeed. Currently, Venus will conjunct Jupiter on Monday, November 13th at 7 Scorpio 20. If you have planets at or within a few degrees either side of this degree, you will receive some of its influence. The other factor is to decipher what House it occurs in.

The twist, here, is that Venus is not terribly comfortable in Scorpio, as a general rule. There are always exceptions due to other factors, but that is the general rule. Also, Mars is one of Scorpio's ruling planets and it is in Libra, which so happens to be a rather challenging sign placement for it, as well. The Jupiter/Venus couplet do form a fairly close trine to Neptune in Pisces, the only close aspect, at the time of the conjunction and this will provide added inspiration in terms of creative and imaginative expressions. On the other hand, Neptune is associated with glamor and escapism too, so it could manifest as a wasted opportunity.

This is generally a very auspicious aspect so tune-in if you would like to make the most of it. If you would like further insight to know how it is destined to play out in your chart, visit my website (sunstarastrlogy.com) and make an appointment.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)
You have been working hard to strike a deal. Deep thought and investigation to decipher your worth or the value of things has and continues to be important. There are promising indications of big returns. Yet, who gets them is undetermined. There may be mischief, deception or the consequences of karmic debts at play. Focus to secure what is justly yours.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)
Opportunity is knocking, but you have to work overtime to take advantage. It will probably prove worthwhile to put in the time required. Already the returns are flowing. These will become increasingly evident this week and a few to follow. Communications are deep and require effort and patience to flow smoothly. Aim for mutuality and fairness.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Although a blessing may be mixed, it remains a blessing. This sort of attitude is always rewarding and especially for you now. Giving to situations faithfully, even though things seem unclear, is the call. Big changes are brewing and it is important that you cooperate. Focus to clear away the old to make way for the new, deliberately.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
You are in the mood to go bigger somehow. This could well include ambitions for bigger and better returns. Self-acknowledgement is a key to your success now. Perhaps you deserve a raise or know you can do better or want to re-invent yourself. You are ready for anew commitment even if they entail bigger responsibilities.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Wow, something pretty wonderful is appearing on the charts for you. It could be described as magical or mystical. You have likely been persevering steadily for some time now and feel the need for a breakthrough. Well, this could be it. And you are wise to make the most of it because things stand to get much busier in 2018.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)
You might notice that you are attending to a lot of fronts of late. Get used to it because it will continue. A steady and possibly steep learning curve is coming. This is the groundwork. Attending to the many small but important details now will go a long way later. Get into the corners and prepare for a great adventure beginning soon.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)
It does appear that a steady flow of returns is coming your way. Hopefully, these are the sort that comes from investment and not the ones from procrastination. An ambitious mood prevails. You are eager to push for what you want. Moderation is ideal now, yet unlikely. Pay attention to see if the glitter is actually gold before you commit.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Some energy patterns have a way of blowing the doors off their hinges, like now. Positively, you feel strong and lucky and are ready to take a few risks. Yet, you want answers. As eager as you are, you are reluctant to rely on blind faith. The future beckons and you are determined to make a big move to arrive there in style.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Sometimes we have to dig a little deeper to access hidden reserves of faith and confidence, like now. The good news is that you not only are being given two shovels, you are also receiving the help you need. The angels are happy to take credit, but this bit of good karma was stored in the vaults of destiny all along.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You may concur that it is darkest just before dawn. Dark can feel empty, but peaceful too. A time of inner council is indicated so the setting is right. On the other hand, if ever you needed a good friend, now probably qualifies. All the while, you are being exposed to new people and possibilities inspiring creative interests.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
It is said that most good things are earned. Free is fine but can lack the feeling of accomplishment. Fortunately, you are in a position to earn some return. The give part may not be so exciting, but with a positive attitude and a vision for the future, it will be easier. Focus on patient perseverance with confidence that it will pay off, eventually.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)
You have steadily and surely entered new territory in your life. It represents a major new beginning. And you have changed quite a bit as a consequence. This change could be your location or it could be a new perspective and approach. You are wise now to make some big final pushes through to the New Year. If you do, Santa will be extra pleased.

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APPRECIATED: At left, Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen presents former Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue search manager Chuck Hamilton with a letter of appreciation for community service from his office at the Salt Spring library on Saturday, with SAR members then surrounding Hamilton to congratulate him. Hamilton volunteered with the organization for 27 years before announcing his resignation earlier this year.

