



Metchosin Muse

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Young Great-Horned owls captured on camera in July by Jo Beels, behind her house on Chapel Heights Drive.

So Far, So Good

BRIAN DOMNEY

With all of western North America enduring unprecedented drought and heat, and a number of catastrophic fires burning in western states and the three western provinces, Metchosin has to this point managed to avoid any major loss of property and structures due to wild-fire. Fire Chief Stephanie Dunlop attributes this to a number of factors. People have generally been careful and responsible (with a few notable exceptions), we don't generally get significant lightning strikes, and perhaps most importantly, several of our Municipal Works crew are also members of the Volunteer Fire Department and have been able to respond to daytime fires significantly faster than a crew of volunteers responding from workplaces all over the CRD. "In one case, we probably saved four homes because our Works crew spotted smoke while working, got an engine on site very quickly, and we were also able to call in mutual aid from Langford and Colwood," says Dunlop.

Response time is a huge factor in minimizing the damage a fire can do. In some cases a fire can double in size in 30 seconds. With the volunteers on the Works Department having the green light from their employer

(the District of Metchosin) to respond to a fire call-out when safety and security is not an issue, the average time for a crew and engine to leave the Fire Hall is reduced from about seven minutes to about two minutes. That five-minute difference has probably resulted in many potentially serious fires being kept to a minor incident.

The Fire Chief also reports that she and her colleagues have been gratified by the great response by the general public to the beach fire ban. "We were able to scale back the beach monitoring as it became apparent that people understood the reason for the ban and were respecting it."

For the first time in the history of Metchosin Day, one of its great features, the Lamb and Salmon Barbecue, has had to be cancelled due to the fire ban. There is still a long way to go before average temperatures drop and we begin to get rainfall, so the Fire Chief wants to emphasize that people should not get complacent about the ongoing risk. "If anyone sees a clear indication of fire, report it immediately. If there is a suspicion of something with no obvious sign of fire, call the Duty Officer at the Fire Hall at 250-478-7770 and a decision can be made quickly on the appropriate response."

Metchosin Day – Sunday, September 13

See www.metchosinday.ca for all you need to know!

MARY GIDNEY

The Sunday after Labour Day is always Metchosin Day. It is a fun day and free for the whole family. Starting at 8:00 am, the 5K run/walk leaves from the Community Hall and ends at the municipal grounds, followed by the Scouts' pancake breakfast. Stick around for the 5K prizes of fresh vegetables and trophies given at the pavilion at 10:30 am. Check the web page to find out how to register.

The pet contest, from the smallest to cutest to hairiest, starts at 11:00 am in the centre of it all – the Village Green. Everyone is a winner.

At noon there are children's games – the old fashioned kind – organized by West-Mont School: three-legged race, water-balloon toss and egg and spoon race, fun for all kids. Island Farms' Farmer Vicki and Daisy the Cow arrive at 12:30 pm with fun and stories for all.

New this year – Yikes Bikes Extravaganza during Metchosin Day – a bike event for all

ages from the youngest bike riders to seniors. Bike rider entrants will receive winners' ribbons for various categories – Best Decorated Bike, Best Costume, Best Bike Accessory, Most Unusual Bike. There will be draw prizes and a display of unique bicycles, such as a six-foot-tall unicycle and an all-wood frame bike that weighs only 19 pounds. Bike entrant registration 1:00–1:30 pm, parade and judging from 1:30–2:30 pm, awards 2:30–3:00 pm.

For the children, the Metchosin Volunteer Fire Department is staging their annual Junior Firefighter Challenge. Come and see how you will do as a firefighter! And check out the Emergency Operations Centre to see if you are prepared for an earthquake or a tsunami.

If you just want to relax, the pavilion offers a full day of free entertainment. You can sit down and listen to local talent of jazz, blues, world,

rock and roll and country. The stage has it all!

Hot or thirsty? Grab a glass of wine, beer or cider in the beer garden. And after listening to the music and having your beer, you can cool off in the dunk tank or take a chance on Chicken Bingo right next door. Guess just where the chicken will drop its poop, win money, and support Scouts.

On our front field there will be an astral show. The Space Bus and models of the solar system and an Ecliptic Calendar will be set up across the field. Sharing the field will be Project Germani, a historical reenactment of the first century BC to the first century AD. Learn about food, crafts, armour, clothing and more.

Another new event this year will be the West Coast Trial Show. Three young Metchosin riders from the local Victoria Motorcycle Club (VMC) here in Metchosin will

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Remains of East Sooke Road fire. Photo by Stephanie Dunlop

If you see any sign of fire, whether smoke in the distance, or a fire on a beach or on a property, immediately call it in to the Fire Hall at 250-478-1307 or the Duty Officer at 250-478-7770.

Important Dates

See also the Events listing on the back page, and for ongoing events, the directory of organizations.

- Aug 28 Film Night: *The Yes Men* pp. 5, 11
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Do You Know What You Need in Order to Vote in October's Federal Election?

BRIAN DOMNEY

The federal government introduced changes to the way Canadians vote in the "Fair Elections Act" of 2014. One of most significant is related to the kind of identification required to vote. The Voter Information Card that many people carry in their wallets is no longer an acceptable piece

of identification for voting purposes. Your drivers licence, a provincial ID card, or a government-issued ID with your picture, name and current address on it will suffice. If you do not have that ID, two pieces of identification, with at least one with your address on it is required to vote. A label

on a prescription container is, but the Voter Information Card is not.

To learn exactly what identification is acceptable, and to check to see if you are registered to vote, go to the Elections Canada website at www.elections.ca.

More on the election in the October *Muse*.

Litterbugs, My Least Favourite Bug

MORALEA MILNE

The "Tragedy of the Commons" is a term used by economists and environmentalists to describe the over-harvest of resources but I also like to use it to describe the disrespect shown to public or common spaces. People who would not throw garbage around their own homes or inside their vehicles feel no compunction about doing so in a public area, if they feel they can get away with it.

A number of years ago Mark Atherton wrote an article for the *Muse*; I believe it was titled "Ditch Witches," a comical take on the amount of litter that can be found along our roadsides. I remember being impressed with his ability to find humour in the state of affairs, much like finding the fun in your funny bone once you've banged it against an immovable object.

Occasionally I walk along Kangaroo Road, from Sooke Road, down through Blinkhorn Nature Park, and back via Lindholm. Not all at once, but in stages, picking up roadside litter. It constantly astonishes me the amount of garbage that is jettisoned out vehicle windows. Who are these people that consider our community roads as their private garbage disposal units? Cigarette butts and fast food containers make up the majority of the trash; people don't mind filling their bodies with garbage, but heaven forbid that their cars and trucks are similarly soiled.

There are certain areas that seem to attract more than their share of litter. There's a stretch just past the Morrow Bridge that appears to be the exact location that a junk food eating jerk disposes of vast quantities of fast food debris. Sometimes it is Mickey D's, sometimes A&W, sometimes Timmies. You have to give this person credit for sharing his/her wealth among the corporate bottom feeders. I wonder if this is a case of stealth eating, scarfing down the garbage before arriving home to someone who would not approve of their commitment to these "food" choices.

The roadsides are also littered with the plastic tips found on cigarillos. Who even smokes those things anymore? My dad did and he died at 58 from the effects of that indulgence.

Living where there is a large bus pull-in and a number of mailboxes brings another set of challenges. Despite the many recycling and safe, clean, waste disposal initiatives available, there are people who dump their unwanted mail on the ground, who unload their bags of rotting garbage, who empty their overflowing ashtrays, throw out soiled Pampers (haven't found any Depends yet). Recently someone

threw out an old framed memento of the Monday, March 10, 1986, World Middleweight Championship Fight between Marvelous Marvin vs John "The Beast" and the NABA Middleweight Title Fight between Thomas "Hitman" vs James. I don't know how they were able to part with such a treasured memory, but leaving the broken frame and shattered glass seems to indicate that perhaps they've taken a few too many blows to their cranium and were not able to function in a responsible manner.

Please consider monitoring along your own roadside property line, once a week or once a month; the garbage clean-up would generally be an easily doable activity and our community would be the better for it.

Metchosin District has recently purchased a quantity of garbage bags that are available FREE to anyone who would like to incorporate a little roadside litter patrol into their walking routine. You are also able to leave the bags of collected roadside litter at the gate to the Public Works Yard any time during regular hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm).

Thank you for helping to protect Metchosin's environment!



The only good kind of litterbug, these "Garbage Gobblers" were a familiar sight to travellers in British Columbia during the 1950s through to the 1970s.

What Was It?

Nobody correctly identified the object in the July/August issue of the *Muse*, which was the dobbie unit from a loom. Better luck next time!

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Pearson College Celebrates Its 40th Anniversary

DANIELLE POPE

"It is an experiment, after all. Put 40 students from all over the world into the same residence, put four to a room from four strikingly different cultures, and see what happens."

– Pearson College Founding Director Jack Matthews

On Sunday, August 9, Metchosin's own Pearson College hosted "Looking Back, Looking Forward" An Afternoon of Reflections and New Beginnings, celebrating the 40th anniversary of this unique institution.

After a special video flashback of Founding Director Jack Matthews, an official welcome by Board Chair Tony Macoun, and a presentation on the Founding Spirit by founding faculty member Marks McAvery, keynote speaker Professor Robert Bothwell, Pearson biographer and Canadian political and foreign policy history specialist presented "Pearson: The Man, The Vision." Pearson's new President Désirée McGraw spoke on "The Next 40 Years of Pearson" and UWC Chair Sir John Daniel spoke on "The UWC Movement: Diversity with Principles."

Sir John announced that Pearson College will be receiving \$1 million in matching funds, as part of the Davis-UWC IMPACT program to support the College's commitment to award places to students based on merit. The gift, made by American philanthropist Shelby M.C. Davis, matches dollar-for-dollar all donations to the College, and is part of a greater \$15-million initiative – spread across all 15 UWC schools – to guarantee talented students can receive a UWC education regardless of their socio-economic background, politics, religion, ethnicity, language or gender.

