

BANAR

We have had a great Run... *and now for something different!*



by Lynn Sewell

In September 2003, with an idea and a group of great Blackburn friends and residents, we started the first Run for the Cure for Breast Cancer in Blackburn Hamlet. With only three weeks to organize, the event was a great success and with over one hundred residents and friends taking part, raised \$6,700.

The group who got it together consisted of Bill and Dannie Horne, June Miller, Sue and Paul Walsh, Kathy Greenlaw, the late

Ken Greenlaw, Christie Greenlaw-Dolan, Marty Dolan, Andrew Greenlaw, Pam Thornton and Michele Cliff, Eric Sewell and myself. We continued to work each year, always bringing enthusiasm and new ideas.

Over the next two years, the dollars raised increased by approximately \$2,000 each year. In 2006, Freedom 55's Team joined our event and each year after, \$12,000 with the Great West Life match-up program was raised.

To date, the Blackburn event raised over to \$143,000. Not only did the event raise money, but it raised awareness of the disease and involved the community both within Blackburn and beyond.

The businesses in Blackburn also contributed to the success of the event and became a social event as well a fundraiser. Businesses donated food for the pre/post gatherings, gifts for the draw

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The next meeting is on September 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Blackburn Hamlet Library Branch on Glen Park Drive. I look forward to seeing you there.

Even though we haven't been meeting, the BCA has been active in the community throughout the summer months.

I have been working with the **Eastern Ontario Resource Centre on a joint effort to run the Friday night youth drop-in at the Community Hall**. More information will be coming about our support of this program and the benefits it provides to the young people in our community.

The BCA has also supported the Dapo Agoro Foundation for Peace with a donation to help run its annual community event which promotes non-violence among youth in our community. The event, which took

place on August 27, is another way for us to reach out to our young people with a positive message.

The **survey that was being conducted to collect your opinion on the Community Hall expansion** is now over and the results are being tabulated. I will have completed a report on our findings in time for the September BCA meeting and I encourage anyone who is interested in the results to either attend, contact me at llczekaj@yahoo.ca or check our website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca.

On **October 6th there will a provincial election**. As a service to the community we will be teaming up with the Chapel Hill South Community Association to host a **All Candidates Debate**. Time and location has yet to be determined so we will post that information on our community website as soon as it is available.

And, as always, if you have any questions or concerns about our community or the BCA, feel free to contact me, or any of the BCA directors by phone or email. All of our contact information is on the website and in the Banar.

Laura Dudas



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| Pet Pride Event | Kayla Dudas |
| Student Volunteer co-ordinator | Ali Yassine |
| Friday night events: BMX/ Skateboard competition and Hip Hop dance Demonstration organized by Stephanie Cesar Young from the Eastern Ontario Resource Centre. | |

Ontario Provincial Election

Thursday, October 6th

As a service to the community we will be teaming up with the Chapel Hill South Community Association to host a local All Candidates Debate. Time and location as of yet has to be determined so we will post that information on our community website as soon as it is available—www.blackburnhamlet.ca.

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Fun Fair 2011 — great day for all

by Trisha Cloutier, Chairperson

Great times and great entertainment were enjoyed by all who attended this year's Fun Fair. It was an excellent way for our community to start the summer off. Once again Blackburn residents demonstrated an abundance of community spirit. Because of the nice weather there was a successful turn out throughout the weekend. Everyone who helped plan and organize this year's Fun Fair were extremely pleased with how smoothly everything came together.

The food drive during the parade, also done last year, was once again a success and a symbol of how our community comes together to help one another. The Saint Joseph Store House in Blackburn has seen the generosity from our community grow each year.

The community games and tug-of-war competitions were especially popular. Everyone loved to see the tug-of-war matchup between the police and fire departments. This aspect of the Fun Fair could become one of the main attractions of the fair. Great fun was had by all who participated as well as those that watched.

The live entertainment on Saturday was incredible; it is absolutely amazing the abundance of talented people in Blackburn. We will need to find a way to showcase more local talent next year as there was definitely no shortage of people to fill the stage for the day. As the day turned to evening it was wonderful to see hundreds of people come out to watch the beautiful fireworks display.

Every year more and more volunteers come to help us with the Fun Fair. This



year our teenage population got involved. Our Pet Pride event was taken on and organized by a local teen and she did an incredible job. The teens that came out to volunteer will be the next generation that will contribute to our community events and it is incredible to work alongside these future community leaders.

