

# *The Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter*

**The Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Avalon East District - Bell Island Detachment  
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## *From the Corporal's Desk*

I am a little hesitant to introduce this next topic in our newsletter due to the fact I can already hear the "I was told you cops live for donuts" jokes. I can't wait to hear the greetings each morning at the waterfront smiling and expressing anecdotes and analogies about coffee and police but here it goes....this months topic is what some refer to as the lifeblood of police work...the coffee shop.

Locally we are blessed with a coffee shop and one of the friendliest coffee shop owners anywhere, our ole dear Patsy. Each morning anyone can expect a heart felt "Good Morning" from Pats' whether she knows you or not and I would be surprised if she didn't. This is the "Tim's" of Bell Island opened daily to meet the

commuters and families heading across to St. John's and beyond. The selection of donuts is limited but one can get his or her breakfast sandwich, a full bacon and eggs or just coffee or tea. Given the hectic morning rush to get the boat it is certainly nice to know one can get a fresh pick me up at a fraction of the cost of the St. John's equivalent and not have to worry about leaving the kettle on at home.

I was first introduced to The Coffee Shop a few weeks after our arrival on Bell Island. I entered to find 12 or so locals inside each greeting each other as they came or left. Another 10 or so were outside for a "cloud" (mainland smoke). "Ramps Down" is hollered by one or more of the insiders as she hits the wharf. Or "She's round behind the plant" if

someone asks if she is getting close. There was no doubt about it, the first time I entered the coffee shop I knew exactly how close Bell Islanders were...very close. Everyone looks out for the other!

Now if you aren't in a hurry and manage to sit for a spell you will be educated in many areas of life's mysteries by one of the few locals who are retired or off due to shift work or are like me and don't start an actual shift until later in the day. We all get a start by Patsy's brew. Yes sir, not much is sacred: politics, unions, history, policing (all good remarks), child rearing, schooling, construction, mining and other topics can be heard. Sometimes they are carried on from VOCM Nightline the evening before or from the

News or local chatter. Nothing is taken serious, just conversation. Sometimes the discussion is orchestrated to get one of the locals going if one knows how to. I have overheard ribs and juts to various persons just to see how high ones blood pressure can really go. But as far as I can tell it is certainly all in fun. I've yet to make an arrest there.

One day I wondered "What would the waterfront be without a coffee shop to get your daily wake up?" What would happen if there was just a line up and no one coming and going from their cars, striking up numerous conversations as one carries breakfast back to their own machine? What would happen to those who don't go in the coffee shop but sit and talk about the ones that do? I venture to guess it would be extremely boring and some would find it a big void in the routine of their day. As we are all creatures of habit I am sure this institution is ingrained in most of us as we head out each day.

There are also many elements of community policing occurring here. On

a personal level this location has allowed me and our team of Mounties to meet many locals and more importantly for them to meet our members. I feel it is vital for each resident to know us by first name and call us by same when they need something or simply have a question. How many Bell Islanders have already heard, "Boyd is my name...Sir is my fathers name?" I can assure you it is a lot. If you have time for a joke or a story then I got time for you....guaranteed.

Just as important this time is also used for many people to advise us of minor events or concerns where official complaints aren't needed. Letting us be aware is useful and we thank you all for being so kind as to keeping us up to date. Even when the information is often not of a criminal nature! Who is having children?, Who is sick?, Who is having troubles???...all of these things keep police informed and aware of what is really happening. These aren't criminal issues they are human issues and we all were human a lot longer than we were police personnel. Did you know that less then 2 % of a

policeman's (male or female) time is spent laying charges on people. 98% of the time is spent helping people who need it by suggesting resources in the community or by just listening and sharing experiences. A lot of this same type of thing occurs each morning at the Coffee Shop.

The Coffee Shop in reality is not much different than a good friend. It is a haven for some. For some it is a spot for a laugh. It certainly is a place to get all the local news. And if you check it is usually one of the first places where this newsletter is distributed. But for most it is a meeting place, a routine daily meeting place for some of the nicest people in Canada.....Bell Islanders!

