

Cookstown history book being released

COOKSTOWN NEWS

by Barb Baguley

Glimpses of Cookstown - a history by street and municipal roll number from 1825 to 1991 by Joan McLean is being printed and published by the Innisfil Historical Society.

The official book launch will be at the Masonic Hall in Cookstown on Light Up Night, Nov. 14, from 3 to 8 p.m., with author recognition at 4:30 p.m. You will be able to pick-up your pre-ordered book or purchase a copy during the launch. For a discount, pre-order your book for \$24 prior to Oct. 31, or it will cost \$28 after Nov. 1. You can pick-up and drop off your order form at Will Silk's General Store, or purchase one there after Nov. 14. For further information, contact Janet Panting at 737-4408.

The Museum on the Boyne offers the Think Pink tea from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 4, at 250 Fletcher Crescent in Alliston. You can wear, eat, drink and think pink. For more information, call 435-0167. The fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. This event is being held to raise money for the fight against breast cancer. Enjoy a pink afternoon.

The Friday night youth group at the united church meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All residents under the age of 20 are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you wish to assist with this group, or would like more

information, call 458-4791. The Pub running/walking club meets Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. All are welcome, from accomplished runners and walkers to beginners.

Cookstown artist Christina Luck is starting a new session of her popular Explorations in Painting classes at the MacLaren Art Centre Mondays, running from Oct. 20 to Dec. 8. All levels of experience are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Christina at 458-4422 or cl@christinaluck.com.

Music At Cookstown is a yearly program put on by students from the Royal Conservatory at Cookstown United Church. This year's event will take place on Friday October 17 at 8 p.m. Adult admission is \$10, and students are \$5. Proceeds from this very enjoyable program will be shared between Loaves and Fishes the local chapter of Canadian Food Grains and the Cookstown United Church. For tickets, call Susan at 435-2136 or Hattie at 725-1036.

The Cookstown Curling Club's annual open house and sign-up social is Friday October 3 at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome, pay early and save.

The men's league with two draws will take place Monday nights at 7 and 9 p.m. For more information, call Nick at 458-9857. The mixed seniors league, where

men and women enjoy eight ends and a social hour, will take place Wednesday evenings. For more information, call Verne at 458-2728. The Ladies Night Out league will run Thursday nights for one draw only at 7 p.m. This is eights ends of curling and lots of social in an easy going setting, to teach newcomers. Contact Jill for more information at 458-9945.

The Friday night mixed league welcomes singles or couples for a fun filled evening of social curling. Games start at 7 and 9 p.m., alternating time slots weekly. Call Mar at 487-2249 or Kim at 435-9636. The junior curling league runs every Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and is a fun filled, non-competitive program for boys and girls ages eight to 18. Curling take place every week from November to April, for just \$40. The fee includes instruction, supplied equipment and a fun game. For more information, contact Len at 458-0508.

The Friends of the Innisfil Public Library are making plans for their fifth annual Crafters Sale at the Stroud Community Hall on Saturday October 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tables are available for rent for crafters looking to showcase items. Contact Marie at 436-2546 for information or rentals.

Cookstown United Church choir practices take place Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. All who love to sing are welcome to attend.

Maple Leaf Seniors meet

at the Cookstown United Church Tuesday and have made plans for the seniors to have lunch at the China Garden at the west end of Bradford on Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m.

The 2008-2009 year will consist of only social gatherings over lunch. This small but mighty group of seniors aged 55 and over invite new members to come to lunch for fun and a social time. New members are welcome to attend. For further information, call Bruce Hudson at 458-2219.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Cookstown United Church hall.

The Cookstown Book Club will meet at the Lakeshore branch on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., to hear award winning author Gil Adamson talk about her book *The Outlander*. All are welcome to attend this free event. Please register at the Lakeshore branch by calling 431-4710.

The Friends of the Innisfil Public Library are a group of citizens who recognize the importance of an up to date library in the community by fundraising and helping to support programs and events at the library. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 8 at 7 p.m. at the Cookstown branch. All are welcome to attend.

Children are invited to read to and cuddle specially trained therapy dogs from Therapeutic PAWS of Canada. They love to listen to you read, making this program perfect for shy, struggling, and beginning

readers, and anyone who wants to read to a dog. Call 458-1273 for free registration. They will be at the Cookstown branch on Wednesday October 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Innisfil Public Library registration for the next program session begins Tuesday October 21. Programs run the weeks of Oct. 28 to Dec. 2. Watch for more details or call 458-1273.

Come to the movies at the Cookstown library at 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Upcoming movies include *Space Chimps* on Oct. 4 and *Kung Fu Panda* on Oct. 18. Tickets are \$2 and a drink and snack is \$1.

The St. Peter's Anglican Church Christmas bazaar will be held on Saturday November 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Stroud Arena hall. There will be preserves, a bake table, arts and crafts and a quilt draw. Tables are available for \$35 per space by contacting Carolyn at 458-0748.

On Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m., the general meeting of the GDHS will take place at the Churchill Community Centre. The theme is seasonal decoration. Sherie, Kristin and Cindy from Lavender Floral in Stroud will put you in the mood for decorating, with a demonstration of indoor and outdoor ideas. This meeting is the deadline for the photo contest. Contact Mona Rea at 456-0132 for information.

Artists are needed to take part in the Around the Corners Gallery and Studio Tour held in cooperation with the Cookstown and

District Chamber of Commerce. The tour will take place on Friday November 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. as part of the annual Cookstown Light Up Night celebration. It will also run Saturday November 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The tour is open to any artist who lives near Cookstown and would like to showcase their work in their own studio or in a site within the village. Artists are asked to contact Ruth at 458-4466 or ruth35@rogers.com for information.

An Innisfil Heritage Committee meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at the town hall, in Meeting Room C. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

An Innisfil Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. at the town hall, in Meeting Room A. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Cookstown Central Public School will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2009. This school was opened in 1959 and it would be wonderful if the community would help with the celebration. Historic information and clippings are available, and if you are interested, contact me and I will connect you with the information and keep the community informed about a possible reunion or celebration. There is currently no one coordinating this project.

Contact me at abaguley@bconnex.net or 458-9358 with your news for our community.

Mitchell family left local perishes for Toronto last week

CHURCHILL NEWS

by Linda Gerow

Saying goodbye is never easy, and when it comes to bidding farewell to people you truly like it becomes even harder.

On Sept. 27th, the parish of Churchill and Cookstown did just that when a farewell luncheon was held at St. John's in Cookstown for Fr. Robert Mitchell and his wife, Caroline. Mitchell will be starting his new position as associate priest at St. Thomas's Church on Huron Street in Toronto today. For the past four years, the parish has been privileged to know Rob and Caroline; both have contributed greatly to the spiritual health and journey of the congregations at St. Peter's and St. John's. Both churches presented Rob and Caroline with gifts of appreciation. We would all

like to take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell. You will both be greatly missed.

Library news: The Churchill branch manager, Debra Mann. The phone number is 456-2671 and the e-mail is churchill@innisfil.library.on.ca. The branch is closed on Sundays, Mondays and Fridays. Registration has begun for fall programs. Please call your local branch for more details.

Use your library card to sign out books, music and movies, and access online databases, e-books and audiobooks through your home computer.

Gilford/Churchill United Church news: Visit their website at www.churchillgilfordunitedchurches.org for all the latest

news.

Euchre: Bid euchre at St. Peter's Anglican Church on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to drop by any Wednesday and join in the fun. Light refreshments are served. Call 458-1801 for details.

St. Peter's Anglican Church annual Christmas Bazaar: People have been asking about this and here are some of the details. The bazaar will be held on Saturday November 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Stroud Arena Banquet Hall, located at 7883 Yonge Street. Elevator access is available. Tables will be available for rental at \$35 per space. Please contact Carolyn Alksnis at 458-0748 for application forms and information. Tickets for the quilt and two matching pillows, made by Carolyn Smirthwaite, are on sale at various grocery stores in Innisfil. Keep your eyes peeled for the display.

A holiday/Christmas bazaar is being held at the Churchill Community Centre on Saturday November 15. There will be plenty of variety, something for everyone. Many talented crafters and vendors will be on hand. Lunch, sweets, soups and beverages, all homemade, will be available. Tables are now sold out. Contact Barbara at 291-0119 for more information. Just a reminder to everyone that the community centre is still available for events.

The Gilford and District Horticultural Society general meeting will take place at the Churchill Community Center Oct. 6th at 7:30 p.m. The gals from Lavender Floral, Sherie, Kristin and Cindy will provide demonstrations on indoor and outdoor decorating.

Their flower show is exceptional this evening, with the Chrysanthemum Trophy up for the taking. See

a beautiful display of perennials, as well as floral displays showing Thanksgiving and 'It's a tiny world' designs. Members and visitors will enjoy the well stocked coffee and snack table. Contact Mona Rea at 456-0132 or http://gdhs.gardenontario.org.

The OPP Chorus will perform Friday October 10, at 7:30 p.m. The Chorus will be entertaining the crowd with a medley of songs, including Broadway hits, gospel, pops, anthems and ballads. There is free admission, with a goodwill offering.

Progressive and bid euchre will be held at the above church on Friday October 24, beginning at 1 p.m.

A roast beef dinner will take place at Stroud Presbyterian Church on Saturday October 25, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., including salad, dessert, and beverage. Adult admission is \$13,

while children under eight eat for \$6. For more information, call 436-7939 or 436-3107.

Smile: A woman was waiting in the checkout line at a shopping centre. Her arms were laden with a mop and broom and other cleaning supplies. By her hard glances and deep sighs, it was obvious she was in hurry and not a happy camper about the slowness of the line.

When the cashier called for a price check on a box of soap, the woman remarked indignantly, "Well, I'll be lucky to get out of here and home before Christmas!"

"Don't worry, ma'am," replied the clerk. "With a good tail wind and that brand new broom you have there, you'll be home in no time."

If you have an news/items for this column, please contact me at 436-9769 or e-mail lagerow@rogers.com.