It is especially rewarding and extremely fun to plan a signature event for Blackburn and work with such talented volunteers. There would not be a Fun Fair without the teamwork, support, and effort that these people put in. I am very thankful for all of their help.

Thanks also to the local businesses and organizations that sponsored this year's Fun Fair, as well as those who made personal contributions. Blackburn is a wonderful place to live—the people and businesses in our community are generous and supportive.

Please feel free to check out the list of this year's sponsors and the pictures from this year's event on our Fun Fair website at www.blackburnfunfair.ca

We are already looking forward to getting started on next year's Fun Fair weekend, and my hope is that it keeps getting better and better every year!



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Blackburn Cancer Fundraiser (cont'd from page 1)

and some very generous cash donations. Anyone who came to the event enjoyed the socialization, the draw and silent auction, signing the banners, and the community spirit that was greatly evident. Evelyn Budd and the Banar helped publicize the event and Helen Rousseau with her camera always kept the Blackburn website up-to-date on the Run. We had great support from our councillor Rainer Bloess, the Blackburn Community Association, MPP Phil McNeely and MP Royal Galipeau. They all supported the event and I believe saw the many benefits from the local event.

During these years, the support from the Breast Cancer Foundation was less than enthusiastic to say the least. I had hoped with each year that this would change, however it has not. Their strong preference would be for us to take part in the big event downtown. We have never competed with the downtown run, only offered a different venue for those who did not like the largeness of the event. All money raised in Blackburn was credited to the Ottawa-Gatineau Run.

Following last years' event we had our wind-up meeting in November. Eric, myself and the committee decided we

were no longer prepared to organize the event.

However, there is now a new plan in the works to have a Blackburn event possibly in October or November, with the benefactor being local cancer research/treatment or needed equipment. Watch for more details.

Blackburn is amazing and I am sure will welcome and support a new event that will raise money for a great cause and give the community a chance to gather together.

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Fall cleanup and transpo changes coming September

by Rainer Bloess, City of Ottawa

As the summer of 2011 winds down, the remarkable heat and humidity of the past few months seem to have brought out the worst in some area residents with an unusually high number of reports of graffiti both in Blackburn Hamlet and across the City. Although the number of individuals involved is undoubtedly small it has been a challenge to keep up with the surge in vandalism.

In response to the increased incidence of offences in the Hamlet, we conducted a **community cleanup blitz by the City's graffiti removal crew**. As well, organizations such as Canada Post and Bell Canada have been asked to complete a voluntary cleanup of their assets and Police have stepped up surveillance in Blackburn neighbourhoods. While this blitz has produced visible results, it will take a cooperative effort on the part of all of us to eradicate the problem over the long term. Residents can report graffiti on any public or private property within the City online at the City's website for subsequent removal as quickly as possible. The faster graffiti is removed, the less desirable a property becomes to vandals.

Anyone witnessing graffiti vandalism in progress is witnessing a crime and should call 911 immediately. Catching perpetrators in the act is the one sure way to eliminate the problem, especially given the fact that most are repeat offenders who will "tag" a number of sites in succession. I encourage all of you to commit as well to remaining watchful at all times and to report any suspicious

behaviour to the police. Graffiti not only mars our community's public image but cleanup costs divert much needed funds from valuable community programs and projects. We all lose when this vandalism goes unchecked.

Anyone witnessing graffiti vandalism in progress is witnessing a crime and should call 911 immediately

Regular OC Transpo riders will have noticed green markers on some bus stops to advise of changes coming into effect on September 4. These markers, and a web site (www.checkyourroute.ca) are part of OC Transpo's "Check Your Route" campaign to advise riders of adjustments that might impact their bus trips this fall.

Although 95% of users will see no route changes, the adjustments have eliminated some low frequency routes

and reduced service on some other less-used routes. In spite of an exhaustive consultation process to fine tune this necessary streamlining process, some individuals will inevitably be inconvenienced as they adjust to new service patterns. These changes however will help us to keep costs down and to create a more reliable, efficient and sustainable transit system for the future. Savings will total nearly \$20 million in 2012, all while moving record numbers of riders across a rapidly growing City. The second quarter of 2011 alone saw a 9.9% increase in ridership over the same period in 2010.

Clearly, in Ottawa as in any modern metropolitan centre, public transit must constantly adapt both to remain financially viable and to adjust to changing demographics and new development.

If you have any comments or questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-580-2472 or at rainer.bloess@ottawa.ca.