"The world needs extraordinary leadership to navigate today's complex challenges, tensions and conflicts, as well as to make the most of new opportunities," says Shelby M.C. Davis. "We believe in the potential of UWC students and we believe in the power of leading by example – thus our decision to step up for UWC at this time. We hope many others will join us to provide more UWC scholarships for aspiring youth from all parts of the world."

In a reception in the College's Dining Hall, guests heard from the Honourable Mr. Justice Peter Willcock (Year 1/1976, Canada), Ms. Dolfi Havlovic (Year 1/1976, Canada) and Cornelia Hahn Oberlander, O.C., noted Canadian landscape architect, with a special musical performance by Louise Rose.

Pearson College is one of 15 prestigious United World Colleges around the globe (the



Chair of UWC Office, Sir John Daniel (right) shakes hands with Pearson College Board Chair Tony Macoun after the announcement of Pearson's \$1 million (US) matching gift from Shelby M.C. Davis. Photo by Danielle Pope

only one in Canada), all with a mission to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. The college was founded by a group of visionaries in 1974 as a national memorial to Nobel Prize winner and former Prime Minister of Canada, Lester B. Pearson. Today, more than 3,900 students have graduated from Pearson College.

Pearson College has always had a close relationship with the people of Metchosin, and welcomes their participation in the lives of its students. The generous matching donation by Mr. Davis presents a timely way to double your donation to the College, so consider helping a wonderful institution working to make the world a better place. To learn more about volunteer opportunities with Pearson College, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 250-391-2416 or at dcuthbert@pearsoncollege.ca.

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EMERGENCY PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

British Columbia Emergency Response Management System ... BCERMS for short, but what is it?

THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM

Emergency Program Information Session: BC Emergency Response Management System

Tuesday, September 15, 7:00 pm
Metchosin Fire Hall

Have you ever wondered how an emergency response operates? From the smallest of incidents to the fullest scale disaster, a response is coordinated, organized and controlled.

British Columbia, like many provinces in Canada, has its emergency programs under the auspices of a comprehensive management

scheme. BCERMS provides a framework for a provincial government response to all emergencies and disasters, while simultaneously allowing agency autonomy in the context of multilevel response efforts.

This is your opportunity to become aware of how emergencies are handled federally, provincially and locally. Whose responsibility is whose and how do these levels of government work together? Where does Metchosin fit in? Where do you fit in?

Come find out how this structure works in theory and hear examples of how it functions in a practical sense.

TALK AND WALK

Unless otherwise stated, talks are at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Hall, 4450 Happy Valley Road, located behind the Fire Hall.



Barred Owl catching some zzzzz's. Photo by Moralea Milne

OWLS!

Please join us on at 7:00 pm on Friday, September 18 at the Metchosin Municipal Hall, 4450 Happy Valley Road, for a presentation on owls, one of the most charismatic birds to be found in Metchosin.

After the Talk we will head straight out to the Rocky Point Bird Observation station at Pedder Bay Marina to watch any Saw-whet owls that might pass through their banding nets. There is nothing more adorable than a Saw-whet owl and you wouldn't want to miss seeing one of the fascinating creatures up close and personal!

Contact moraleamilne@gmail.com for further information about these programs.



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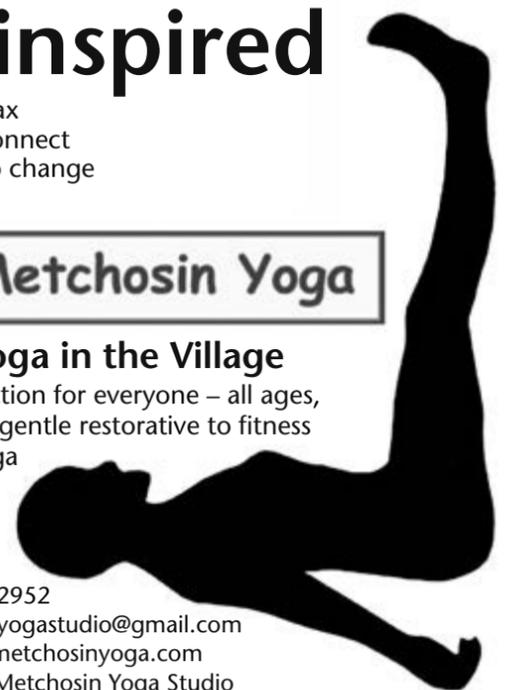
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Funding Available for Community Projects

DAVID KIRKHAM

The West Shore RCMP Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) provides funding for organizations and schools in the West Shore to develop projects that prevent drug and alcohol use, reduce crime and promote public safety. Programs must be community based and not for profit and:

- tailored to meet the needs of a specific school or community,
- involve youth, seniors or at-risk populations,
- promote healthy choices and lifestyle, and
- promote public safety.

In your application, please provide a brief history of your group and details of how the funds will be used. Once your activity or service has been completed, you will be asked to submit receipts showing how the funds were used. You may be asked to provide a presentation in person to CPAC. In the past, funds have been awarded to the Metchosin Emergency Program for the Earthquake House, to students at West-Mont School to support shoreline cleanup, and to a seniors technical education course.

CPAC reviews applications twice a year and provides funding of up to \$500 for each approved project. The amount is determined on how well the project meets the four criteria. The next deadline for applications is September 25, 2015. Applications should be sent to:

West Shore RCMP CPAC
Attn. Cpl. Bryson Hill
Funding Application
698 Atkins Ave.
Victoria, BC V9B 3A4

This information is provided by the West Shore Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC). Metchosin's representative on CPAC is David Kirkham. If you have questions or concerns that you would like raised with the committee, please contact David at: CPAC-Metchosin@googlegroups.com

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Submit a story about them to the *Muse*!



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Metchosin's High-Speed Grandmother

FRED NEVEAUX

Dauna Neveaux and husband Fred have followed their oldest son David's Legend Series World Champion car racing for years. The May long weekend found them in Kelowna, BC for the Knox Mountain Hill Climb. Meeting up with their second son Richard working as Crew Chief, three grandsons – Robert, Mike along with fiancée Courtnea, and Jeffery – working as course safety staff, the family settled in for a weekend of racing.

On Saturday, Brent Thorkelson offered to take people up the race course at full race speed for a donation to Kids for Cancer. Suited up in fire-proof racing suit, gloves, boots and helmet, Dauna was fastened into the six-point safety harness and rolled out to the start line.

Launching off the start, the Porsche 911 quickly accelerated to 150 kph to the first corner, where it was red



Photo by Fred Neveaux

flagged due to an incident farther up the track. Turning around to return to the start, Dauna waved at the family members working the corner who promptly responded with "Grandma! What are you doing in the Porsche?" Launching again she travelled around the ten corners, rising 250 metres over a distance of four kilometres in two minutes with top speeds reaching 180 kph.

Returning to the pit area with the announcer saying she "held the record for the oldest woman to race up the track" and wishing her a Happy 80th Birthday, she was asked how the experience was. She couldn't stop grinning, and telling all about the excitement of racing up the mountain. The grandson's answer was "Go Grandma Go!"



COUNCIL NEWS SEPTEMBER 2015

ASSENT OF THE ELECTORS BY ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS DISPOSAL OF DEDICATED PARKLAND – METCHOSIN PARK CLOSURE 2015 – SPELLMAN/LINDHOLM

The assent of the electors is being sought by way of alternate approval process. The number of electors in the District of Metchosin to which the approval process applies is 3777. District Council will proceed with this matter unless, by the deadline of 4:00 pm, September 4, 2015, at least 10% of the electors, or 377 electors, sign and submit an Elector Response Form. An elector may only sign an Elector Response Form if the person meets the qualifications to vote in a Local General Election in Metchosin.

Elector Response Forms are available upon request at the District of Metchosin Municipal Hall, 4450 Happy Valley Road, Victoria, BC V9C 3Z3, by telephone 250-474-3167, or visit the District of Metchosin website at www.metchosin.ca.

METCHOSIN DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

This is Metchosin's day of celebration which seems to grow every year, the whole event staged by volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours, half a day, or even the whole day, to assist in making this annual event a roaring success, please call Mary Gidney at 250-474-6145, or email her: mgidney@shaw.ca

METCHOSIN BANS BEACH FIRES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

At its Council meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015, the District of Metchosin Council voted unanimously to ban all beach fires effective immediately. The Metchosin Fire Department and CRD Bylaw will be patrolling the beaches to educate and enforce the new regulations. Signs have been posted advising of the beach fire ban.

RESIDENTIAL YARD BURNING

Residential yard and incinerator burning remains closed until the rainy weather arrives. Please check www.metchosin.ca for updated burning information or call the Fire Department at 250-478-1307 before you burn.

DRIVEWAY CULVERT MAINTENANCE

With fall coming upon us, residents are reminded to clear driveway culverts of debris to help prevent flooding. It is also property owners' responsibility to ensure that water and gravel from your driveway does not enter onto the roadway. A permit is required to undertake any work on the municipal roadway, including installation of driveways and culverts.

DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN MEETING SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2015

Below are the meeting dates and times for the upcoming month. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

Standing Committees: Sep 14, 2015, 7:00 pm	Environmental Advisory Committee (MEASC): Sep 22, 2015, 7:00 pm
Council Meeting: Sep 14, 2015, 7:00 pm	Heritage Advisory Committee (HASC): Sep 23, 2015, 7:00 pm
Parks and Trails Advisory Committee (PTASC): Sep 15, 2015, 7:00 pm	

Meetings are subject to change; for updated information please call the district office at 250-474-3167 or refer to the website at www.district.metchosin.bc.ca. Thank you.

SIRC Report

JO MITCHELL

SIRC Parisian Café – Now Metchosin's Premier Social Summer Event

Last summer SIRC held its first Parisian Café on the former Metchosin Elementary School grounds to welcome seniors to a morning of fun, food, entertainment, and good conversation. On June 6, 2015, we held our second Parisian Café. The glorious weather ensured an excellent turnout, not only of many seniors, but a multigenerational attendance just wanting to enjoy a really entertaining Metchosin celebration.

