

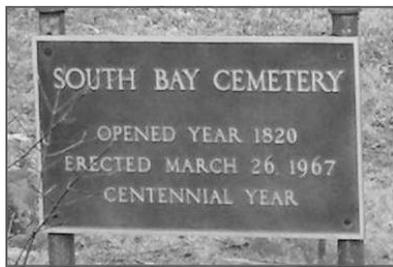
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Thoughts on the South Bay Pioneer Cemetery

By Sam Lanfranco

Over the past several months discussions have begun with regard to improvements to the South Bay Cemetery. Subjects have ranged from better signage, brush clearance, head stone repairs, and improving the site to better preserve its dignity as a pioneer cemetery as part of the cultural heritage of the County.



The County's Cemetery Committee and the Municipality are looking at bringing the site in line with the Committee's Pioneer Cemetery Standards.

The Milford Village Fair Board, as part of its support for local cultural assets and activities, has discussed contributions to signage. The Partnership Committee of the Mariners Park Museum has offered to help with clearing unwanted brush at the site and is keen to link the mariners' history of the cemetery more closely to the Museum.

Success in this undertaking calls for a blend of community involvement, volunteer labour, and coordination and consultation with both the Municipality and the Cemetery Committee. Cemeteries are unique cultural assets: They are resting places for the ancestors and loved ones of local families - especially here for families in South Marysburgh - and they capture local history.

Work to preserve the cemetery's dignity, and enhance it as a cultural heritage site need not be expensive. But the task does involve making some important decisions. In my years in the County, and on the



Milford Fair Board, I have been impressed by both the local commitment and depth of passion when it comes to handling such issues in South Marysburgh. We need a dialogue in order to do this right.

There are some issues where the work would benefit from hearing the views of the residents of the County, and in particular from the residents of South Marysburgh. Issues range from minor to major. At the minor end are items like the design of appropriate signage, both to identify the cemetery and possibly to



highlight features within the cemetery. For example, thanks to the initiative and efforts of residents, there is signage

identifying the graves of Minerva McCrimmon and Moses Dulmage, key figures in the County maritime history musical "Minerva".

Given the links between the cemetery and the marine heritage of the region there is scope for more cultural signage while respecting the site as a cemetery. Brush clearing and tree trimming are relatively straight forward, but there are issues with regard to pedestrian access, the road frontage, and grass maintenance. As well, the County owns the plot of land across the stream from the cemetery over to the launch ramp. Any site work should also involve thought as to how best to use that land.

One challenge has to do with the approximately 140 headstones and grave markers that, around Centennial 1967, were re-arranged to lie side by side east-to-west in a central part of the cemetery.

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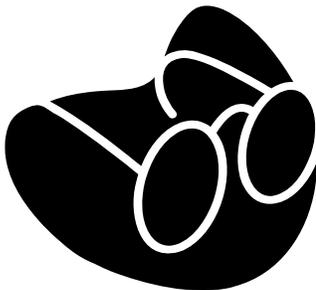
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Now to March 29th

Wii Bowling at Milford Town Hall. Every Thursday
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Family bowling available
in the evening by request.

Thursday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Committee meeting at Milford
Town Hall

Saturday, March 31st at 8:00 p.m.

At Mt. Tabor Playhouse.

"An Evening to Remember"

an interactive concert by David Archibald commemorat-
ing the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.

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Saturday, April 7th

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Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Fair Board Meeting at Milford Town Hall

June 2012

"Oliver" auditions

Ages 7 to 15: June 5, 6, 7

Adults: June 13, 14, 15

More information to follow.

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There is a good record of all who are buried in the cemetery, but not a map of where individual burial sites are located. Damaged grave markers and headstones that currently reside at their original locations can be repaired and restored in their proper location. However, there is no way that the stones lying down can be matched to their original burial sites. The restoration project is faced with the challenge of how best to treat those stones.

The County's Pioneer Cemetery Standards call for all stones to be standing (if possible) and argues that this is in the interests of preserving the life of the stone. This is an instance where the project



should be guided by a combination of community wishes and expert advice. The material in the 140 headstones ranges from hard to extremely soft. It is not clear how they best should be handled. Being stood upright is only one option. Where they should be located is another issue. Standing or reclined they could be located where they are,

or they could be relocated with a walking path. They could incorporate a modest cover as protection against the elements, with a display space to convey the story of the cemetery.