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Blessed are the peacemakers

Each year the Dapo Agoro Foundation for Peace presents an award to students from Good Shepherd, Lester B Person and Gloucester Schools who have demonstrated the values of peaceful conflict resolution and respect for others. This year the awards were presented to Gabriela Umanzor (Gloucester), Joshua Hamzeh (Lester B Person), Jessica Agpoon and Paul Agpoon (Good Shepherd).

The foundation also provides support to those who have been affected by youth violence, aims to promote non-violence among youth and focuses on the negative impacts of violence with emphasis on crimes involving knives.

Nine years ago on June 8th, 2002, Blackburn was shaken by the death of 19-year-old Oladapo (Dapo) Agoro.



Dapo's family at the memorial rock located at the Blackburn Community Hall

Dapo was the much loved son of Bashir and Abiola, the cherished brother of Shoal and Moji, and the respected friend of hundreds of young people in Blackburn Hamlet and Gloucester. Sadly, Dapo was murdered at a downtown bar after he tried to intervene and stop a fight.

Born in Ottawa on September 11, 1982, Dapo started school at St. Luke's Catholic School before moving to Good Shepherd for grades 3 to 6. He then attended grades 7 to 12 at Lester B. Person High School. Dapo was a natural athlete. He excelled in basketball, volleyball, soccer and track and field. He stood for peace.

Each year on the last Saturday of August, hundreds of Dapo's family and friends celebrate Dapo's life with a community BBQ at the Blackburn Community Hall. This year the event was held on August 27th from noon until 8 p.m. Visit the website at dapoagorofoundation.org for more information on the Dapo Agoro Foundation for Peace and to view pictures of the celebration held on August 27th.

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Preschool celebrates 40 years of fun and learning

On Sunday October 23rd, Blackburn Hamlet Preschool will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. The school invites past and present students and their families to come and join in the festivities. School alumni are encouraged to come and share memories of the school, and parents of prospective students are also welcome to visit and learn more about the school and its programs.

This Blackburn Hamlet institution opened in November 1971 with an enrollment of 70 students. Named Blackburn Hamlet Co-operative Nursery School at the time, the school was originally located in a portable behind École Ste-Marie. The school took its present name—Blackburn Hamlet Preschool—in 1974, and in the following year moved to its current location east of the Blackburn Arena. Over 3,000 children and their families have attended the school and been part of this thriving community during the past four decades. The school continues to operate as a co-operative, where parents participate through in-class assistance as well as by fulfilling various administrative duties such as sitting on its Board of Directors or on one of the many committees.

Currently, the school offers three programs: one for toddlers (between 18-30 months), one for pre-schoolers (between 2.5-4 years), and an afternoon program for children in junior or senior kindergarten. Throughout its programs, the school encourages independence and the development of self-worth, fosters development of positive attitudes

towards school and learning, and promotes physical, social, emotional,

*Come & Celebrate
October 23, 1-4 pm*

and intellectual development in all of its students.

The anniversary celebration will be held at the school between 1 and 4 pm. Cake and punch will be served and there will be activities for the children. We look forward to seeing many members of the Blackburn Hamlet community in attendance.

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Remembering Mr. Eldon Kemp

by Stan Kowala

On May 22, 2011 we lost a long-time volunteer/mentor in the Blackburn Hamlet community. Eldon Kemp was born and raised in Blackburn and passed away in his 90th year. He leaves behind a legacy of community involvement that traces back to the early days when individuals like him took charge and did whatever they could to improve the quality of life for their families.

I first met Mr. Kemp during my childhood days in Blackburn Corners (as it was known then). As a kid you never thought of, "How did this outdoor rink get here?" or "Who started the wood stove in the shack?" ...you just showed up and enjoyed it. But eventually you come to realize that the same person, who you would always see around



the rink, was indeed the man behind the scenes who made it all happen.

However, Mr. Kemp's volunteerism didn't stop at the rink. He spent many years as a Cub leader, as well as helping organize other community events, such as winter carnivals, Halloween parties and who could forget the 1967 Centennial celebration, when he decided to enter the beard growing contest and walk the 40 miles (64.3 km) in the first Miles for Millions.

Coming from his background as a machinist, he had the creative ability to design and fabricate just about anything you could imagine. When it came to anything mechanical, he was your go-to man. In fact, the original Bozo the Clown dunking tank for the Blackburn Fun Fair was one of Mr. Kemp's creations.

Later in years, I got to know Eldon (as he preferred I call him) on a different level. We both worked at the National Research Council and it was there he started the first NRC Fish and Game Club. Organizing family fishing derbies was his specialty. As we both shared the same passion for the great outdoors, I had the pleasure of hunting and fishing with Eldon for many, many years.