With about 100 people in attendance throughout the morning, a good time was had by all. We feasted on fresh croissants from Patisserie Daniel, and cream puffs with real cream and lavender lemon shortbread courtesy of Michelle McIsaac Nault of M'akola ILBC Housing Society. Copious amounts of tea, coffee, conversation and camaraderie were prevalent throughout the event.

We especially wish to thank our patrons for the event – Capamara Communications, Metchosin Arts and Culture Centre Association, Pure Pharmacy (Latoria), M'akola Housing Society, Milton Carman, Philips Lifeline, Sun Life Financial, Frank Mitchell, and Jane Johnston of Briar Group ReMax. Our hats (berets) go off to you for making this event a success.

A special thanks also to all the volunteers who helped with set-up days before, and

of course, those who helped serve and attend to the needs of those in attendance. To you who attended it was heart warming to have such an animated group enjoying each others' company. Metchosin seniors are truly age-friendly.

Our wandering minstrel, Sharie Epp, kept us entertained as did some members of the Rough Voice Choir. And what would a Parisian Café do without having Plein Aire painters hard at work creating their works of art?

The biggest thank you of all to Metchosin Seniors' Association board member Helen Fletcher, who not only came up with the idea of a Parisian Café for SIRC, but organized the whole event both years with such effortless style.

The weather was superb and now we can start planning for next year's Parisian Café, which has become an annual summer event.

Upcoming SIRC Events/Items of Interest

GOURMET DINNER CREATED BY SOME OF METCHOSIN'S FINEST COOKS.

Copies of the Six Course Dinner Menu (appetizer, soup, salad, main dish, side dishes, dessert) is available for viewing on the SIRC website: <http://metchosinseniors.ca/>

The dinner will be delivered and served in your home, dishes washed, coffee made, and the servers will quietly disappear into the night.

The event is a 2015 fundraiser for the Metchosin Seniors' Association. (SIRC – the Seniors' Information and Resource Centre – is our operational base). All the gourmet cooks have donated their time, expertise, and ingredients

A maximum of 220 tickets will be sold, so your odds of winning are incredibly good! Get your list of eight diners together and start buying tickets now.

Questions? Phone the SIRC office at 250-478-5150.

GEEKS AND GEEZERS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Geeks and Geezers resumed sessions on Wednesday, July 8 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Drop in and we will provide you with assistance on your computer, laptop, iPad, tablet, etc.

Also, if this time is not convenient please call to arrange a time when we might assist you. Telephone 250-478-5150.

SIRC OFFICE HOURS

SIRC (Seniors' Information and Resource Centre), 4495 Happy Valley Road, is located on the ground floor of the former Metchosin Elementary School Building right opposite the Broken Paddle Café. Open times are as follows:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Wednesdays and Fridays, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Call 250-478-5150 for special appointments. Coordinator Colleen Brownlee is always very happy to hear from you with any queries or problems.

Film Night at the Metchosin Community House

RIC PERRON

The Yes Men (83 minutes)

Friday, August 28 at 7:00 pm,

This is a fun movie, and social "justice" in its most ironic form. Not to be confused with the movie *Yes Man*, *The Yes Men*, a culture-jamming activist duo, impersonate entities they dislike, such as the WTO (World Trade Organization), G.W. Bush, and McDonalds with a practice that they call "identity correction."

They operate under the mission statement that lies can expose the truth by creating and maintaining fake websites similar to ones they intend to spoof. This leads the pranksters to numerous interviews, conferences, and TV talk shows. Ultimately, they believe that corporations and governmental organizations often act in dehumanizing ways toward the public.

So Jacques Servin and Igor Vamos impersonate representatives of an organization "as it really ought to be," not what it falsely represents, in order to raise social awareness about what they consider as problematic social issues. It has hilarious moments. It's fun to see what evolves. It feels good.

More Than Honey (93 minutes)

September 25 at 7:00 pm

"If bees were to disappear from the globe, mankind would have four years left to live"
– Albert Einstein.

Numerous colonies of bees have disappeared throughout the world and the causes of this disaster remain unknown. This epidemic is spreading from beehive to beehive all over the planet – billions of bees leaving their hives, never to return. No bodies are found in the immediate surroundings, and no visible predators can be located. In the US, the latest estimates suggest that a total of 1.5 million (out of 2.4 million total beehives) have vanished across 27 states. In Germany, one fourth of all colonies have been destroyed, with losses reaching up to 80% on some farms. The same phenomenon has been observed in Switzerland, France, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Austria, Poland and England. They are calling it "the colony collapse disorder." Should we blame pesticides, bee antibiotics, mites or parasites, or perhaps electromagnetic waves disturbing the magnetite nanoparticles found in the bees' abdomen, weakening the bees' immune defenses?

Suggestions, comments? Please contact Ric at ricnic2@shaw.ca.

Call for Volunteers!

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Young Cedar Waxwing.

Photo by Christina Carrières

Window Worries for Local Wildlife

HEATHER SCHMITT

The same windows that provide us with beautiful vantage points to the natural landscape can pose a significant hazard for local wildlife. Rehabilitation staff and volunteers at BC SPCA Wild ARC treat hundreds of birds each year that suffer injuries after colliding with glass windows. Birds typically hit windows because the glossy surface reflects the surrounding trees and sky, effectively rendering the solid barrier invisible to these fast fliers. Spring and fall bring the highest numbers of these cases, as migrating songbirds travel to new destinations and encounter many glass obstacles along the way.

Currently in care at Wild ARC are species ranging from a fast-flighted Cooper's Hawk, an insect-loving Willow's Flycatcher, and a handsome young Cedar Waxwing, all victims of window strikes. Typical injuries from window collisions include head trauma, fractures, eye ulcers or compromised vision, and ruptured air sacs. While songbirds tend to collide with windows because of the reflected sky and trees, birds like Belted Kingfishers who spend their time near water often collide with glass deck panels that aren't visible as they hunt for fish. Bird-eating raptors like Cooper's Hawks tend to hit windows as they chase small birds that congregate at bird feeders near picture windows.

There's plenty that can be done to minimize the risk of

window collisions. Specially designed window decals (available at Wild ARC, and home supply or nature stores) placed on the outside of windows help alert birds to the presence of glass barriers – they reflect the part of the UV spectrum most visible to birds. For a do-it-yourself fix, strings of beads and shiny items like used CDs hung in front of the glass also provide a visual cue for birds, and the designs and materials can be changed seasonally for a fun outdoor accent! A quick and inexpensive fix to cut the glare on windows is to moisten a bar of soap and rub it over the glass. A film will be left behind as the soap dries, cutting the shiny window reflection. If bird feeders are placed in your yard, consider locating them at a distance from windows to decrease the chances that birds will come into contact with the glass.

If a bird does hit your window, it is always best to contain it (a small box with a secure lid, airholes for ventilation, and a towel in the bottom is best) and call Wild ARC at 250-478-9453 for advice. Often birds that hit windows are simply stunned, and need a little time to recover before flying away. However, impact-related injuries are not always apparent right away. An assessment by a wildlife rehabilitator is always a good idea. The centre is open to help wildlife in distress seven days a week.



The Rural Gardener

by Isabel Tipton

The following article is from *Gardenry*, the newsletter of the Victoria Horticultural Society. Diane is a garden consultant and designer, and Hector retired as the head of Ornamental Horticulture for the City of Victoria.

Diane, when designing gardens in the West Shore, used to phone me for information on what deer ate. No more – she gardens in Fairfield, close to the Oak Bay Border, so has extensive experience with deer.

Gardening in Victoria is pretty much like gardening here, and now they have joined the water watchers, with regulations, not wells, being the main worry.

Information on membership, events, meeting schedules and other pertinent details can be found at www.vichortsociety.org

– Isabel

Ten Mistakes that All Gardeners Make, Including Us!

HECTOR BUSSIÈRE AND DIANE PIERCE

1 Not Considering Height and Width of Space Available.

For 28 years we have had a succession of shrubs in front of a window two and a half feet above ground level. These were plants that wanted to expand, even to 12 feet high! Our intent was to keep them pruned down. Hah, we don't need the extra work, so shrub Number Five is naturally nervous, but is toeing the line. Notice the many apartment blocks that need their CEDRUS deodara (Deodar cedar) logged off. Best Strategy: Give plants the room they will need when mature, and fill gaps with temporary plants that are short-lived such as ERICA and CAL-LUNA (heathers) and LAVANDULA species (lavender). Select plants you won't become emotionally attached to (for example the POTENTILLA used in highway plantings).

2 Does Your Garden Fail to Be Fascinating? Is It Even Boring?

Many of Victoria's gardens are composed almost entirely of small-leaved or all-green plants creating monotony. Add a few large-leaved, variegated, and/or silver-foliaged plants and the garden will perk up.

3 Easy Care vs. High Maintenance.

We are always pleased to have plants requiring a minimum of pruning, VIBURNUM x bodnantense "Dawn" being a fine example. We enjoy pruning (and occasionally horrify each other with the results) but that's all part of our pleasure in gardening. However, we have only so much time so we have few genera that must be divided each year (e.g. PRIMULA species) or species prone to disease and/or insect problems. We are making our garden easier to maintain by replacing perennials (high maintenance) with small shrubs. The difficulty: selecting ones we admire but the deer don't.

4 Pruning Improperly for Plant Rejuvenation.

Hector had one crew member whom he sent to another parks crew when he could not train him out of "balling" shrubs. This technique is fast and easy for condo maintenance crews but

in most cases shrubs build up increasingly tangled and aging branch structures limiting their beauty and ability to generate good branching and flowering. Turning shrubs into balls has its place, but only in select situations.

5 Insufficient and Careless Watering.

This is evident this year after historically low precipitation in May and a very dry spring. Even trees are stressed; some are dying in forests and gardens. Some plants are not putting on much spring growth, especially if watering didn't start until well into May. Best way to learn if your garden soil is dry: take a shovel or trowel and dig a few holes. If soil is dry or cracked, water is needed. Simple.

6 Not Grouping Plants According to Needs.

If plants need shade, put with other shade lovers. If they need moist soil, put them with other water seekers. If they need freely draining, dry and sunny conditions—put them in xeriscape beds. We have one garden corner that is shady, dry and root-bound so we put in plants that can hold their own. CHOISYA ternata (Mexican orange) is a handsome performer here. Your plants will be happier, you will be happier.