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Fall prevention tips offered

With slippery weather on the way, seniors are at higher risk of falling, which can lead to serious injury and even death.

During Seniors Fall Prevention Awareness Week from Nov. 6 to 12, the BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit and the BC Falls and Injury Prevention Coalition are sharing tips that will help keep seniors safe.

Falls are the the leading cause of injury related deaths and hospitalizations for British Columbians over 65. On average each year, over 13,000 are hospitalized due to falls (36 per day) and over 500 die. The risk of falling increases with age, and women experience hip fractures and other fall-related fractures at almost twice the rate of men. These falls cost our health care system almost \$500 million a year.

Organizers encourage the public to visit www.findingbalancebc.ca and share fall prevention tips with their family and friends in person and on social media using the hashtag #preventfallsbc.

Fall prevention tips for older British Columbians

- Keep your body active with strength and balance exercises.
- Have a doctor or pharmacist review your medications.
- Have your eyes checked once a year by an optometrist.
- Install safety equipment in your home:
- Clear clutter from walkways and stairs

- Install handrails on both sides of stairs
- Keep walkways, steps and handrails in good repair
- Install grab bars in your bathroom
- Remove carpets or rugs that present a tripping hazard
- Use only non-slip rugs on the kitchen and bathroom floor, and non-skid mats, decals or abrasive strips in the bathtub and shower
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COMMUNITY GROUPS

SSTRA gives riders a chance to excel

Independence also a therapeutic riding benefit

The following is the second in a series of articles about the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association and its quest for a new home on Salt Spring Island.

The Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association has promoted the well-being and education of children and adults with physical, intellectual or emotional challenges through the development of equine skills on Salt Spring Island for the last 16 years.

Gail Muise, a board member and parent of one of the riders, was recently asked what benefits she and her daughter have experienced with the program. Her daughter Leah joined the SSTRA 2012 summer program after successfully participating in the Southlands TRA program in Vancouver.

Gail says that the program has helped Leah build self confidence, reduce her anxiety and increase deep relaxation and it has given her an opportunity to excel and be independent. Her love of nature and animals has been deeply nurtured and her experience with SSTRA has enhanced Leah's ability to compete with herself, make mistakes and learn from them, and to grow stronger.

When asked what she finds most ben-



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Leah rides her favourite horse Blondie.

eficial about the program, Leah says, "that it has helped her body by improving her balance and core strength and has allowed her to spend time with her favourite horse, Blondie, and indulge her passion for riding.

Gail also believes the program has given Leah a sense of belonging to some-

thing worthwhile, something to fund-raise for. She gave a speech to over 200 fellow students at her school to help fundraise for SSTRA's annual Ride-Walk-a-thon. This was something that she had never done before but the increased self confidence which she gained through riding with SSTRA enabled her to inspire 31 sponsors to give!

Gail says that she is grateful to the instructors and volunteers who have made it possible for her daughter's wonderful experience by showing great leadership, knowledge, compassion and patience with her over the last five years.

The SSTRA program benefits individuals with cognitive, physical, emotional, social or a combination of these challenges. Persons with these types of issues are often restricted in their movements and interaction. With equestrian therapy, they are given the opportunity for independence and mobility.

SSTRA relies heavily on private funding. To continue providing this much-needed program to individuals of SSI we are launching our relocation fundraising campaign and hope that increased awareness of the benefits of the SSTRA program will inspire you to help out.

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EXERCISE

Dance Temple meets aging bodies' needs

Class for 55+ runs Thursdays

Salt Spring's Dance Temple group has designed a shorter and gentler dance experience designed for bodies aged 55 and up, but open to all dancers.

Dance for Health, a class running Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Salt Spring Wellness Centre, is lightly facilitated to help participants explore their own dance to a great variety of world, popular and danceable music. The hour is designed in a wave, starting with mellow music, getting more upbeat and lively, then returning to slower melodies and finally dropping into stillness.

"As we age, we can easily become more sedentary, our joints can become less flexible, circulation and bone

density tend to decrease, mental capacity may lower and it can be more challenging to stay plugged into community," class information from Dance Temple's Naomi Jason states. "In this stage of our journey, it can be a struggle to find ways to stay active that are gentle and engaging.