This is an area where the plans should come from community dialogue. The bottom line here is that we need a discussion, primarily but not exclusively in South Marysburgh, about the details of the site work. That discussion needs to involve, and inform, the Cemetery Committee of the County, the staff of Recreation, Parks and Culture, the efforts of the various volunteer groups involved in the work, and the residents of South Marysburgh.

There are a number of ways in which that discussion can occur. Each of the several communities of interest in South Marysburgh can have a discussion within itself. This includes the churches, and the various formal and informal committees and groups (Rec. Committee, Fair Board etc.) within the

community. The results of these discussions need to be shared so that the community, the offices of the County and the County Cemetery Committee, can arrive at a working consensus on the work on the South Marysburgh Cemetery.

At the moment there is no identified South Marysburgh Cemetery Committee to coordinate these flows of information and opinion. Over the remaining weeks of winter and the wet days of Spring, I am prepared to receive feedback, in whatever form, to share with all and hopefully help move toward consensus and a plan of action here. Further information is available at: <http://www.southbaycemetery.pbworks.com>.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Winter

By George Underhill

It's February now, and I hope the back of winter is broken. The first male red wing blackbirds will be back, claiming nesting territories before their prospective brides arrive, and I'm beginning to hear the drumming of woodpeckers in the resonant beech trees around the house. But as I write this, we're still in the depths of winter. True, the days have become infinitesimally longer, a minute or two a day, but in spite of that there's way more than thirteen hours of darkness every day. I hated winter even more when I worked. The worst part was getting up in the dark, driving to work in the dark, finishing work and driving home in the dark, a reluctant bat living in constant darkness.

It's hard to keep your spirits up in winter. This is the SAD season (Seasonal Affective Disorder), and the time of year when people die, having given in to the dark and cold and the bleak outlook. I look out on Smith's Bay, frozen from side to side, lifeless and cold, and sympathize with depression.

This winter has been acceptable as winters go. Bitter cold, then a little above freezing, then cold again. They call this "arctic oscillation" if you wondered. I should be thankful for what retailers proclaim is the warmest winter in twenty years. Snow blowers, snow shovels, winter fashions, even cold medications sit forlornly on the store shelves. I feel some compassion for retailers, but selfishly I'm happy with the lack of snow and moderate temperatures.

I eagerly looked forward to snow in Junior High and High School. I could get up in the dark and see the snow falling in the light of the street lights and then look forward to school being cancelled and lots of money to be made shoveling driveways and walks. Mrs. Garrett, who lived next door, was a strange old woman, who would hang out her clothes all the while muttering and moaning, "Oh God, Oh Jesus, Oh, Oh." She would throw crusts of bread off her back stoop for the mangy dogs that would gather waiting for their scraps. They would bark impatiently if she made them wait, infuriating my father. I once brought home some fire crackers which weren't available where I lived, and Dad hurled a two incher out the window at the barking dogs, only he

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*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

Let's Play Tag

In case you missed it in their ad in this issue, Walker's garage is now selling garbage bag tags..

Winter Carnival Thank You

The 2012 Winter Carnival was a Success in spite of the weather.

I want to thank the members of the Recreation Committee who all looked after different aspects of the weekend. In addition, many Volunteers from the community helped with moving equipment, serving dinner and calling the Bingo. However, a special thanks must go to Richard Copple, Maurice Miller, Jason Courneyea and Tom Evans for three days of work in Minaker's Garage (courtesy of Randy York) wiring a spectacular Fireworks display.

Bruce Dowdell,
Chair
South Marysburgh Recreation Committee

Lunch!

A picture of one of Wilbur Miller's sheep dining atop a bale of hay is featured on the home page of the weather network's website. Look up the weather for Picton.



Black Creek from the Cheese Factory Bridge, January 2012
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neglected to open the storm window, and the fire cracker bounced back into the dining room and exploded with a roar on the carpet. He ran for his life from my mother, and the dogs stayed where they were.

Anyway, I really looked forward to shoveling Mrs. Garrett's walk because apparently she didn't have any appreciation for the going rate. I could do a good job in ten minutes and she'd fork over two bucks. A kinder and more honest kid would have told her she was paying too much. That never occurred to me. If she gave me fifty bucks I would have taken it.