### **On the 'lighter side'**

Cst. Harper sent this around our office and we thought we'd share it with you.....

One day, while a woodcutter was cutting a branch of a tree above a river, his axe fell into the river.

When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?"

The woodcutter replied that his axe has fallen into water, and he needed the axe to make his living.

The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. The woodcutter replied, "No."

The Lord again went down and came up with a silver axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. Again, the woodcutter replied, "No."

The Lord went down again and came up with an iron axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked. The woodcutter replied, "Yes."

The Lord was pleased with the man's honesty and gave him all three axes to keep, and the woodcutter went home happy.

Some time later the woodcutter was walking with his wife along the riverbank, and his wife fell into the river.

When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked

him, "Why are you crying?"

"Oh Lord, my wife has fallen into the water!" The Lord went down into the water and came up with Jennifer Lopez. "Is this your wife?" the Lord asked. "Yes," cried the woodcutter. The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!"

The woodcutter replied, "Oh, forgive me, my Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to Jennifer Lopez, You would have come up with Catherine Zeta-Jones. Then if I also said 'no' to her, you would have come up with my wife. Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given me all three.

Lord, I am a poor man, and am not able to take care of all three wives, so THAT'S why I said yes to Jennifer Lopez."

The moral of this story is: Whenever a man lies, it is for a good and honourable reason, and for the benefit of others.

That's our story, and we're sticking to it!

*News From The Town Of Wabana*

## **WATER SYSTEM**

Residents in the town are advised that council employees are working on the pumping stations. Chlorine has been added to our water systems and employees are working on the systems to obtain the acceptable chlorine levels. During this period residents may experience smell and discoloration. The boil order is still in effect in our town. Notices will be posted when the chlorination systems are completed. Council wishes to apologize to its residents for the disruptions to our water supply.

## **DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS**

This year council is getting an early start on requesting people to remove old dilapidated buildings. Orders have been issued to some of the property owners and council will be taking action if the orders for removal are not carried out.

## **TOURISM**

Many groups and organizations are working hard to promote and develop tourism opportunities for our island, council wishes to encourage all its residents to make a special effort to clean up, beautify, and make our island a must-see tourist destination stop for the many thousands of visitors to our province. and also the many visitors who visit our island from within our own province.

### **CAR WRECKS**

Newco Recyclers, the vehicle wreck removal company, will be coming early this year to our town to crush and remove all the old wrecks and transport them off the island. If you have a wreck on your property, remove it and bring it to the dumpsite. Vehicle wrecks are an eyesore and are not permitted on your property.

*Peter Kent, Town Manager*

### ***Wabana Volunteer Fire Department***

#### **Election Of Officers**

In February, we had an election of officers. The new officers are as follows:

Jim Pendergast (chief)

Scott Kitchen (asst. chief)

Ronald Barnes (1st.dept.)

Gerry Sweeney ( 2nd dept.)

Frank Pendergast (treasurer/  
fire prevention office)

Angus Sweeney (secretary)

On behalf of the department we would like to congratulate the new officers as well as welcome back some of the past officers that were re-elected. We would also like to thank the out going executive for their dedication and hard work over the past years, and we are sure that the new executive will continue with the same dedication and hard work in the years ahead.

### **ANNUAL FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**

This year our tournament will be held on **April 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup>**. Come on out, have a good time and support the Fire Department and the Boys & Girls Club.

We would like to thank Gary Hunt and Molson Breweries Ltd. for sponsoring the hockey

tournament for the past sixteen years.