7 Not Checking Groundcovers' Spread.

Some plant labels should state "infinity" for spread. We say slightly unkind things to one another about certain plants the other has planted. We discreetly "delete" some of the other's plants. Hector now knows to look deeper in the compost bin for some of his missing treasures. Ornamental hardy GERANIUM, EPIMEDIUM, OXALIS,

POLYGONUM (knotweed) ... We don't trust any of them till we have seen how they behave in the ground... in someone else's garden. Much of our spring garden work is now devoted to removing green invaders we planted.

8 Not Correcting Malnourished Soil.

When you strip off vegetation you must replenish the soil. Mulch is the best choice because you don't need to dig it in, and digging just damages the soil structure anyway. There are various kinds of mulch—choose wisely.

9 Incorrect Planting.

Don't place plants with root balls rising above ground level or buried too deeply. Few plants survive the latter treatment. Avoid pot-bound plants (check for escapee roots coming out of pot drainage holes). The modern recommendation: loosen root balls, even to the extent of cutting off the worst tangles, and washing away soil from the remaining roots.

10 Planting Drain Pluggers, Sidewalk and Shed Heavers.

SALIX (willow), POPULUS (poplar), and ROBINIA (false acacia) all have roots that like to plug perimeter drains, tip over buildings, and heave sidewalks. We planted the majority of our trees on the property perimeter, not against the house, to make tree and shrub roots work harder to find the drains.

Although good advice, these points are dispiriting. But realistic gardeners must both follow their hearts and consider their abilities and available time. Just do things right the first time.



See Tip #4: Pruning Improperly for Plant Rejuvenation.

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Metchosin BioBlitz Celebrates Its Fifth Year

KEM LUTHER

On Friday evening, June 12, 2015, more than 70 guests crowded into the Metchosin Council chambers to mark a major milestone. They were celebrating the fifth year of the Metchosin BioBlitz, the fifth year of counting the district's non-human species.

The Friday evening event doubled as the 76th session of Metchosin's popular Talk and Walk series. Kem Luther began the presentation with a short summary of BioBlitz results. The evening's main event was an illustrated talk by local author and naturalist Andy MacKinnon, who described the complex ways in which fungi cooperate (or not) with plant hosts. Certain plants, the mycoheterotrophs, have parasitic relationships

with fungi. Unable to make their own food – they are non-photosynthetic – they get their food from their fungal partners, who in turn borrow the food from other photosynthetic plants in the environment.

On Saturday morning the experts invited to help with the Metchosin BioBlitz assembled at the Boys and Girls Club's Welcome Hut. Waiting for them were hot coffee/tea and cinnamon buns fresh from Martha Haylor's oven. Some of the birders, coordinated by the omnipresent Ann Nightingale, had started their survey as soon as it was light enough to see. Once everyone was assembled, organizers grouped the 60-plus participants – a record number for the Metchosin BioBlitzes – into several teams and assigned them locations for

the morning foray. This year the focus of the surveys was on the provincial land parcels that lie within the borders of Metchosin.

BioBlitz searchers returned at noon for fresh assignments. Waiting for them were boxes of pizza donated by My-Chosen Café and Pizza, bread and rolls from Cobbs Westshore, vegetable trays from the Langford Costco, and homemade soups prepared by Karyn Woodland, Brian Domney, and Mairi MacKinnon. The experts also picked up their thank-you gifts – potted native plants from James and Kristen Miskelly's Saanich Native Plants.

Species searchers returned from the afternoon forays about 4:00 pm. Over cold drinks and sweets donated by the Royal Bay Bakery they swapped stories about the day's results. Some weeks later, when the searchers' reports were in and the numbers were tallied, the BioBlitz organizers found that 900 observations of 540 distinct species had been added to the BioBlitz database. A dozen of these species fell into the provincial "at risk" and "endangered" categories. The 2015 BioBlitz added almost 120 new species to the BioBlitz and MycoBlitz data, bringing the grand total of species for the five years of the study to 2150. Because the 2015 BioBlitz occurred later in the spring than previous Metchosin BioBlitzes, the species experts were able to find a number of moths, grasses, and birds that had not been previously counted.

New species finds this year included a lizard, a moth, a rare estuary plant, a parasite, and a raptor. The lizard was the invasive European Wall Lizard (*Podarcis muralis*), spotted by a homeowner on Duke Road. This reptile, which escaped from a Saanich



Ceanothus Silkmoth. Kem Luther photo

zoo in the 1970s, is gradually spreading across the Greater Victoria area. Two different teams found the spectacular Ceanothus Silkmoth (*Hyalophora euryalus*). The wingspan of this giant moth can reach ten centimetres. Metchosin hosts one of the eight known Canadian stands of the red-listed Contorted-pod Evening-primrose (*Camissonia contorta*). On Camas Hill, Moralea Milne found California Broomrape (*Orobanche californica*), a plant which has no leaves, totally relying for its sustenance on the gumweeds and asters to which its roots are attached. The BioBlitz birders heard a Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor*. The nighthawk arrives in our area in late spring. It flies at dusk and after dark, so the best clue that it is present is a sharp "peent" sound overhead.

Pictures from the event and species lists can be found on the BioBlitz web site at <http://metchosinbiodiversity.com>. The Metchosin Biodiversity Project acknowledges, in addition to the angels mentioned above, the generous financial support of CRD Parks, the Victoria Natural History Society, and the Metchosin Foundation. Thanks also to the District of Metchosin and the Boys and Girls Club for the use of their facilities.



A group of researchers, led by James Miskelly (right), prepare to survey Spellman Park during the 2015 Metchosin BioBlitz. Photo by Kristen Miskelly



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be demonstrating Motorcycle Trials at Metchosin Day on the front field of the Municipal Grounds near the Bike Jump. The sport is performed on specialized motorcycles that are lightweight with no seat and are ridden standing up. The motor sport involves riding over obstacles, logs, walls and giant triangles. The goal is for the rider to manoeuvre the bike in a manner that requires focused balance involving complete control of throttle and machine. The fewer the points collected, the more skilled the rider proves himself to be. Spectators will have an opportunity to speak with the riders and see their bikes up close between demonstrations. These young men are demonstrating their sport in an effort to promote it to other young people. For more information about the Victoria Motorcycle Club or anything to do with Motorcycle Trials riding, please go to www.vmc.bc.ca/.

More than 100 vendors will be set up on the village green. Here is a chance to see everything from CRD Parks, the environment, sheep shearing, pottery, jewellery, produce, dog treats and more. The Metchosin Cricket Association will be teaching us again this year all about cricket. Learn how the game is played and try your hand at batting.

If you need to take a break and sit for a bit, the Community House will be offering tea and scones. Sit and relax while you take in the photography contest. Added to the community house this year will be an acoustic stage.

Wander over to Old Barn Books where you will find a selection of books for everyone. The Pioneer Metchosin showcases our history, a must see if you haven't been there yet. A vintage car display is right beside the barn. Check out some of those oldtimers.

Food is available all day. Scouts Canada will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers. Mr. Softie has ice cream and the Lions cool you down with snow cones. Doughnuts and pulled pork sandwiches are available just beside the stage. The Community House offers hot buttered corn on the cob. Galloping Goose sausages can fill you up. Want a coffee? The Red Wagon Espresso will be available near the food vendors.

At 2:00 pm the Mayor and Councillors will honour the Citizen of the Year, the Volunteer and Volunteer Group of the Year and the Friend of the Earth Award. Come and show your appreciation for these people who have done so much for Metchosin.

In the Council Chambers there is a chance to view the winning pies, cakes, cupcakes, and produce. Yummy! Buy a

ticket for the grand prize pie or the grand prize cake. Watch for a chance to buy some of those winning entries.

Around the grounds at Metchosin Day you can watch and be part of the Malahat Marauders, the Ranns water pump, blacksmiths, weavers, dunk tank, backhoe and hayrides for kids, and more!

The Metchosin Equestrian Society puts on horse displays each year. Check out the riding ring for events taking place all day. This year there are demonstrations every half hour. Check the details at www.metchosinday.ca

Sadly, one of the great features of Metchosin Day, **the Lamb and Salmon Barbecue has had to be cancelled this year because of the provincial open fire ban.** But don't despair – as mentioned earlier, there will be plenty of food vendors so you do not have to worry about going away hungry.

Not only is Metchosin Day free, so is the parking. There is space for hundreds of cars next to the village green. Enter off Happy Valley Road and exit out Rocky Point Road.

And last but not least, VOLUNTEERS. Metchosin Day works because of the volunteers. If you would like to help out for one or two hours or more, please give Mary Gidney a call at 250-474-6145 or email at mgidney@shaw.ca

This is the final year that Mary will be chairing the Metchosin Day Committee. If you are interested in learning more about how it all comes together, please contact her, and she will be glad to share the information. Thanks.

See you at Metchosin Day.

Art-in-the-Yard as a new Feature in the Metchosin Day Activities

BETTY HILDRETH

In 2015 a new ingredient will add a dash of flavour to this annual event.

The Metchosin Arts and Cultural Centre Association (MACCA) will host the traditionally sponsored Photography Contest and as always the entries will be on display inside the Metchosin Community House. Amateur photographers are reminded to be sure they submit their prized photos to share with viewers. (Remember the deadline for submissions is Friday, September 11 at 4:00 pm as the judging and hanging takes place on Saturday morning in advance of the Sunday's display).

In order to spice things up, Art-in-the-Yard will be the new ingredient for this year. Held on the Metchosin Community House grounds, plans include a demonstration of performing and visual arts.

There will be a canopy-covered display featuring harps and harp music presented by Allison Marshal. Allison will welcome interested viewers to try out some of her instruments and also listen to a selection of her musical numbers.

As well, there will be several 45-minute sets of staged music played by a variety of artists including:

- the One Man Band,
- a famous singer/song writer/ guitarist who will "Rope" in your attention, and
- a children's entertainer.