I got to know the paying habits of my neighbors. Generous payers were called on first, and I did a pretty good job. I knocked on the door of skinflints last and did a half-hearted, messy job teaching them, I suppose, to be even cheaper next time around. Tradesmen of all sorts work this way too.

At my advanced age I have to admit there's not much upside to winter. I stopped snowblowing my driveway because the snowblower would never start, and the guy who plows our road does a good job at a fair price. Besides, it wasn't much fun executing the snowblowing task. I take that back. It was no fun at all. My mailbox is one kilometer from the house, and to get my morning paper I must put on

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Canoe Trip	May 21st
Pork & Corn Roast	August 8th
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Yard & Rummage Sale	Sept. 29th
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footwear of some kind, a jacket, scrape the ice off the car windshield and drive to get the darn paper. In the summer, it's a pleasant task; in the winter, it's not quite the same.

How about when you visit friends? When you arrive, you must divest yourself of all the bulky outer garments, then take off your shoes so you don't track snow, slush and salt over the carpets. What a pain. Then you must spend the visit in your stocking feet, or think far enough ahead to carry a bag with slippers or another pair of shoes. It's almost better to stay at home.

In case you think this article is depressing, let me give you a few tips on "Breaking Free of the Midwinter Blues" as related in the newspaper. "Initiate an unusual conversation" is one tip. "Share something of an intimate nature," it suggests. So I'm to go up to a lady at the bridge table and inform her that I haven't changed my underwear in a week. I could do it, but I don't think that'll cure my midwinter blues. It might cure her blues however, as she'd be able to tell all her friends how I'd finally slipped over the edge.

How about this? "Make a date with yourself." Here you are to determine what you want to accomplish over the next couple of years and set timelines. *Puleeze!* If I did this I would become even more subject to the midwinter blues because I have no goals. Well, I guess I have some, but they are so inconsequential as to be depressing, like getting two pieces of coconut cream pie at the next church supper.

So the message is, it's winter. Nothing can stop it. All we can say is the days are getting longer and in a while it will be spring.

Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Gentle words fall lightly, but they have great weight.

Maple Oatmeal Cookies

Beat together 'til pale and fluffy (3 minutes):

¾ cup butter (you may use part margarine)
1 cup packed light brown sugar
½ cup white sugar

Beat in:

¼ cup maple syrup
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla
¼ cup water

Mix together and stir in to the above:

3 cups old fashioned rolled oats
1 cup all purpose flour
¼ tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt

Bake at 350 'til golden (about 10 minutes)

A woman was becoming concerned about how helpless her husband was when faced with even the simplest domestic chores.

To encourage him to become more self-reliant she pointed out how their friend, Betty, had taught her husband, Frank, to cook, sew and do laundry so if anything happened to Betty, Frank would be able to care for himself.

Wondering if he got the point, she asked, "What would you do if anything happened to me?"

After considering that possibility for a moment, he said happily, "I'd move in with Frank."

Some 'sage' advice

1. Avoid arguments with the Mrs. About lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
2. For high blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer.
3. If you have had a cough, take a large dose of laxative then you'll be afraid to cough.
4. You only need two tools in life: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move but does, use the duct tape.

Signs that say it all

- Sign on an electrician's truck: Let us remove your shorts.
- Maternity clothes shop: We are open on labour day.
- On a maternity room door: Push, Push, Push.
- On the front door of a home: Everyone on the premises is a vegetarian except the dog.
- Optometrist's office: If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.
- Taxidermist window: We really know our stuff.
- Podiatrist's window: Time wounds all heels.
- Used car lot: Second hand cars in first crash condition.
- Car dealership: The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment.
- Auto body shop: May we have the next dents?

Exit line:

When I finally met Mr. Right, I had no idea his first name was 'Always'.

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South Bay U.C.W.



The U.C.W. meeting was held at South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday February 8th at 1:30 p.m. President Sandra Emlaw opened the meeting with a short account of why men are glad they are men.

On a more serious note, we reviewed our theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's Prayer.

Irene Robb's devotional was based on John 21, verse 17 and also from a book by Joyce Rupp. The theme was about love and demonstrated Jesus' unconditional love for us all.