Eldon Kemp was one of the true trail blazers of Blackburn. He taught us all so much about family and community involvement...may his legacy live on.

Eldon was the husband of Lois Kemp, father of seven children, grandfather of 22 and great-grandfather of 11. He was a veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy and served his country from 1942-1945. He received the Governor General's Long Service Award for 25 years in the Scouting movement. Eldon was a school trustee of Blackburn Public School, a long time member/elder of the Rothwell United Church and active in the creation of the church building in 1961. As a founding member and on the board of the Blackburn Community Association for over 35 years, he was especially active in activities for Blackburn's young people including the annual Fun Fair, hockey teams and four decades of building outdoor ice rinks. His first community volunteer job had been to light the wood stove in Blackburn's one-room schoolhouse early on cold mornings.



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Held on the last Friday of each month beginning September 30 and going to May 25th (with a break in December), from 7:30 to 9 pm, the Discovery Café features experts in a variety of fields who give a brief talk on topical matters at a general interest level followed by an opportunity for Q&A. Desserts, coffee and tea are provided.

Art Studio Tour Success

The Orléans Art Studios Tour organizers would like to thank all those who visited and patronized local artists as well as generous sponsors and community supporters. Twenty-four artists proudly displayed their work at 12 different studio-sites in Orléans and Blackburn Hamlet.

The draw for the \$300 voucher for any work of art from the participating artists was conducted on June 18 at the Orleans store of Wallack's. Store Manager Michael Moffat drew the entry of Chantal Pomerleau of Orléans.

The Tour is an annual showcase of Ottawa East End artists that traditionally takes place in June. The tour was founded in 2007 by Marielle Dubois, a local Orleans artist, with 19 artists and 9 studios.

You are encouraged to visit www.oast.ca to see what new creations are being made and also the dates for upcoming exhibitions.

Sept. 30: Dr. David Miller, NSERC Chair, Professor of Biochemistry at Carleton University, NSERC Industrial Research Chair: Fungal Toxins and Allergens. "There's a Fungus Among Us" Learn about air quality in homes and how it affects our health.

Oct. 28: Dr Malcolm Butler, Dean of Science at Carleton University. "Seeking Answers to Big Questions from Small Particles. " Probing questions on the

origins of the universe! Dr Butler has been involved in Canadian-based experiments and will give a talk on what makes the theoretical physicist tick and why such questions are important.

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The Café is hosted and held at the Blackburn Hamlet Community Church located at 2598 Innes Road.

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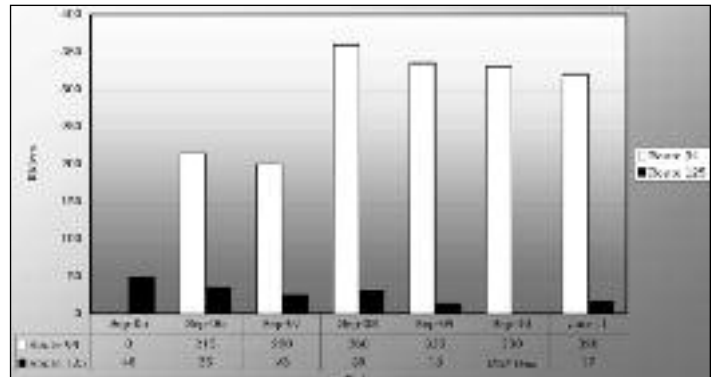
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by Laurent Robillard-Cardinal

You might have noticed a missing OC Transpo route in the Hamlet. That's because on the night of September 3, at 11:55 pm, the 125 made its way through meandering streets from Place d'Orléans to Hurdman Station for the last time. According to the Jocelyne Turner, Media Relations Officer for the OC Transpo, "Route 125 was not canceled, rather it has been combined with other routes," said Turner. For example, the western part of Route 125 was combined with Route 121, while the section of Route 125 east of Blair Road was replaced by the new Route 134.

The changes are part of the Network Optimization Plan that aims to save \$22 million yearly. According to Turner, "the plan will help create a more direct, reliable, and efficient transit system for our customers."