Research suggests dance offers a wide range of physical and mental benefits including improved condition of heart and lungs, increased strength, endurance and aerobic fitness, weight management, stronger bones and reduced risk of osteoporosis, better coordination, agility and flexibility, improved balance and spatial awareness, increased physical confidence and reduced risk of falling, improved mental functioning and general well being."

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ENDURANCE RUNNING

Sneakers folks tackle Newfoundland and New York

Melanie van Soeren and Karen Curtin

SUBMITTED BY SS SNEAKERS

In the last few weeks, Salt Spring Sneakers have distinguished themselves far afield.

Less than three weeks after her second-place finish in the Trapline Mar-

athon, Melanie van Soeren and her partner Conrad Nickels gathered at daybreak at Pouch Cove, N.L., north of St. John's, to launch into the East Coast Trail 50-K Ultra, heading south along the Atlantic Ocean to QuidiVidi on the outskirts of St. John's. Seven hours later, they crossed the finishing line at 7:24:55 and 56 to finish 38th and 39th overall of the 65 who did

finish the entire course. Nickels was the 33rd of 48 males, and 14th of 18 in his age group. Melanie was the sixth of 17 women, and third of four in her age group.

This past Sunday, Karen Curtin, organizer of the Salt Spring MS charity run, competed in the New York Marathon. Logistics for the massive undertaking of launching over 50,000

contestants required her to arrive at the start line on Staten Island three hours before the start and wait four minutes after the starting gun to reach the start line in just her wave of starts alone. Running at a gangbuster's pace for the first 12 miles, she encountered an intermittent problem causing extreme pain that relegated her to a fast walk at around

22 miles, but she persevered, managing to speed up for the last four miles.

Starting at 10:40 in the morning and passing through all of New York's boroughs, she finished at 3:25 in the afternoon in Central Park in a time of 4:40.21 in 28,965th place of 50,643 who finished, 9,582nd of 21,600 women, and 1,127th of 2,757 women in her age group.

MEN'S SOCCER

Castaways cut Old Boys adrift

Neutrinos make cosmic mess

BY FRASER HOPE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The computer virus that infected the Old Boys' communications server was so effectively dealt with that 17 players turned up for duty on Sunday.

Antonio Alonso, with the help of the Government of Canada, managed to avoid his perennial difficulties with the semi-annual clock change and turned up ready to give his all for the team before his impending departure for India.

The Old Boys senior management group can never be accused of not seeking new and innovative ways to strive for success on the field. The SS Eggheads soccer fan group were excited at the introduction of scientific rigour exemplified by the Italian assistant coach Fibonacci and his influence on last week's victory. With this in mind, the Old Boys agreed to participate in KATRIN (Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment) at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany, undertaking to assist in the measurement of the mass of the electron antineutrino with sub-eV precision.

Neutrinos? Old Boys seek the best that the world has to offer in coaching. After all, Italy and Germany have provided eight winning teams out of the 20 FIFA World Cups played.

Readers expecting at least a Brazilian transfer will be a wee bit disappointed. But all can agree with John Updike's view in his poem Cosmic Gall (New Yorker 1960):

"Neutrinos, they are very small.
They have no charge and have no mass
And do not interact at all . . ." written in response to the discovery of a ghost-like particle that it exemplifies the Old Boys in all of its characteristics!

Unfortunately these "neutrino characteristics" were all in evidence in the first half of their game with Castaways 48s at GISS field on Sunday morning. No charge. No mass. Invisible! Ghostlike! Looked like some players were still in Hallowe'en costume.

Despite a bright start, building on Fibonacci 0,1,1,2,3, etc., the Old Boys quickly lay siege to the Castaways goal but offside decisions and overagerness promised more than was delivered to the expectant fans.

The first sign of "clear and present danger" was a corner kick for Castaways. Readers who archive Old Boys reports will recognize the sequence of events. Confusion in the Old Boys defence results in a scrambled goal for the opponents and a 1-0 lead for Castaways.

The Old Boys have not yet entered the vacuum chamber that can replicate an atmosphere less than that on the moon in Karlsruhe, but it would seem that they have "visualized" the experience in their play for the remainder of

the first half. Three more goals were picked out of the back of the net by goalkeeper Henry Braak, one an absolute screamer that might have been recorded on the KATRIN spectrometer before the team trudged off the field to regroup at the interval.