Thirteen members answered roll call by sending a valentine to sick or shut ins from the South Bay U.C.W. Twenty-eight sick calls were made by the group.

Secretary Carolyn Barnes refreshed our memory with the January minutes which were approved as read.

Card secretary Donna Loney sent three get well cards from the U.C.W.

After some discussion, the ladies decided most people would like to have a suggestion of a reasonable amount to donate to the U.C.W. for birthday, anniversary and other gatherings catered by the church.

Upcoming events: World's Day of Prayer on March 2nd, 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Magdellan Church. Maureen and Irene will do readings from South Bay Church.

We have invited Steve Ferguson, publisher of the South Marysburgh Mirror to be guest speaker at our March meeting. Both he and Rev. Phil are invited to share our pot luck lunch at 12 noon.

Steward Maureen Rudd announced the stewards are preparing an Irish stew supper, open to the public on Friday March 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. preceded by a bake sale at 4:30 p.m.

Collection was dedicated to be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Karen Guernsey read a heart warming from County Woman magazine about a woman who had two sons overseas. Not only did she pray every day for her sons but also any other people who had needs.

After the meeting closed with our U.C.W. prayer, the ladies gathered to enjoy lunch provided by Irene and Carolyn after which Karen thanked them on behalf of the group.

Coming Events

Wednesday, March 14th : U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church at 12:00 noon for a pot luck lunch. Devotional – Maureen Rudd; Roll call – show and tell something Irish; Program – Steve Ferguson; Objective – toiletries for Alternatives for Women.

Thursday, April 5th: Milford Friendship ladies will meet at the home of Maureen Rudd at 1:30 p.m. Maureen has Thought for the Day; Roll call is to bring toiletries for Alternatives for Women; Alice has Program.



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The White Pines Wind Project Public Meeting

The first public meeting concerning the White Pines Wind Project is scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Prince Edward County Collegiate Institute, 41 Barker Street in Picton.

Everyone living within the project study area in the map (below) provided by wpd Canada will be affected by this project. If you are particularly affected - be it by proximity to a turbine (or turbines) or the projected interconnection line - this is your opportunity to ask questions and get some answers.

Presumably representatives from wpd Canada and the wind industry's favourite consultants, Stantec Consulting, will be present to answer them in an unbiased fashion.



The Milford branch has a special March Break children's program coming up –although parents can come too! On Thursday, March 15th from 1p.m. to 3p.m., join Bay Woodyard of Honeypie Hives & Herbals and make your own lip balm from natural ingredients. Then, create your own blend of herbal tea with Bay and join in the tea party to top it off! This is a free event but please register at the branch or e-mail: crenaud@peclibrary.org

Also, beginning this month, one week later on Thursday, March 22nd at 1p.m., will be the first meeting of the Milford Library Knitting Club. Whether you're a knitter or like to crochet or do some other type of handwork, please join us. Beginner or advanced, all are welcome. This will be the first meeting, as mentioned, so bring your ideas, including whether another day or time might work better for everyone. Tea and coffee served.

Looking forward to seeing you in the library.