For most Blackburnians the change is inconsequential. "When I take the bus I usually take the 94 to get to work," said Blackburn resident Martha Lee. The OC Transpo decided that increasing the frequency of Route 94 on Innes and keeping the 128 was the logical solution. Since the inauguration of the 94 in 2006, transit in Blackburn



Ridership on Rts 94 and 125 in Blackburn 2005–2011. Chart summarizes ridership levels to and from stops in Blackburn counting customers boarding and alighting separately.

significantly changed. "With Route 94 in place, ridership within our community has grown dramatically," said Councillor Rainer Bloess. According to Bloess, "most customers were using the 94 and fewer were using Route 125." Despite the adjustments, "95 percent of our clientele remain within a five-minute walk to a stop for peak service and ten minutes for off-peak," said Bloess.

With changes to over 100 routes OC Transpo's aim is to have the transit system better meet the needs of the riders.



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Signed, sealed, let's hope he delivers

by Laurent Robillard-Cardinal

Blackburn Hamlet's own Mark Fraser agreed to terms on a new deal for the 2011-2012 NHL season with the New Jersey Devils. "It's definitely a load off, I'm pretty happy with my new contract," said Mark Fraser. With that behind him, Fraser will concentrate his energy elsewhere, "now I can specifically focus on improving my game," said the 2005 third-round pick.

When the Blackburn Hamlet native inked his deal, he avoided arbitration for another consecutive year and secured a one-way, one-year \$550,000 deal. "I'm happy to have avoided arbitration, often times it leaves a sour taste in one or both of the party's mouth," said Fraser.

While he locked up a contract for a third season in a row, there is no guarantee

Fraser will have a spot on the Devils blue line. New Jersey will have a difficult time selecting the final roster with Fraser, Mark Fayne, Matt Corrente, Jay Leach, and Matt Taormina fighting for the final four spots on the back end. However, Fraser remains positive. "I think I bring something different to the table, my style is unique within the D-core," said the stay-at-home defenseman, "especially after the departure of Colin White to the Sharks."

Plagued with misfortunes—a broken hand and healthy scratches—the 24-year-old had difficulties displaying his skill last year. The physical D-man amassed no goals, two assists and 29 penalty minutes in 26 games. This year Fraser is hoping for a fresh start, "there were many off-season changes that will hopefully open doors for me," said



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Fraser. "New coaches have come in that know me and know my hard-working style." The new chief in Newark, Peter DeBoer, knows Fraser since he coached him in Kitchener. "Regardless, I know I still need to prove myself," said Fraser.

Blackburn Hamlet residents will have the chance to see the former Blackburn Stinger in Ottawa on January 2nd and March 20th when the Devils face-off against the Senators.



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Voici quelques phrases des synthèses faites par les équipes lors du voyage de la 4e cie St-Claude du 3-16 juillet dernier. Le 4 juillet fut une journée de route vers Les Mosses.

Guten abend à tous! Deux autobus, un train et un bateau plus tard, nous étions au Chateau de Chillon. Saviez-vous que chillon est synonym de rocher, qui est une coïncidence puisqu'il est construit sur un rocher. Pour souper au chalet nous allons manger des côtelettes de porc, du riz, des tomates et de la sauce aux pommes. MIAM!

Aujourd'hui on a pu dormir jusqu'à 9:40 car tout le monde était mort de fatigue. Nous nous rendons doucement au Lac Lioson mais Sonia ne nous avait pas dit que c'était 4km en montant. On avait chaud en arrivant en haut et notre solution géniale a été de sauter dans un lac de 12 degrés! BRRR! Ensuite on a mangé DE LA FONDUE AU FROMAGE avec beaucoup de vin dedans.

Schokolade...chocolat et gruyere. Six heures du matin nous sommes reveillés au son de la musique. Un autobus, 2 trains et une longue marche plus tard, nous sommes enfin rendu à la chocolaterie Cailler. C'était le PARADIS pour toutes!!! Après une visite intéressante et une longue dégustation, nous



avons pris 5 lbs, nous nous sommes dirigées vers la fromagerie. Par la suite nous avons eu 2 hres de magasinage...montres, canifs...En tout 13 km de marche ! Dessert de ce soir: Fondu au chocolat.

Aujourd'hui nous partons pour visiter le Lac sous-terrain à St-Léonard en se rendant à St-Niklaus. La vue est tellement belle, nous voyons de la neige, des montagnes et en bas un petit village. Tout le monde a hâte d'arriver car nos sacs commencent à être très lourds.