### **STREET DANCE**

We will be having our annual street dance on the **23rd of July, 2004** at the fire department parking lot. Music by SLAM . Come on out for a good time. Ages 19 and over. **NO COVER CHARGE**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Birthday wishes going out to Gord Stoyles, Happy Birthday Gord, all the best on your special day, Gerry

### **A BIT OF HISTORY**

The following article is from the November issue of THE SUBMARINE MINER, 1954

The Dominion Volunteer Fire Brigade was organized on July 17th 1913 by the late Mr. MacMillan, who came to Bell Island solely for that purpose . Membership in the brigade (in 1954) was confined to employees of the company as it was originally formed to afford protection for company property and the homes of employees. However, down through the years

the brigade answered countless calls for assistance to combat fires outside of their normal sphere of operations, and did so without any guarantee of compensation in case of accident. On November 5th 1948, a number of private property owners banded together and took out an accident insurance policy on their behalf. In November 1950, the newly formed municipal council of Wabana voluntarily assumed the responsibility of maintaining this coverage.

**Members of the Dominion Volunteer Fire Brigade 1954:**

Patrick Ezekiel, John Kennedy, Harold Fillier, William Sullivan, Riv Kennedy, Ben Blackmore, Donald Gosse, William Cantwell, Charlie Morgan, Rom Meadus, Patrick Myers, Willaim Fillier, Luke Roberts, William Vokey, Peter Costello, John Vokey, Norman Rees, Walter Vokey, Robert Norman, James Murphy, George Rideout, John Kitchen, Matt Farrell, Ben Farrell, Don Fillier, William Power, Martin Murphy, Riv Flynn, William Cahill, Gordon Bennett, Malcolm

Blackmore, Ed Kennedy, Sam Nolan, Stan Keough, Arthur Blackmore, Wallace Harvey, Jim James, Wallace Vokey, James Gushue, Len Hughes

We would like to thank Pat Craig for passing this article along to us. Anyone with pictures or information about the fire department that they would like to have in the newsletter can send it to me at:

[vfireman@msn.com](mailto:vfireman@msn.com)

*Jim Pendergast, Fire Chief*

***Kiwanis Club Of Bell Island***

**Our Kiwanis Club is one of the most active organizations in Bell Island. The Club was formed in January of 1951. Meetings were held at the Royal Canadian Legion at the time. Our club has grown and serviced the needs of Bell Island and beyond ever since and is proud of it's accomplishments. Some of which are listed below:**

- 1) Kiwanis Music Festival - Sponsor annual event**
- 2) High School Activity**

**Support - various St. Michael High School activities. ( such as Terry Fox Centre Visits)**

**3) Janeway Telethon - Annual event which a total of \$10,000.00 dollars was presented over the last 20 years.**

**4) Kyle Hynes Trust Fund - Key supporter of this initiative for the raising of funds for a local youth heavily injured in a house fire. (\$53,000.00 dollars in total)**

**5) Local Charity donations - Cancer Society Walk, Heart Fund, Prostate etc...**

**6) Contribution to Newfoundland Charities - Badger Fund**

**7) Contribution to National Emergencies - BC Fire Fund**

**8) Bell Island Army Cadets - Annual Contributions**

**9) Bell Island Figure Skating Club - Annual Contributions**

**10) Bell Island Minor**

**Hockey - Annual Contribution**

**11) Wabana Boys and Girls Club - Annual Contributions**

**12) Bell Island Local Sporting Teams - such as Softball, Volleyball, etc..**

**13) RCMP Dare Program fighting drug abuse**

**14) RCMP Youth Program contributions**

**15) RCMP Community Bicycle Rodeo for past 20 years.**

**16) Special Olympics Torch Run supporter since 1994**

**17) Organizer of Bell Island Tourist Trailer Park**

**18) Dust Bowl Softball Field - Contributor (Used by WBGC teams)**

**19) Cancer Chair for Chemotherapy. Patients at Bell Island Hospital \$2500.00 (Partnership)**

**20) Purchase of Stretchers for Ambulance - for years past - \$2000.00**

**21) Construction of Bell Island Hospital Fence - just off Solarium.**

**22) Television donation for Palliative Care Unit - at Bell Island Hospital**

**23) Donation/Organization of fundraising for AED Automated Electrical Defibulator for Hospital.**

**24) Bell Island Hospital Auxiliary supporter - for local fundraising such as Cathy Diamond initiative.**

**25) Bell Island Legion Supporter of Poppy Fund**

**26) Bell Island supporter of Ladies Auxiliary**

**27) Other minor donations**

*Bell Island Brighter Futures Family Resource Centre*

I would like to say **THANK YOU** to the residents of the Island for your support during the past eight years of service. As the participants, centre and programs have grown over the years there has been a need for a larger space for