In other sections of the Metchosin Community House yard there will be a variety of visual arts on display and being demonstrated, including painting, carving, and sketching.

For a relaxing break from the crowds and frantic excitement of Metchosin Day's main area, wander over towards the Metchosin Community House (adjacent to the Fire Hall). Sit on the shaded veranda, enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and a plate of Granny's Apple Berry Cobbler (created by the Metchosin Community Association's volunteer bakers) and savor "up close and personal" some of the arts and culture of our area.

More details on the website: metchosinday.com

Tell them you saw it in the *Muse!*

The Dogless in Metchosin Day 5K Run/Walk

ANDY MACKINNON

Metchosin Day 2015 kicks off (steps out?) with the 22nd annual Metchosin Day 5K run/walk. This fun family event starts at 8:00 am at the Metchosin Community Hall, and ends five gently rolling kilometres later at the Metchosin Fairgrounds. The route is the same as last year's: southwest on William Head Road to Lombard, up Lombard to the Galloping Goose, north along the Goose across Rocky Point, then Walpole, Morland, Winfall, north on Rocky Point to Happy Valley, and east on Happy Valley to the finish. And please leave pooches at home – no dogs are allowed in the event.

Registration forms can be picked up (and dropped off) at Metchosin Country Store and at Frontrunners Westshore (Goldstream Ave., Langford). Registration is \$8 for under 19, \$10 for adults, and \$20 for families (up to four members). Cheques should be made payable to Andy MacKinnon. You can also register online at www.raceonline.ca. Registrations will be accepted online and at the Metchosin Country Store and Frontrunners until 6:00 pm, Thursday, September 10. After that there's the more expensive Race Day Registration Sunday, September 13, 7:00–7:45 am at the Metchosin Community Hall. Race day registration is \$15 (all ages) and \$30 for families.

There will be awards for rapid runners in various age classes. There will also be draw prizes for all participants, rapid or not, including a draw to win a beautiful new mountain bike.

For more information about Metchosin Day 5K run/walk, contact Andy MacKinnon (metchosinmacs@gmail.com, 250-478-8232).

Cobbler Café

Calm and Cool Reprieve at Metchosin Day

BETTY HILDRETH

Join us for our home-baked cobbler along with a cup of fresh coffee or tea. Pull up a chair on the covered veranda or inside the Metchosin Community House (adjacent to the Fire Hall) and take a break.

Wander past some of the visual art demonstrations in the yard while the tea is steeping and the coffee is brewing. There is nothing like Granny's Apple Berry Cobbler to sample the local flavours of our blackberries and early apples.

While you are eating, enjoy listening to some renowned musicians "unplugged," up close and personal. View the Photography Contest entries and see who won Best of Show; the display is on the walls inside the Metchosin Community House.

This venue is the best-kept secret of Metchosin Day.



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A sampling of the late-summer fruits in the 2014 produce contest.

Produce Competition

Join the “grow local” revolution and take part in the Metchosin Day Produce Contest. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. No pre-entry needed.

Drop off entries at Metchosin Council Chamber between 9:00 and 11:30 am on Metchosin Day. Produce should be entered in the categories specified below. Bring a paper plate to display produce and write your name, address and telephone number and any special information about variety, especially heritage variety. Include age if you are a junior entry (under 12). It is great to find as many juniors as adults entering in all categories. Judging will take place between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm. Come and see the amazing display in the afternoon. Produce should be picked up in late afternoon. Heritage varieties are MOST welcome at the festival. Happy Growing!!

Vegetables

Peas, shell/snap – 6 pods
Pole Beans – 3 specimens
Cauliflower – 1 head
Broccoli – 1 head
Beets – 3 only
Carrots – Bunch of 3 tied with tops
Corn, Sweet – 3 cobs, one stripped
Garlic – 3 bulbs
Onions – 3 specimens

Peppers, hot, named – 3 specimens
Radishes – 3 specimens
Tomatoes, stems on, named – 3 only
Tomatoes, cherry, any colour – 3 only
Squash, named variety – 1 specimen
Giant Pumpkin/Squash, named – 1 only
Longest Bean – 1 specimen
Longest Carrot – 1 specimen
Longest Zucchini
Largest Sunflower head, one foot stem
Largest Potato – 1 only
Weirdest looking vegetable – 1 only

Fruit

Apples, named variety – 3 only
Pears, named variety – 3 only
Plums & prunes – 5 only
Blackberries – 5 only
Melon, named variety – 1 only

And finally,

Cut Flower Arrangement in a Vase
Vegetable Basket Assortment, representing a farm or garden
Preserves
Jams and Jellies

Note: These will be judged on appearance only.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer at 250-881-8280.

Metchosin Day Cakes and Pies Competition and Sale

BETTY HILDRETH

Put on your aprons and warm up the oven to get ready for the Metchosin Day Baking Competition on Sunday, September 13. Entries should be dropped off at the Metchosin Council Chambers between 9:30 and 11:30 am on Sunday morning. Late entries will not be accepted. Judging will take place from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm and viewing will be from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Competition entries, with the exception of junior and youth entries, will be sold throughout the day as a fundraiser for the Metchosin Community Association. Please take note of the following categories and instructions:

Cake categories:

Chocolate
General (i.e., butter, egg or nut cakes)
Junior (ages 6–11)
Youth (ages 12–16)

Pie categories:

Apple
Berry
General (i.e., fruit or nut pies)
Junior (ages 6–11)
Youth (ages 12–16)

Be creative and consider naming your entry. All crusts and fillings should be made from scratch. Decorations should be edible. Disposable platters or pie plates are preferred. If you do use your own baking

dish, please place your name and phone number on the bottom.

The “Best of Show” cake and pie will be raffled off. There will be \$2 raffle tickets for sale at the contest area all day.

Adult entries will be sold to the public throughout the day, and can be picked up at 3 pm, so keep an eye on which entry you may wish to take home! Bakers will be given first priority to purchase their entries. Cakes for \$20 and pies for \$15.

Visit the Metchosin Day website for more information: www.metchosinday.ca. Good luck and happy baking!

Metchosin Equestrian Society at Metchosin Day

The Metchosin Equestrian Society has a great day of events planned for Metchosin Day at the Riding Ring (4450 Happy Valley Road). Early birds can enjoy a coffee and breakfast sandwich or a lunchtime hotdog from our concession under the grandstand as you watch the Manestream Vaulters perform gymnastics on horseback. There will be lots of action and variety as local trainers and coaches, horses and riders demonstrate their specialized skills throughout the day. A complete schedule of events and times will be posted on the Metchosin Day website (www.metchosinday.ca).

On the Pavilion Stage at Metchosin Day

LESLIE PRESTON

	Start	End
5 K Race Awards	10:30 am	11:15 am
Peter Willing	11:15 am	11:45 am
Shauna Janz	11:45 am	12:15 pm
Sarah and Lara	12:15 pm	12:45 pm
Fat Cat	12:45 pm	1:30 pm
Pearson College	1:30 pm	2:15 pm
Mayor and Council Presentations	2:15 pm	2:45 pm
Hart + Stone	2:45 pm	3:45 pm
Jesse and Joel	3:45 pm	4:30 pm
CURL	4:30 pm	5:30 pm
Paradise Street	5:30 pm	6:30 pm

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Something Old and Something New in the Sooke Philharmonic's 2015-2016 Season



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A lot of familiar faces and several new ones are lined up for the 2015-2016 Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra's upcoming season.

Familiar to our audiences will be Rae Gallimore, the winner of the 2015 Don Chrysler Concerto Competition, who will perform Bartók's viola concerto in the October concerts. Gallimore played Telemann's viola concerto at the Chamber Players concert last November. Another familiar face is Cari Burdett, mezzo-soprano, who was part of the Bach Christmas Oratorio a few years ago. This year she will be hitting a lighter note when she entertains us in the February Tea & Symphony concert. And, of course, no Sooke Philharmonic season would be complete without Nancy Washeim, soprano. She will be part of the December concerts, performing some

of our favourite movements from Messiah.

New this year will be Robin and Marijn Butterfield, two young sisters, who will perform the Finale from the Bach Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor at the December concerts. Another new (to us) face is that of Alana Despins, French horn, who will take part in the June concerts and perform the Richard Strauss Horn Concerto No. 1 in D flat. Despins is the Principal Horn of the Victoria Symphony.

Sooke and Victoria audiences will also meet Nicholas Fairbank, our new Choral Director and Conductor who, with the Sooke Philharmonic Chorus, will be part of the December and March concerts. Fairbank is an organist and composer. He conducts the Via Choralis Chamber Choir and is the Music Director of the First Unitarian Church in Victoria.

Some of the coming year's venues will be new to us as

well. In October the orchestra will perform in West Shore instead of Victoria, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Langford as well as at the Sooke Community Hall. The December concerts will take place in the Sooke Baptist Church as usual, but instead of being held in Metchosin, the second concert will be held in the Quarterdeck Ballroom at Royal Roads University. The March concerts, with the Chamber Players and Sooke Philharmonic Chorus, will take place in Sooke at the Baptist Church as well as the new Royal Bay Secondary School in Colwood, which will also be the venue for the June concert; the Sooke June concert will be held as usual in the Community Hall.

The upcoming programme for October will include many delights, old and new: the Dvořák New World Symphony, Mozart's Haffner Symphony, the Elgar Enigma Variations, as well as Bartók's

viola concerto and Strauss's horn concerto.

Of course we look forward to the return of our Maestro Norman Nelson, for the Sooke Philharmonic's 18th season!

The season will, as usual, include the Don Chrysler Concerto Competition (April 23), the Sooke Harbour Chamber Music Workshop (May 15 to 21), the Sooke Secret Garden Tour (June 5), and of course the Fling (July 10).

For full details about our upcoming season, please consult our brochures or find us online at www.sookephil.ca.

The Sooke Philharmonic Society, Orchestra, Chorus, soloists and conductors hope you are looking forward to it as much as they are!



Rae Gallimore, viola of the Sooke Philharmonic.