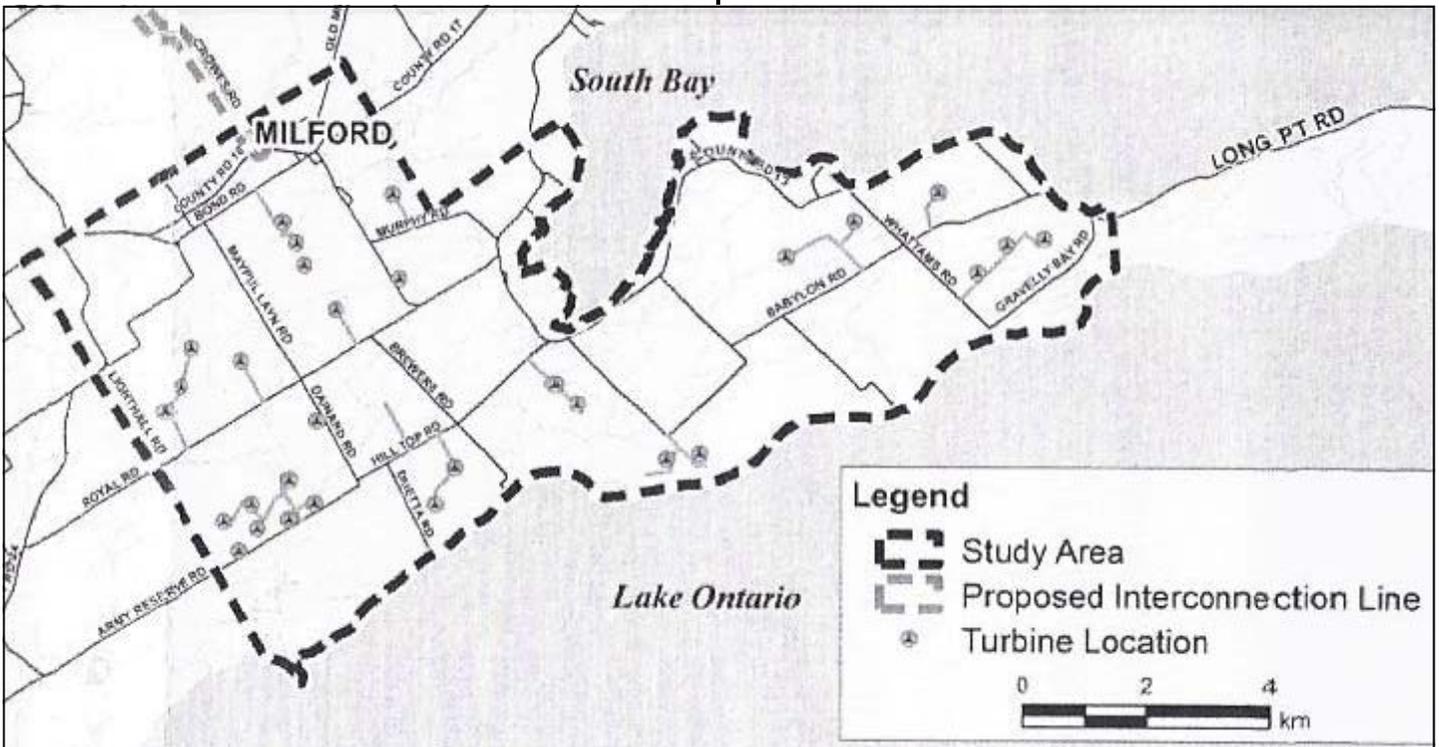
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Life In The Past

Excerpts from Nelson Hicks' Journals: March, 1903

Submitted by Vicki Emlaw

Sun.1 Jake and I drove Gespy out to Alfred Hudgins farm. Jake is talking of renting it and we took a little run over it. It has been quite cold all day. The sleighing is not extra. In the evening we went over to Emmits for the evening.

Mon.2 I have been feeling under the weather all day. Jake and Lib went down to Dan's tonight.

Tues.3 We are having lovely weather now looks just like spring.

4. I helped Emmet fill his Ice house. We got it finished at noon.

5. Frank and I set out a net in the Lake. We worked some of the wood to day.

6. I worked some at the woods. I am not feeling extra well. I got a boil on my finger which is very sore.

7. Emmet and I went down to Picton went with the wheels. The wheeling was very good.

8. Emmet and Mary E were over with us all the afternoon and evening it rain the whole day.

9. I helped Emmet saw wood most of the day. Mirt put the day in backing & sewing Carpet rags and reading.

10. Helped Emmet saw wood part of the day. We are having lovely weather.

11. Frank and I worked at the wood here on the wood pile.

12. I worked at the wood. We are having just lovely weather.

13. Frank and I went hunting this morning wed got Five Ducks and some fish. After dinner I went out to Mr. Colliers after some corn.

14. I went down to Picton drove Gespy down with Franks mare. The roads were ver good and a lovely day. There was a very large crowd in town. Pa and Ma were over and came out to Dan's to night.

15. Pa and Ma came over from Emmits. Ida and Dan came up for the evening. Emmet and Mary E came over.

16. Frank and I sawed wood. The weather is just fine.

17. We finished sawing the wood on the wood pile. The weather is the finest I ever seen for March.

18. Mirt washed. I helped her and finished her boots up. Still we are having fine weather. The spring birds have come and the land is drying off fine.

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19. I made Albert a set of Harness for his dog. After dinner I drew out Manure for a potatoes patch.