Un levé tôt pour Audrey et Sophie qui ont marché 25 minutes en montagne pour aller à l'épicerie. Nous sommes parties en train pour Zermatt d'où nous avons pris un train de montagne jusqu'à Gornergrat. Seulement 4 km de marche mais nous avons rencontré les Marathonien qui eux ont fait 45 km. On les encourage . En redescendant la montagne (2,5km) nous avons eu droit à de la pluie et même de la grêle. Au village les filles ont mangé en équipe au restaurant de leur choix, leur chef avait un budget.

Deux autobus, trois trains et une pénible marche sous le soleil avec nos gros sacs, nous sommes arrivées à notre 3e et finale chalet. Nous sommes retournées nous baigner à la plage mais 15 min de marche est devenue 70 min. Le Lac Thun était à 20 degrés. Au chalet nous avons mangé de la pizza avec salade et 10 ont dormi à la belle étoile.

C'est les secondes qui sont chefs, et c'est aussi le monde en neige car, un autobus, 2 trains, 2 téléphériques et un metro de montagne plus tard, nous sommes arrivées en haut du DOM. Après le diner nous avons visité une grotte de glace de 10

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mètres d'épaisseur, et en bas écouté de la musique des "Alp Horns" au village de Saas-Fee.

Nous arrivons à une piscine, la température est parfaite 24 degrés. Après le dîner, des galettes de riz avec pâté, fromage et légumes nous avons commencé à marcher pour aller visiter "Our Chalet". On a été reçu par une personne qui vient du Canada. Nous avons échangé des badges et des épinglettes. Avec la violente tempête de 10 minutes, les fenêtres du chalet se sont ouvertes et il y avait de l'eau sur nos lits. Mais nous nous sommes bien amusés car nous avons dû déblayer la route des obstacles comme branches, roches...pendant le trajet en autobus. Nous avons conclu la journée avec le jeu Murder in the Dark. Ensuite ce fut la totémisation.

Aujourd'hui, nous avons visité Lucerne, la ville au centre de la Suisse. En premier lieu nous avons visité le monument du lion représentant les soldats qui sont morts à la guerre. Par la suite nous sommes entrées dans le musée des glaciers et pour finir dans un labyrinthe de miroirs. C'est le temps de la raclette au chalet.



Visite de Berne, nous avons vu les ours qui lui ont donné son nom puis dîner au MacDonald. Dans le parc il y avait un jeu d'échec géant. De retour à Interlaken, ce fut du temps en équipe pour magasiner et manger puis ensemble nous sommes allées au spectacle de Guillaume Tell en allemand. Heureusement que des joueurs de Soccer de Southampton nous ont permis d'utiliser les écouteurs pour la traduction en anglais dans la 2e partie.

Nous quittons le 3e chalet pour Lyon, Hôtel Formule 1 et de là pour le Canada! Quel voyage inoubliable.

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This past summer has brought some wonderful changes to our community library just in time for the fall. Thanks to The Friends of the Ottawa Library Association (FOPLA), they have had the privilege of receiving new furniture in the childrens, teens and adult areas. As a result, they have created some wonderful reading spaces for customers. Staff has also been busy organizing the locations of collections to create a more efficient and comfortable flow to the branch. There is also new

bilingual signage to better direct clients to the various collections. As always, the staff at the Information Desk are happy to assist with selections, placing holds for library items, finding items, assisting with the use of the catalogue as well as the public computers. For any concerns or suggestions there is a wooden Suggestions Box next to the photocopier that clients are encouraged to use. The forms are directed to the Branch Manager on a weekly basis.

The library is thankful for the many donations that have come in! FOPLA and the Blackburn Mille Feuilles Bookstore continue to accept gently used books, not older than five years (no textbooks please). All eligible donations go to the bookstore and the money from sales is used to improve library spaces, programs and collections. The Mille Feuilles Bookstore is located near the newspaper reading area of the library so now, with the new expanded space, you'll find a much wider selection of excellent books to buy!

Homework Club is Back—New Date and Time

The library is pleased to announce a new partnership with the E.A.G.L.E. Centre starting this fall. Every Saturday from 10 am, to 12 pm, bilingual volunteers will be available to help students with their schoolwork in both French and English. Everyone is looking forward to a successful and rewarding year as we welcome them to the Blackburn Hamlet community.

Author Michelle Aung Thin coming visit via Skype

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Book of Negroes by Lawrence Hall September 19th
Map of the Invisible World by Tash Aw October 17th
The Whole Truth by David Baldacci November 21st
Mistress of Nothing by Kate Pullinger December 19th

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Jellies in the Jar Contest Ages 13-17

December 16-21st.

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Teen Advisory Group Ages 14-18.