Rough Voice Choir

BARB SAWATSKY

Heading into its second year, the Rough Voice Choir is set to begin another rousing season on Monday, September 14 at the Metchosin Community House, 4430 Happy Valley Road next to the Fire Hall. This drop-in, non-performance singing group meets for song and laughter and socializing on the second and fourth Mondays of most months from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Join us in singing some new and some old-time songs accompanied by piano, guitar and ukulele. If you are interested in leading songs or playing an instrument, please phone Sharie at 250-478-8400. We welcome people of all ages and all or no singing abilities. Suggested donation is \$2 per person.

Questions? Call Barb at 250-478-0553.

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SHEILA MOULT

Metchosin's Four Part Harmony singing group is starting with a bang this September 22. New director Glenna Garramone will lead a free workshop to welcome everyone who might be interested – those who enjoyed our first season and those who just want to check it out. No auditions, no choir or musical experience is necessary. We will practice each Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for ten weeks after that.

Imagine yourself singing with other voices, learning songs by the Beatles, Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell and other great songwriters of our time. Join us as we learn to sing in a group setting, listen to one another, and sing for the joy of it in a beautiful room. Our group welcomes beginner singers with no previous experience, as well as more experienced singers, and everyone in between.

Our new leader, Glenna Garramone, is a young professional musician who completed the Community Choir Leadership Training

in 2011. She is the founder and director of The Pandora Chorus, an indie-pop-rock choir in Victoria, and plays with several folk and indie pop groups, including Tower of Song, and Shane Koyczan and The Short Story Long. She first began singing in a church choir at five years old, and continued to sing in chamber and jazz choirs for the following 15 years.

For details, to register or just to ask more questions, call Diana Smith at 778-432-4386, email dsmith2006@shaw.ca or visit us at Metchosin Day!



Apple-Bee Festival

Stressed that some personal information may have been hacked on a notorious website? Mark your calendars – the 2015 Apple-Bee Festival is coming on Sunday, October 4. This is your opportunity to peel away all pretence and enjoy a tart, or a little honey, with no worry. On the other hand, you could examine your core values and stem your urges.



HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Metchosin Community House 4430 Happy Valley Road Info: 250-478-5155

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Ongoing Programs

Mondays

Vancouver Island Health Authority Adult Day Program – 9:00 am–3:30 pm. Contact Mobile program coordinator Ken Hillicke at 250-213-2440.

Pearson College Students Outreach – 3:00–4:30 pm. Helping seniors and youth in our community. Invite Pearson College students to visit or help with a project. Particularly aimed at Metchosin seniors, but call 250-478-5155 and leave a message for Jane Hammond or John Hollemans, to see if you might be eligible. The program will restart in September.

Knitting Café. On the first and third Mondays monthly, 7:00–9:00 pm, and on the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly, 1:00–3:00 pm, knitters of all skill levels, including beginners, are welcome to this informal and friendly get-together. For information call Laura, 250-478-1197, or send an email to laura.farquharson@shaw.ca. Note: no Knitting Café on Monday, September 7.

Singalong – Metchosin Rough Voice Choir – The Rough Voice Choir meets at the Community House on the second and fourth Monday each month from 7:00–9:00 pm. All are welcome to join us at this fun, drop-in sing-along group where a good singing voice is not a requirement. \$3/person; \$5/family. Contact Barb Sawatsky (250-478-0553). The program will restart again on September 14.

Tuesdays

Drop-In Painters Art Group. This friendly and supportive group of artists and hobbyists meets Tuesday mornings 9:30 am–12:00 noon at the MCH. Everyone is welcome. The program will restart September 1.

Knitting Cafe – 1:00–3:00 pm. See the Monday listing for contact information.

Games Afternoon. Every third Tuesday of each month from 1:00–3:00 pm. Bring a game of your choice, bring a friend and a snack if so inclined, and prepare to have some fun. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesdays

Vancouver Island Health Authority Adult Day Program – 9:00 am–3:30 pm (see Monday for details).

Garden Club Meetings – 7:30–9:00 pm – Metchosin Garden Club. Our enthusiastic and informative club features a guest speaker on relevant garden topics on the first Wednesday of every month (except January, June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 pm. Membership is \$10/year or \$2 for drop-in visitors. For more information call Suze Bowen (250-298-7877) or email suzebowen@shaw.ca.

Thursdays

Creative Rug Hooking – First and third Thursdays, 10:30 am–1:30 pm, led by Sheila Stewart, certified Instructor of Traditional Rug Hooking. Beginners are welcome, but contact Sheila (250-595-6406, blueheronstudio@telus.net) to discuss needed supplies. Experienced rug hookers are invited to bring their own projects. Bring a bag lunch; tea and coffee available. No fees but a donation jar is available to cover refreshment costs. Starting again September 3.

Community Potluck Lunch – Last Thursday of each month, 12 noon–1:30 pm. All welcome.

Fridays

Parent and Tot Program – 9:30–11:30 am. Calling all Metchosin tots! The Parent and Tot Drop-In program invites moms, dads, caregivers and their young children to join us Friday mornings for our community Parent and Tot program. Children will enjoy our new toys, books and craft opportunities. Parents will enjoy our relaxed, supportive environment, parent resource library and opportunities to connect with other parents and kids. We look forward to seeing you and your little ones. For more information please call Nina at 250-590-2540 or email dalenina@shaw.ca

Pearson Student Teatime Drop-In – 2:45–4:30 pm. Enjoy a cup of tea and conversation with international students from Pearson College. The program will restart in September.

Film Nights – 7:00–9:00 pm. August 28: *The Yes Men*, and September 25: *More Than Honey*. See p. 5 for more information.

Events

“Gen-Next” Metchosin Day Kick-Off Party – A new MCA event for Metchosin's younger generations aged mid-20s to mid-50s. Please join us for local food and brews and live music. This is a 1980s-themed event to celebrate Metchosin's incorporation in 1984. Friday, September 11, 7:00 pm to midnight, at the Metchosin Community Hall. Tickets available at the Community House.

MCA at Metchosin Day – Sunday, September 13. Watch for notices announcing the friendly competitions sponsored by the MCA: Pie Baking Contest / Cake Baking Contest / Photo Contest. Come visit the Metchosin Community House-sponsored Corn Booth for a steaming and delicious cob of Island-fresh corn. When you are ready for rest and refreshment in a quiet setting, wander over to the Community House Tea Room. Each year the Metchosin Community Association is integrally involved in Metchosin Day. We are looking for an hour or two from volunteers who may be willing to assist in coordinating or to help with some of these activities:

- Set up and/or take down
- Strawberry Tearoom
- Photo Contest
- Pie and Cake Baking Contest
- Dinner Dessert Sales
- Corn Booth
- Rest Area canopy

It is always great fun being involved in helping to make this community event the special day we've come to enjoy.

Check out the Metchosin Day website at www.metchosinday.ca or contact the Metchosin Community House Office at 250-478-5155.

See you at the Fair!

Foot Care Program – The last Monday of each month a foot care nurse offers foot care services. Appointments are half an hour and cost \$40. Appointments are between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm. Please call 250-664-6810 to book.

The Art on the Walls program offers the House as a wonderful venue for artists to show and display their works. For more information, please call the MCH at 250-478-5155.

Chicken Farming in Zanzibar

MONA NAKHJAVANI-BOSSI

Chicken Farming in Zanzibar
Saturday, September 19, 7:00 pm
Metchosin Community House

You are invited to an evening presentation on how a social development project provided opportunity, employment, values, knowledge and skills that enabled a group of orphans to effectively contribute in positive ways to their community.

In 2014 Sharon Welsh, a West Shore resident, volunteered in an orphanage in Zanzibar. Her main role was to assess the needs of the older youth as they prepared to leave the orphanage. She soon realized that there were limited opportunities for the youth when they left the orphanage and that helping them find "employment" was unrealistic for the situation. Through a number of twists and turns her exploration of options led her to set up a chicken farm. With a team of about 20 young men, a farm that can produce 600 broiler chickens each month and house about 250 layer chickens was constructed in 2015. This presentation will share a little about this adventure and people involved.

Come join us at the Metchosin Community House for this presentation followed by an open discussion with comments, questions and answers. Light finger food refreshments will be served.

And let's not forget those living in the West Shore who may also need our assistance; donations to the food bank will be most welcome.

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A Successful Cemetery Tour

GAERT LINNAEA

The Heritage Cemetery Tour was a great success this year with over 100 members of the public from Metchosin, Victoria, and other municipalities attending on Sunday August 16 at Metchosin's Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

The weather was fine, and this year Doug Ruth was inside the church proudly pointing out a beautiful 1950s photograph of the church. This photograph, which was donated by Christopher Pratt, is believed to have been taken by Nicholas Morant, who took many of the CPR photographs. There was also another photo displayed on the bench outside the church which depicts a large group of Metchosinites in 1937 when an oak tree was planted in commemoration of the Coronation of King George. Two guided tours were conducted by the knowledgeable Andrew Spray who offered a Discovery Hunt with the theme being "Road Names of Metchosin."

The lovely harp and keyboard music was provided by Allison Marshall and her students - Willow Hamilton on harp, Arwyn Ferguson and Ariana Rymer on keyboard piano. A canopy and chairs were set outside to encourage



Andrew Spray addresses an interested audience in the St Mary of the Virgin Cemetery Tour.
Photo by Barb Sawatsky

folks to sit and enjoy the music. Refreshments included "R.I.P." iced cookies and a lovely array of home-baked lemon cupcakes and scrumptious squares.

Attendees enjoyed tea in the Parish Hall and generously donated \$340 to the Churchyard Committee which will pay for the restoration of the wooden crosses and for the purchase of name plaques for these crosses. There was great interest in the history of our pioneer community of Metchosin and many

suggested the tour take place each year rather than every two years.

Thank you all who attended and generously donated to keep this historic churchyard in good order. Thank you also to the musicians who played, to those members of the Churchyard Committee, the Museum Society and the District's Heritage Committee who helped out with organizing and assisting with this year's tour.

Dance Like Nobody's Watching

JOHNNY CARLINE

You know how lambs and baby deer jump and dash about in seemingly uncontrolled frolics - well, I think they are dancing. Whirling around with no apparent purpose except the pure joy in exuberant, care-free motion. For me, that is dancing.