20. I split wood till noon and after dinner I drew out Manure. It was hot and I sweat like fury.

21. I drew out Manure all day. Still warm. Mrs Wood, Emmet, Mary E, Byron Hyatt and Lillia over in the evening.

22. Mirt and I were along all day. Along in the afternoon Emmet and I took a little drive with Gespy.

23. A little change in the weather some colder and has rained all day.

24. I cleaned out the Berries in the orchard. Mirt and Mary E went down to Ida's. About Five oclock Emmet and I went down.

25. To day has been a march day cold and stormy. I went out to Bloomfield with a grist got home about Three Oclock almost starving and froze to death.

26. Frank and I drew in a couple of loads of stalks. Thomas Wattam and wife were out visiting.

27. Frank and I got our Hot bed ready for putting in the manure and then we all went to work and cleaned out the wood house.

28. I went down to Picton with Mr. Shoebridge there was a big crowd in Town. I sold our Hogs at 6 1/4 Archie came up with the waggon after the corn fetched my buggy with him. He says Jake has moved about all on the Chitley place in Greenbush.

29. Archie and I took a little drive up to the Banks then come back and Mirt and I went for a drive out to Salmon point and back. It froze some last night and has been quite cold to day.

30. Archie was here. We went out to Mr. Colliers after the corn. He took down 74 bus. I got about 12 bushels of Oats of Almon Leavitt. After dinner Frank and I drew in Corn. Byron came up from Dan's. He wants to stay with me this summer.

31. I went Back and started to cultivating it worked very well. In the afternoon Byron worked the Team. I drew the Manure and put in the hot bed.

Roots + Wings Happenings at St. Philip's Anglican Church, Milford

Thanks to Steve for offering us the opportunity to resume our *Roots and Wings* column. We appreciate this chance to keep in touch with our neighbours.

You are always welcome to join us for Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. During the Lenten season, The Rev. Susan DeGruchy will preach on *The Seven Words from the Cross*. In addition to regular Sunday services, special Holy Week services in The Parish of Marysburgh will include: Maundy Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's, Waupoos, and Good Friday, April 6th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Philip's.

Coffee is served in the hall following Sunday service at St. Philip's. On the fourth Sunday of the month we enjoy a pot luck sandwich lunch after church. Good food, good fellowship, and everyone is welcome!

As we begin this holy season of Lent, we invite you to join us for a four part series: *Shaped by Love and Grounded in Jesus*. Based on the Holy Week readings from the Gospel of St. John, this worship and study will begin on Sunday, March 11th at 7:00 pm. The first session will consider John 12: 1-12, Mary's model of discipleship. The series will continue for the following three Sundays and will be lead by The Rev. Canon David Smith, Stewardship and Congregational Development Officer for the Diocese of Ontario. Everyone is welcome.

In addition to smaller projects, the St. Philip's Outreach Committee tries to organize at least one larger project a year. At the moment we are planning an event for June 7th which will look at Canada's complex relationship with First Nations Peoples. We are very honoured that Professor Marlene Brant Castellano, O.C., has accepted an invitation to be our guest speaker with her presentation: *A Contradiction at the Heart of Canada: The Troubled Relationship with First Peoples*. More information to follow.

Keep an eye out for posters in the village about our pot luck suppers/movie nights. We also advertise these in Whattam's Community Calendar. Usually held once a month, everyone is welcome at this admission free event.

We hope to see many of you at our Annual Canoe Trip down Black River on Monday, May 21st. This popular event is always fun with the reward of a Bar-B-Q hot dog lunch at the end of your trip. Many thanks to Karen and Harley Guernsey for allowing us to set off from their lawn at 11:00 a.m., and to Rita Taylor for letting us lunch on her lawn!

If you want more information about St. Philip's or our events, please call Paula Walker at 613-476-6063. Thank you for all your support at the many events we host throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you again this year. God bless!



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Saturday Night Theme Dinners

March 10 - Greece
March 17 - Ireland
March 24 - France
March 31 - Argentina
3 Courses for \$20

Sunday Night Proper English Dinner

March 11th and 25th
3 Courses for \$25

For those with Internet access, please visit my website at
www.milfordbistro.com for details about all the dinners.

All evenings are by reservation only!

All prices are per person and do not
include taxes or gratuities.



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