FIRST MEETING: Tuesday October 11, 4 pm

Tuesdays November 8 & December 13, 4 pm

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Toddler time (Ages 18-36 months)

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(30 minutes) (Session 1)

Thursdays, November 10 – December 15 at 10:30
am (30 minutes) (Session 2)

Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers and a parent
or caregiver.

Storytime (Ages 3-6 years)

Tuesdays, September 20 – October 25 at 10:30 am
(30 minutes) (Session 1)

Tuesdays November 8 – December 13 at 10:30 am
(30 minutes) (Session 2)

Stories, rhymes and songs for preschoolers and a
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Saturdays, September 17th–December 17th 10 am-
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Blackburn Garden Tour raises over \$1,500

by Barbara Nolen

Blackburn Hamlet's "grandmas AIDing grandmas" and Budd Gardens welcomed over 129 people to a fresh new Blackburn Hamlet Garden Tour (with a touch of Orleans) and raised over \$1,500 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Gardeners surely enjoyed exploring these lovingly-tended gardens, and maybe even drew some inspiration for your own green thumb!

Appreciation and thanks go to sponsors Amica at Bearbrook Court, Budd Gardens, and Budd Publishing for making this possible, and garden tour goers for supporting a great cause.


Special thanks to the gardeners for sharing their garden oasis: George, Jo and Kathy LeValliant, Artistic Garden Delight; Francine and Bruce Cowley, Amazing Tree Carving; Jessie Rousseau, Stone Patio, Pond and Garden; Lois Kemp, Beautiful 60-year-plus Blackburn Estate; Don and Evelyn Budd, Hosta Heaven; Marilyn and Marc Levesque— Eclectic Horticulture Delight; Myrtle Blinn, Expansive and Gorgeous Corner Garden; Leslie Gowan, Front/Backyard Gardening Oasis; Anita and Bill O'Connell, Welcoming English Garden and



Rolly and Giselle Matthews, Artistic Landscape Architecture. The refreshments at Amica and the hand-painted birdhouses and garden stones by the grandmas were a hit!

Proceeds from this tour will be going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmother Campaign, a remarkable movement of grandmothers and "grandothers" which has raised over 12 million dollars since 2006 to benefit African children. This money goes directly to support African grandmothers who are the lifeline of their communities, raising orphaned grandchildren, sometimes 10 or more to a household, with love and courage, all the while grieving the loss of their own children. Funds go directly to community-level grassroots organizations in 15 African countries, providing food, school fees, uniforms, medical care, HIV counselling, bedding, and much more.

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The club is open to all who wish to learn from each other, and meet new people in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Choice of project is up to you although the one restriction is sculptures because of a lack of clean-up facilities.



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Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group

The Blackburn Fifty Plus Group is a loosely organized group working to promote activities for Blackburn Hamlet citizens that are 50 years of age and over. Their goal is to provide information, share news and promote local events that are of specific interest to this age group.

Regular activities include: potluck dinners at the Community Hall, gathering for dinners at local restaurants, day trips, discussion groups and seminars.

Planning meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except July, August and December) at 2:00 pm at the Blackburn Community Hall.

For more informations please call Sarah Cloutier, Coordinator at 613-841-4114.

Looking at level of interest for fitness program in Blackburn

60 plus and going strong: Wellness 101 is a program for adults 60 years of age and older that gives practical tips and strategies in eight different aspects of an aging adult's health.

While Bayshore Home Health is the creator, host and moderator of the program, the content is actually delivered by a variety of healthcare experts from, as much as possible, the local health care community. There is no charge to participate in the program.

The Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre is looking to see if this is program that would be of interest in Blackburn. Please contact Tammy Séguin at Tammy.Seguin@eorc-gloucester.ca if you would like to see this program organized.

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It operates from 8:00pm to 10:00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from September 19, 2011 to June 1, 2012 (except school holidays). Skill level is mostly intermediate and there is a refresher skills clinic during the second half of the season. Membership is \$125 and is limited to forty to ensure adequate playing time on our three courts; a waiting list will be established if necessary.

If there are still spaces available, public registration for adult badminton will be held on Monday, September 19 at Glen Ogilvie Public School, 46 Centrepark Drive, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

But don't wait. To secure a spot now, or for more information, please email blackburnbc@yahoo.com.

Club information and registration forms available at www.badmintonottawa.com (see Where to Play: Blackburn).

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Blackburn Scout Group Registration

1st Blackburn Scout Group registration will be held at the Blackburn Community Centre Thursday September 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Boys and Girls ages 5 and up. For more information please contact Yola at 1stblackburnscoutgroup@live.com or 613-841-3033.