I admit that it is certainly not the idea of dancing that I grew up with. My Mom loved ballroom dancing and would float around a dance floor with wonderful grace, rarely with my Dad though. His attempt at a waltz looked like a man trying to march wearing underwear that had got into a very uncomfortable place. And his quickstep would have been grounds for any policeman to request a breath sample. Everything I know about ballroom dancing I learned from my father.

Then along came Rock and Roll and jiving. For a teenager, that was a lot more fun and you could almost get away with faking it. But I attended a boys' school and dances were almost my only opportunity to meet and impress sweet young ladies. So to improve my chances, I went to jive school.

"PUSH your partner away," the instructor barked, "she spins, you catch and you PULL her back, put some ENERGY into it now, she spins and you catch again."

I almost got it; just that second catch let me down. My partner went careening into the fireplace. Fortunately the fire was out. But so was I. Not expelled exactly. It was

just suggested, in that oh-so-English way, that I might be better suited to some other form of recreation.

Not to worry, by my university days even the formalities of jive had disappeared and dancing had evolved to any free-form movement you wanted. Finally this was dancing I could do and, encouraged by the music of the Animals, the Moody Blues and similar bands that still played at dances, I learned to shed any shyness and just let go. I didn't look like a lamb or a baby deer, but I felt like them.

It had a surprising impact on my life. My flatmate in Waterloo, Ontario, arranged for a blind date with his girlfriend's visiting friend. She was very pretty but I wasn't sure she was my type. Likewise, she showed little enthusiasm about me. But there was music and so I asked her to dance.

I couldn't believe how she moved; and the way she smiled when she danced didn't hurt either. I knew within minutes. She took a week or two longer. But as I write, our 45th anniversary is just around the corner. And it started with a dance.

Then came disco, John Travolta and the return of "dance steps." Before I knew it, it was the 80s with snappy clothes, big hair and the Moonwalk, just when I had arrived at business suits, falling hair and walking crying babies in evening hours.

But when we could get to dance, we did. It is true that my moonwalk looked more like Neil Armstrong in his lunar boots than Michael Jackson and his famous glove. But I no longer cared about such things. Remember the popular saying that includes the phrase: dance like nobody's watching? I learned that philosophy from my sons. It works.

Now, courtesy of the MCA, we have the chance to relive some of those joys of dancing in the 80s, 90s and 2000s. The event is a Metchosin Day curtain raiser on September 11. It is aimed at an audience of people 55 and under (as Maxwell Smart would say: "I missed it by that much") but the event needs volunteers, which is one way a slightly over 55-year-old might get in.

But whether you are 25 or 55, the simplest way to get in is by buying a ticket. If you ever had big hair, likely you don't have it anymore, and your moonwalk might have been behind a cloud for a while. But my bet is that sense of joy when you hear the music you loved hasn't gone and that urge to move to it when you hear it is still there.

So don't let this pass you by. Grab a ticket (\$15 from the Metchosin Community House) and a partner and go dance like nobody's watching. It is a joyous feeling, and we all can use a bit of that from time to time.

Doug Clement Photography

BARB SAWATSKY

After months of receiving beautifully composed photographs on Facebook from friends in Victoria, Vancouver, Prince George and even from Prince Edward Island, I finally realized that all of those I liked best were taken by the same photographer and that I had met him a year ago in Metchosin.

I first became acquainted with Doug Clement when he accompanied his delightful wife, Mitoki, last year while she sold her unique breads and other baked goods at the Metchosin Farmers' Market. At the time, they lived in Colwood but told me that they were keeping an eye on properties in Metchosin. When an opportunity arose to purchase a panabode on a quiet two-acre property, they made the move and now live not too far from our house. (I would have written "over the hill" from our house but my birthday is looming and I'm becoming very sensitive to that phrase.)

Doug had his beginnings in photography at the age of ten when he acquired a Kodak Instamatic camera and set about preserving his young life through pictures of his Gonzales neighbourhood: dogs, family, neighbours. This interest stayed with him because "I was always into art. Pen and ink drawings, clay, papier maché, album covers for bands in the 1980s, so this is really a branch of what I had already been doing."

In the summer of 1997 he travelled to and photographed every city, village, and settlement on Vancouver Island. Visiting Japan in 2011, he bought his first digital SLR Canon and because he wanted to shoot panoramas which required a manual setting, he also purchased a tripod. He began to see layering in photographs: foreground, middle and background and realized that this was the beginning of the need to become more disciplined. Returning to Victoria, he shot thousands of hours of videos and shorts for a CHEK program called Victoria Moments.

With many accomplishments already under his belt,

it was on Friday, July 13, 2012 at 3:30 am as he was cycling home from work, that a storm hit Victoria. As his camera and tripod are always with him, he stopped on Tyee Rd. and managed to get two spectacular pictures of lightning strikes in one hour. Posting them on his website and on I Love Downtown Victoria, his photograph went viral on Facebook and Twitter, resulting in a phone call from CHEK-TV for an interview about the experience. Thousands of "Likes" later, Doug has worked "for every major hotel in town" taking promotional photographs.

His eye manages to zero in on unusual cloud formations, night scenes, differing effects of light on nature, etc. He has been approached by an art gallery to do a show but is unsure of the exact date.

Doug Clement has boundless energy but admits that it is very difficult to promote his photography business. Working full-time at his "day job," maintaining his new home and raising two young boys with his wife, doesn't leave much time for seeking out opportunities to take pictures, so I am in awe of the number of photographs he takes and posts every day.

Commuting daily to Victoria uses up a lot of time but Doug is happy in his new space in the country. "The garden, the chickens and ducks, the dark night skies and the slower life style are all worth the drive," he says. He loves the fact that Metchosin has



Rainbow, Metchosin

"so many unique people and all of their homes are unique as well. ... There are no cookie cutter subdivisions. Every property and every house is different from the next. It's a great community." Metchosin is blessed to have newcomers who appreciate what, to us who have lived here for years, makes this community truly special. Welcome to Metchosin, Doug, Mitoki, Jin and Rocky Clement.

To view his website and to order his prints of Metchosin and Victoria, go to Doug Clement Photography online or contact him by email at dougclement@yahoo.ca.



Creepy Pond

Where in the World Is Metchosin?

BRIAN DOMNEY

There were a few raised eyebrows when folks checked Google Earth to find the answers to our quiz last issue. It's funny how misleading maps can be. So here are the answers in bold to the quiz:

1. **True** or False – Metchosin lies further east than Vanderhoof. *Metchosin sits a little over 30 kilometres further east than Vanderhoof.*

2. Which place on the west coast of North America is due west of the point the Titanic sank?

- Prince Rupert
- Metchosin

c. **Crescent Beach, California**

This one is perhaps the most unlikely. The ship hit an iceberg, for heaven's sake ...

3. The Galapagos Islands lie about 1000 kilometres west of the coast of Ecuador. If you went due north from the Galapagos Islands, you would:

- Pass through Metchosin
- Pass between Winnipeg and Toronto, about 3500 kilometres east of Metchosin.** *Toronto lies almost exactly due north of Quito, the capital of Ecuador.*
- Pass over Lake Louise, in the Rocky Mountains

4. **True** or False – Metchosin lies further south than Paris, France. *We're a little over 50 kilometres closer to the equator than our friends in Paris.*

So there it is. If you haven't already, use Google Earth to check them all out, and while you're at it, confirm that Metchosin is the part of Canada furthest south, west of the Ontario/Manitoba border; and that you go west to east when you go through the Panama Canal from the Caribbean to the Pacific.

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14TH JUAN DE FUCA (METCHOSIN) SCOUTS CANADA



Scout badge trading at the Townsite Elliott Cove at PJ. Photo by Curtis Becker

Scouting is an exciting, adventuresome organization of dynamic youth where friendships are made, skills learned, communities and environments explored, all while learning, which translates into having FUN! It is never too late to join scouting.

Beaver Scouts are youth aged five to seven. They meet weekly, learning new games, working on interesting crafts, doing a lot of outdoor activities and sports, and generally having a great time.

Cub Scouts are youth aged eight to ten. They also meet weekly doing more challenging crafts, games and outdoor activities while building up critical thinking skills and understanding group dynamics in a supportive learning environment.

Scouts are youth aged 11 to 14. In their weekly meetings, Scouts will learn more advanced outdoor skills such as planning and preparing for camps, first aid, light weight or snow camping and outdoor survival techniques.

Venture Scouts is for youth aged 14 to 18. They meet regularly, and generally plan their own program. They have done activities which involve the outdoors and physical activity, ranging from laser tag and bowling to week-long ocean-going canoe excursions. Venturers also have the option of Vocational Venturers which specialize in career-oriented roles. The Venturers' motto is "Challenge" and with that we often find Venturers assisting at various community activities supporting and mentoring in a variety of challenging roles.

Rovers is for youth aged 18 to 26. They will meet as per their schedule, and can work towards a major activity. Their mandate generally benefits the community directly as they help at a variety of events.

All sections may have area, provincial, national, or even international events. This past summer saw close to 2,500 Scouts from around the world participate in the week-long Pacific Jamboree. There they participated in diverse activities such as logger sports, scuba diving, kayaking and even fencing!

All scouting youth are expected to interact with their community, whether this be building and maintaining trails, planting native plant species or removing invasive ones, working in the community garden or helping seniors or other groups. These activities are some of the most rewarding for the youth as they experience how rewarding it is to help others.

The 14th Juan de Fuca (Metchosin) registration and information night will be Monday, September 14 at 6:30 pm at the Metchosin Community Hall; or stop by our information booth at Metchosin Day, next to the Dunk Tank, on Sunday, September 13.

Please take a moment to read what scouting is all about at www.scouts.ca. Any time is a good time to join us!

For more information, please contact us by emailing us at 14juandefuca@victoriascouts.ca.