operations. With this said I would like to announce Brighter Futures new location at 284 Quigley's Line - across from the Wabana Boys & Girls Club. Once again with the support of NLHC the needs have been met to allow for expansion of programs offered and development of new programs. Programs will be offered at this location by end of April or early May. With this announcement of our new location I invite families with children ages 0 to 6 years to come and take part in our many programs as there will be much to offer you and your children. If you would like to see what we are about earlier please drop down to our Normore Crescent location and enjoy a day of fun with your children or call 488-2699.

Drop by and enjoy our core program Parents & Tots between 12:15pm and 2:15pm on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and become part of our Brighter Futures family. If you require transportation to

attend programs please call and arrangements can be made for you to attend. Our children are tomorrow's adults; therefore, allow them to grow, develop and be the best they can possibly be.

I also would like to remind people of our current fund-raiser of gel pens 12 for \$5.00, toothbrushes 12 for \$10.00, school kits 14 pieces for \$12.50, and our queen size goose down filled duvets \$100.00 valued at \$250.00 each. Each item is of high quality shipped from Ontario and is only being offered by Brighter Futures. Please call the office if you would like to purchase an item or want more information.

From all the children, parents, and staff of Brighter Futures I would like to wish the residents a wonderful Easter holiday season.

*Hollie Neary*  
*Program Coordinator*  
*488-2699*

*From St. Michael's Roman Catholic Parish*

### **Future of Church and Importance of Ministry**

During the past months, we have heard of the constant changes within the structures of government, church and in general all organizations within our society. With reference to our church community, we see a constant effort to retain the structures of our past as we struggle with the financial burdens and serious shortfall of laity to maintain varied activities.

I am indeed very proud of the excellent support of the faith community of St. Michael's Parish who participate in the regular liturgical celebrations of our church and with a selfless spirit, go beyond the norm to ensure all social and financial activities are completed with perfection. Yet, in the midst of all those who give generously and support the faith development of our community, many others who are not participating ought to consider the call of the gospel to share in the mission of Jesus Christ.

It is very evident that in the near future, and perhaps within months, our parish will most likely twin with the parish of Portugal Cove. It is not sure where the priest will reside and therefore many more demands will be expected of clergy and laity alike. The archdiocese has embarked on a major restructuring plan of parishes and personnel and therefore, if we wish to retain our parish and help in its mission, then we all must become more vocal and participate in its work. It is evident that many more parishioners can involve themselves in such ministries as: Lector at church, Eucharistic Minister of Communion, Choir, assist with the presentation of the gifts at the mass, altar server, bereavement teams, help with the teaching of our new religion program to the kids, visitation to the sick and shut in's of our parish, cleaning our church, assist with the catering at our hall during social functions and much, much more.

My dear friends, let us renew our efforts to celebrate our faith. It is never too late to come back to the church and attend mass on a regular basis. Our church is a place we can call Home , no matter how sinful or holy we may consider ourselves to be. I wish to encourage all parishioners to join us for mass on Saturday at 5:00 p.,m.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Please join us for mass to help ensure St. Michael's Parish is alive and faith filled. We must let the archdiocese know that our parish is important to us and that we value the importance of our church and the great treasure of priest and laity working closely together.