ARTinis & Appetizers—An Evening of Magic

In support of Arts Ottawa East on Thursday, November 3, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Shenkman Arts Centre, Orleans. Tickets: \$75/person. Early Bird \$65/person (before Sept 20). For a list of the caterers supplying the amazing food and to purchase tickets, visit www.artsoe.ca/en/events/artinis.aspx.

Gloucester Sparks Registration

202 Gloucester Sparks registration will be held at the Blackburn Community Centre Thursday September 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Limited space, volunteers welcome. More information can be found at <http://www.guidesontario.org/>

Gloucester Brownies Registration

170th Gloucester Brownies will be held at the Blackburn Community Centre Thursday September 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Limited space, volunteers welcome. More information can be found at <http://www.guidesontario.org/>

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Community Event Calendar

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St. Mary's!

Annual memorial service on September 11th at 2 pm.

Following the service we invite you to join us for fellowship and light refreshments

Centre 454 provides drop-in support services and social recreational activities for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our Parish has been collecting items for Centre 454. Donations such as personal size soap, shampoo, toothpaste, combs, toothbrushes, etc. would be most welcome

Programs

Craft and Conversation, 7:00 pm 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at Amica Bearbrook (2645 Innes Road)

Worship Services

Sunday

Navan Road Church
2750 Navan Rd.
Join us at 9 a.m.

Midweek

1st Tuesday 2 pm Blackburn Lodge

Every Tuesday 2 pm Amica Bearbrook - (every 3rd Tuesday is an Anglican service)

Sunday October 2 - Thanksgiving Family Service

We will resume Family Services on Sunday, October 2 at 9am with a special Thanksgiving Family Service. The service will feature a children's story, hymns and activities with a Thanksgiving theme.

After that, the first Sunday of each month will be a family service with children focused stories on various themes.

September (See page 23 for Library events)

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| Sun. 4 | OC Transpo Schedule change www.checkyourroute.ca (See page 9) |
| Thurs. 8, 6:30 to 7:30 | Blackburn Scout Group Registration - Blackburn Community Centre (See page 25) |
| Thurs. 8, 6:30 to 7:30 | Gloucester Sparks Registration - Blackburn Community Centre (See page 25) |
| Thurs. 8, 6:30 to 7:30 | Gloucester Brownies Registration - Blackburn Community Centre (See page 25) |
| Sun. 11, 2 pm | Annual Memorial Service - St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church. |
| Tues. 13, 7:00 pm | Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome |
| Thurs. 15, 7:30 pm | BCA Meeting - Blackburn Hamlet Library Branch on Glen Park Drive (See page 3) |
| Mon. 19, 7 - 9:00 pm | Blackburn Badminton Club Registration - Glen Ogilvie Public School (See page 25) |
| Wed. 21, 2:00 pm | Blackburn Fifty Plus Group - Planning Meeting - (See page 24) |
| Tues. 27, 7:00 pm | Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome |

October (See page 23 for Library events)

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| Tues. 11, 7:00 pm | Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome |
| Wed. 20, 2:00 pm | Blackburn Hamlet Preschool - 40th anniversary (See page 13) |
| Sun. 23 | Blackburn Fifty Plus Group - Planning Meeting - (See page 24) |
| Tues. 25, 7:00 pm | Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome |
| Fri. 28, 7:30 - 9:00 | Discovery Café (See page 15) |

November (See page 23 for Library events)

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| Thurs. 5, 6:30 to 9 pm | An Evening of Magic - Shenkman Arts Centre (See page 25) |
| Tues. 8, 7:00 | Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome |
| Wed. 16, 2:00 pm | Blackburn Fifty Plus Group - Planning Meeting - (See page 24) |
| Tues. 22, 7:00 | Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome |
| Fri. 25, 7:30 - 9:00 | Discovery Café (See page 15) |

Coming Events

Mark your calendars now for St. Mary the Virgin's second annual Carols and Lessons Service to be held on **Sunday, December 18**.

The ACW is already planning for their annual Christmas pudding sale. Signup sheets to order your Christmas pudding and 2012 Church calendars are now located in the back of the church. The number of puddings and calendars are limited so sign up early. To place an order or for information regarding our parish schedules, upcoming events and plans you can visit our website at <http://www.stmarysblackburn.ca/> or contact us by phone 613-590-0677 or by e-mail stmarys@rogers.com.

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