14th Leaders, Curtis Becker and Sandra Meyer, joined in on the fun at PJ. Photo by Curtis Becker

14th Juan de Fuca at Camp Skeeter

MARKUS MEYER

The 14th Juan de Fuca Venturer company spent their May long weekend at Nanaimo's Camp Caillet, participating in Camp Skeeter: The Musical. Throughout the four days, our Venturers spent their time partaking in musical-themed activities such as extreme musical chairs, nightly dances and karaoke, among others. They spent time catching up with old friends, as well as making new ones from Venturer groups across British Columbia. Our Venturers also finished in second place in the camp's annual scavenger hunt, taking home a jigsaw puzzle as their prize. It was a beautiful four days, and our Venturers all had a fantastic time!

2015 Salish Sea Adventures Pacific Jamboree

SANDRA MEYER

This July, over 2,500 Scouts, Venturers and Leaders came from all over Canada and the world to our very own Camp Barnard for the 2015 Salish Sea Adventures Pacific Jamboree (PJ)! Some of our local youth from both the 14th and 9th Juan de Fuca Troops had the amazing opportunity to participate in this week-long event which only happens every four years.

And what a week it was! The youth were exposed to a myriad of activities throughout the week. They went geocaching, learned the art of fencing and tested their skills on the high-tree obstacle course (made in part by members of our very own Venturer company!). They also tested their skill on Stand Up Paddleboards in the cool waters at Whiffin Spit. Other highlights of the week were learning how to scuba dive and kayak at the Naden Base in Esquimalt. It was a week no one is going to forget!

Besides the planned activities, there were many other fun events on site. One of the most popular free-time activities for Scouts and Leaders alike was the worldwide Scouting tradition of badge trading. This was an opportunity to share and trade badges of every sort! There was also swimming, log rolling and water trampolines for everyone to enjoy. Another event enjoyed by many was the nightly talent shows. Many talented youth stepped on stage to share their flair.

This was also a week of independence for the Scouts. From setting up camp to preparing every meal for the entire week, the youth did it all. As a leader, it was an opportunity to watch not only our own youth, but youth from many different places enjoy this incredible opportunity. Without a doubt, lifelong friendships and memories were made – yet another example of the powerful, positive influence of the Scouting movement.

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JULY 1-31, 2015

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Jul 01	William Head Road – Beach Fire	Albert Head Rd – Medical	
	Happy Valley Road – Misc. Complaint	Jul 16	Woodruff Road – Medical
Jul 04	William Head Road – Open Burn		Metchosin Road – Brush Fire
	Barrow Road – Brush Fire	Jul 17	Metchosin – Open Burn
	Boblaw Road – Open Burn		William Head Road – Medical
	William Head Road – Beach Fire	Jul 19	Aquarius Road – Medical
	Grant Road Sooke – Structure Fire	Jul 20	Rocky Point Road – Medical
Jul 05	Glen Forest Way – Medical		Albert Head Rd – Medical
	Ferncliffe – Misc. Complaint	Jul 22	Happy Valley Road – Misc. Complaint
	Hackamore Drive – Public Assistance		Albert Head Rd – Commercial Alarm Bells
	Derrien Place – Medical	Jul 23	Albert Head Rd – HazMat
Jul 07	Sooke Road – MVI	Jul 24	Kaltasin Road – Structure Fire
Jul 09	East Sooke Road – Misc. Complaint	Jul 25	LaBonne Road – Medical
	East Sooke Road – Medical		Happy Valley Road – Medical
	Sooke Road – Vehicle Fire		Happy Valley Road – Medical
	Spellman Place – Alarm Bells		Sooke – Brush Fire
Jul 10	Chapel Heights Drive – Medical	Jul 26	Glen Forest Way – Medical
	Park Drive – Medical		East Sooke Road – MVI
Jul 11	Boulderpath Road – Brush Fire	Jul 28	Whale View Crescent – Structure Fire
	Elna Road – Medical	Jul 29	Weirs Beach – Beach Fire
Jul 12	Kangaroo Road – MVI		Happy Valley Road – Public Assistance
	Albert Head Road – Commercial Alarm Bells		Ferncliffe – Brush Fire
Jul 13	William Head Road – Beach Fire	Jul 30	William Head Road – Brush Fire
Jul 14	Glen Forest Way – Brush Fire		Happy Valley Road – Brush Fire
Jul 15	William Head Road – Beach Fire		

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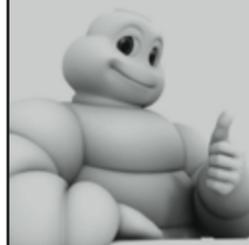
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BY CPL. BRIAN KERR, CENTRAL SAANICH POLICE

- Jul 15 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of person throwing out a cigarette.
Sooke Road – Complaint of possible impaired driver, not located.
- Jul 16 **Arden Road** – Complaint of suspicious vehicle, vehicle located and not a problem.
Sooke Road – Assistance provided to Sooke for a barricaded person, vehicle/suspect located on Sooke Road where he was arrested, investigation continuing.
- Jul 17 **William Head Road** – Assistance provided to the Coroner's Service regarding sudden death.
- Jul 18 **Lindholm Road** – Complaint of loud party, home owner spoken to.
Leeffield Road – Complaint of loud music, music stopped prior to attending.
Sooke Road – Complaint of possible impaired driver, vehicle located and driver found to be sober.
Sooke Road – Complaint of an impaired driver, vehicle not located.
Aquarius Road – Complaint of loud noise.
Metchosin area – Complaint of a person being sexually assaulted, still under investigation.
Sooke Road – Complaint of person on cell phone while driving, driver later warned.
- Jul 19 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of domestic dispute.
Matheson Lake – Complaint of impaired driver, vehicle not located.
- Jul 20 **Metchosin Road** – Complaint of bear observed on the golf course.
- Jul 21 **Albert Head** – Complaint of persons drinking in a vehicle, given warning.
Duke Road area – Complaint of person refusing to leave a residence, departed prior to police arrival.
Metchosin Road area – Complaint of unsafe storage of firearms, several firearms seized, investigation continuing.
- Jul 22 **Happy Valley Road** – Complaint of deer hit by vehicle.
- Jul 23 **Happy Valley Road** – Complaint of vehicle being driven erratically.
William Head Road area – Complaint of erratic driver, vehicle stopped and driver investigated for impaired driving, vehicle impounded.
Sooke Road – Complaint of an impaired driver, vehicle not located.
- Jul 24 **Duke Road** – Complaint of abandoned vehicle.
Happy Valley Road – Assistance provided to Coroner's office regarding a sudden death.
- Jul 25 **Metchosin Road** – Complaint of youths drinking alcohol in a vehicle, vehicle not located.
Neild Road – Complaint of suspicious vehicle, vehicle located and no problems noted.
- Jul 26 **East Sooke Road** – Single vehicle accident, no injuries, driver facing several Motor Vehicle Act charges.
Glen Forest Way – Assistance provided to the Ambulance Service.
Glen Forest Way area – Complaint of theft from a residence.
Kangaroo Road – Complaint of single vehicle accident, driver investigated for impaired driving, no injuries.
- Jul 27 **Liberty Drive** – Complaint of on-line harassment.
- Jul 28 **Glen Forest Way area** – Complaint of a disturbance, one person given warning.
Sooke Road – Complaint of disturbance on a bus, female escorted off the bus and arrested.
Glen Forest Way area – Complaint of threats to a person, one person given warning.
- Jul 30 **Neild Road** – Complaint of suspicious vehicle, gone on arrival.

Rocky Point Road area – Complaint of possible fraud involving a credit card.

- Jul 31 **Happy Valley Road area** – Complaint of breach of peace, one person spoken to.
- Aug 02 **Pedder Bay Marina** – Complaint of dog bitten by another dog, turned over to CRD Bylaws.
Albert Head Road – Vehicle stopped by Military Police, driver found to be under the influence by a drug, investigation continuing.
- Aug 03 **Happy Valley Road** – Complaint of person driving a vehicle while smoking marijuana, vehicle not located.
- Aug 04 **Rocky Point Road** – Complaint of a domestic dispute, no assault.
Happy Valley Road – Complaint of theft of a bike.
Rocky Point Road – Complaint of breach of the peace.
- Aug 06 **Kangaroo Road** – Complaint of shots being fired, extensive patrols requested.
William Head Road – Complaint of two vehicle accident, no injuries, rear end collision.
Rocky Point Road – Complaint of a disturbance, no one located.
- Aug 07 **Happy Valley Road** – Complaint of accident, person was towing a trailer which came unhitched and slammed into the vehicle towing it.
Rocky Point Road – Complaint of threats, one person warned but not charged.
Happy Valley Road – Complaint of erratic driver, vehicle not located.
- Aug 09 **Lindholm Road** – Complaint of theft from vehicle. Licence plate stolen.
La Bonne Road – Complaint of suspicious vehicle, not located.
- Aug 11 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of erratic driver, vehicle all over the road, vehicle located by Sooke RCMP
- Aug 12 **Taylor Beach** – Complaint of male exposing himself, not located.
- Aug 13 **Happy Valley Road area** – Complaint of possible fraud.
McVicker Road – Complaint of one person killed, another injured after crane tipped over, investigation continuing.
Farhill Road – Complaint of youths partying on the beach.
- Aug 14 **William Head Road area** – Complaint of possible fraud involving a credit card, still under investigation.
Kangaroo Road – Complaint of suspicious vehicle, vehicle located and not a problem.
Farhill Road – Complaint of youths partying on the beach.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month and can be dropped off at Metchosin Country Store.

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2015 Terry Fox Run/Walk, Sunday, September 20, 1 km, 5 km, or 10 km. Suitable for bikes and rollerblades, wheelchairs and strollers. PLEASE NOTE VENUE CHANGE – Royal Roads University. Registration: 9:00 am, run start: 10:00 am. Event close: 2:00 pm.

CRD September events in our area: Please visit the CRD website for information: <https://crd.bc.ca/about/events>

For more on events of interest to Metchosinites, see "Important Dates," page 1.

Directory of Organizations

The following is contact information for not-for-profit organizations, but fuller descriptions are given in the "Directory of Metchosin," available at the Municipal Hall and the Community House. Brief articles highlighting special events should be mailed to metmuse@shaw.ca by the 15th of each month, as should any amendments or additions to this list.

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