As we anticipate the joyful season of Easter, may the continued days of Lent call each one of us to repentance and truly rekindle a new hope and deeper faith in Jesus Christ. Perhaps, the main theme of my message is that as many parishioners are growing in senior years, it is essential that

our youth become more involved. As our faithful parishioners grow older, they cannot continue to participate in our parish as much as they did in the past and therefore, if our parish is to be viable and our liturgies are to have strong participation from the laity, then more and more of our parishioners will have to take an active role. I pray we all will value the importance of our church and realize its strength cannot be maintained by the regular few, but in reality, the work is to be shared by all. To all who share their time, treasure and talent within our church family, I say, Thank You and I encourage all members of our family to build up the body of Christ, The Church.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

*Sincerely In Christ,  
Father Wayne Dohey*

*Wabana Boys & Girls Club  
"Every Kid Has Potential"*

During the week of April 12th-16th, the club will be

having their Easter Fever Week. This year the Easter Fever Week is sponsored by GAP Inc (GAP, Banana Republic, & Old Navy). There will be different events each day of the week. Some of the events are Shinny Hockey at the Arena, Snow Day, Snowball game, Quiz Day, Internet Search & Club Trivia, Mini Olympics, Pool Tournaments, Girls Volleyball Tournament, Movie & Popcorn, Uh Oh (children's quiz show), Kiddies Dance, and many other organized games. All participants must be paid club members to take part in the Easter Fever week. You can pick up a list of events for the week at the club. Prizes will to be awarded for all programs. We invite all parents to drop in anytime during the week to cheer the children on or be a much needed volunteer. There will be two days that lunch will be provided for the members taking part in the event held on that day. There will be a small fee to enter some of the events.

**Congratulations to Sean Hammond who was chosen Youth Volunteer of the Month for February. Sean is the son of Sophie & Nate Hammond. Sean is a Level 2 student at St. Michael's High; he spends numerous hours at the club as a Teen Mentor and a Youth Volunteer and has become a positive role model for our younger members of our club.**

**We would also like to congratulate the Boy (Terry Arnold) & Girl (Tasha Carroll) of the Month for February.**

**Fund-raising is what keeps our doors open for the 400 + members, so we ask you to please consider supporting our club. The club will be hosting a Bell Island Idol on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. We are looking for contestants 16 years and over to take part in this fun filled evening. For further information you can call Hollie (3505), Shelly (3537), Judy (2335), Steve (2283), or Joe (3801). Prizes to be awarded. All voting will be done by the audience.**

**The club is presently selling T-Shirts for \$12.00 each. These shirts are white with the Boys & Girls Club logo on the left chest with 50 ways to show children you care printed on the back. Anyone interested in purchasing a shirt call the club or drop in, we have sizes Small to XX Large. For just \$12.00 show the children you care, buy a shirt. Other club fund-raisers to keep in mind are our weekly Thursday night bingos and our monthly card games (last Monday of the Month).**

**Change in club schedule: During Easter Holidays our club hours will change to 9:30am to 5:00pm each day. The club will be closed from April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>; staff members will be attending Conference in B.C..**

**The Boys & Girls Club in conjunction with the Volunteer Firemen will be hosting their annual floor hockey tournament on the weekend of April 16<sup>th</sup>. This year's tournament will be 3 on 3. Anyone interested in entering a team can do so by calling**

**Joe @ 3801 or Jim @ 3392. Registration fee will be \$125.00 per team; a list of players has to be passed in to the club by Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:00pm. We also ask that each team assign players to referee some games during the weekend.**

*Springtime Greetings  
From Your CO-OP*

**Hopefully Spring is just around the corner – despite the snow! All of us on the Bell Island Community Cooperative Board of Directors are looking forward to another busy Spring and Summer as we welcome residents and visitors to our Bakery. We expect our “Bakery Breakfast Program” to begin on Saturday, June 19 with the same great menu so come out and join us and help refurbish our bakery. Our new windows resulted from your generosity last summer, and this year our volunteers will be working to purchase a new air conditioner to keep our fantastic bakers**

from melting away if we get a hot summer! We look forward to seeing many of you enjoying our hearty breakfast in the months ahead! Other special events and fund-raisers will be unveiled in the next newsletter.