Team bonding and cohesion did not allow for recriminations. It was obvious to players, coaches and fans alike that a collective responsibility had brought about the scoreline. "Not really a 4-0 half" was the rallying cry for the start of the second half.

Old Boys did rally as Castaways with no subs and a more defensive formation allowed greater possession to the home team. At long last an attack out on the left wing saw Mike Berndt cross for Antonio Alonso to flick the ball off his rear for David Toynbee to furnish the Old Boys with their only bright spot of the game.

Post-match analysis around the soft drinks cooler revolved around the chameleon-like performances of the team. One week an undermanned team wins away from home, while a home game stuffed with six subs on the bench produces a nightmare . . . No obvious conclusions could be drawn or remedies suggested to provide the consistency of winning results.

In a game of two halves, the Old Boys looked for the positives from the game.

"At least we won the second half 1-0. So it was a draw!" "Last goal wins. So we won!" Not too sure how long the discussion continued around the cooler, but everything seems much rosier in the welcome late fall sunshine.

As Guardian science editor Robin McKie explained in a Nov. 4 story, "Every second, billions of neutrinos pass through our bodies. The sun sends trillions streaming across space every minute. Uncountable numbers have been left over from the Big Bang birth of the cosmos 13.8 billion years ago.

"In fact, there are more neutrinos in the universe than any other type of particle of matter, though hardly anything can stop these cosmological lightweights in their paths. And this inability to interact with other matter has made them a source of considerable frustration for scientists who believe neutrinos could bring new understandings to major cosmological problems, including the nature of dark matter and the fate of our expanding universe. Unfortunately, the unbearable lightness of their being makes them very difficult to study."

It's a bit like the Old Boys. Remember, Remember the 5th of November with jocular talk of burning an effigy of manager Graham Tweddle on the bonfire instead of Guy Fawkes!

Old Boys will again face the "nature of dark matter and the fate of our ever-expanding soccer universe" in a game vs. Cordova Bay 48s at Lochside on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Request for Comment

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER

Relating to Coastal Douglas-Fir Moist Maritime Biogeoclimatic Subzone

The public is invited to submit comments on proposed amendments to land use orders until January 15, 2018.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is considering establishing objectives over areas totaling 1,125 ha for the purpose of Coastal Douglas-fir (CDF) ecosystem protection. This would be achieved by an amendment to add these proposed areas to the existing **CDF moist maritime (mm) biogeoclimatic (BEC) subzone Order**, signed July 26, 2010 (hereafter referred to as the 2010 CDF Order). The 2010 CDF Order is established under Section 93.4 of the **Land Act**, and has the objective of protecting all CDFmm BEC subzone plant communities within specific polygons, which currently cover an area of 1,602 ha.

As part of this amendment, the ministry also proposes to include another 422 ha in the 2010 CDF Order. This 422 ha is already designated under the **Old Growth Management Areas within the CDFmm BEC subzone Order** (hereafter the 2011 CDF OGMA Order), signed September 16, 2011. Since these areas would be included in the amended 2010 CDF Order, the 2011 CDF OGMA Order and all its amendments would be cancelled.

In total, the amended CDF Order would establish objectives to protect CDF plant communities over areas totaling 3,149 ha in the CDF BEC zone (an increase of 1,125 ha from the new proposed areas and 422 ha from the existing areas under the 2011 CDF OGMA Order).

The proposed new areas are located along the southeast coast of Vancouver Island and the southern Gulf Islands (see Schedules 1 to 12 in the proposed order). The proposed areas are forested with young to mature stands (ranging in size from 4 to 250 ha) and are next to existing protected areas and private land. The areas that are already included in the 2010 CDF Order and the 2011 CDF OGMA Orders are located in the vicinity of the communities of Lund, Bowser, Qualicum Bay, and Nanoose Bay and the City of Nanaimo (these are also indicated in Schedules 1 to 12).

Comments received through this public review process and through First Nation consultation will be considered carefully and may alter the proposal. The amendment to the 2010 CDF Order, once signed, would take effect on the date that the notice is published in *The British Columbia Gazette*.

A copy of the proposed amendment to the CDF Order and associated maps and shape files are available online at: www.for.gov.bc.ca/TASB/SLRP/southisland/CDFAmendment.html.

A copy of the proposed amendment to the CDF order and associated maps are also available at the following offices.

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