The annual general meeting of your Co-op will be held on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Place will be announced in posters throughout the community and in the church bulletins as that is being arranged at the moment. Let's give a great show of support for our Co-op this year by turning up for the annual general meeting! If you need further information, do give Kay a call at 488-2271. Remember, the Co-op is a vibrant part of this community. We operate the Bakery and the Senior's Complex. So, please come out for a couple of hours to the AGM and give us the support we need to form a new Board and keep the momentum going! Consider becoming a Board Member and have a say in what happens with your Co-op. Mark your calendars for

Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting this year. Easter Greetings to all – and again, a big vote of thanks from all of us to our local RCMP and everyone involved with the publication and distribution of this bulletin. It is a fantastic community project and certainly serves to keep us informed! It even keeps the gang at the coffee shop quiet because they're all so busy reading the Bulletin when our Boys in Blue deliver it!

Hope the Easter Bunny is good to you all. Don't forget our AGM on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Kay Coxworthy*  
*Secretary*  
*Bell Island Community*  
*Development Co-op*

*Celebrate Jesse's Birthday*  
*– Bell Island Continues*  
*The Dream!*

24-year old Jesse Davidson of London, ON has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). Born with the gene that causes

DMD, he was diagnosed at age six and confined to a wheelchair since he was 12. DMD affects only boys, and none to date have lived to be 30 years old. But that hasn't stopped Jesse and many boys like him, including those in this province who are suffering the affects of DMD. They do their best to live normal lives, but without ongoing research, boys with DMD and people with a range of other genetic diseases will lose their chance to live long and relatively normal lives.

In 1995, John Davidson pushed his son Jesse more than 3000 km from the Manitoba to the Quebec border raising \$1 million for gene research. In 1998, at age 52, John Davidson made an even greater sacrifice – he walked across Canada from St. John's to Victoria, B.C. all 8600 km of this great country. The project, known as "Jesse's Journey – A Father's Tribute" took him away from his own home from April 1998 to January 1999. With the millions raised (all of

which came from the people of this country and not from the provincial or federal governments!) the “Jesse Davidson Endowment Fund” and the “Foundation for Gene and Cell Therapy” were formed. Today, John continues his public speaking and other projects to raise funds, and the Foundation now contributes one million dollars annually to gene research! John has written a book on both projects, and the video production of “Jesse’s Journey” is now being shown on television stations across the country. I have both if anyone would like to borrow them. Ed and I were proud to be part of John’s walk across Canada. I helped organize his journey in both Newfoundland and on Vancouver Island, while Ed was part of the permanent “Road Team” from Newfoundland through to Victoria, B.C. away from his own home for 9 months but happy to be part of something so positive for so many people who desperately need the research to give them hope and health.

“Fund-raising Friday” to support the Foundation for Gene & Cell Therapy, began in London in 1998 when the mother of a DMD boy decided to have a BBQ and casual day for her coworkers, and it has become an annual event in John and Jesse’s hometown. This year, for the very first time, Fund-raising Friday is being held across the country, in parts of the USA and in Scotland on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ed and I, as part of the “Fund-raising Friday” Team, were asked to concentrate on St. John’s in this first year – but we included Bell Island as this is our home and as John Davidson and many of our friends from the “Journey” have visited and enjoyed this community. And just to be different, we’re having our Fund-raising Friday on the weekend of April 16<sup>th</sup>!. Jesse’s birthday falls on April 10<sup>th</sup>. which is also the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day his Dad left St. John’s to walk across Canada.

As that is the Easter Weekend, we’ll celebrate Jesse’s birthday the

following weekend with events in St. John’s and on Bell Island. I want to thank Boyd Merrill of the RCMP for his strong support in this initiative and I know we can depend upon the great people of this community to show Jesse & John that we’re thinking of what they’ve done for gene research. We’ll be holding a “Birthday Party” for Jesse from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the RCMP detachment where we’ll have FREE hot dogs and soft drinks for the kids and a big birthday cake we’ll share as we remember Jesse and show how much we support this vital research. There’ll also be other community groups involved and we’re asking the business and service community of Bell Island, as well as the general public, to come along with a donation. We’re also asking the kids to bring along your pennies – we’ll have a “wheelbarrow set up to see how many we’ll get. Musicians needed and welcome! Let’s show everyone what a great

community we are!!! See you at the RCMP Detachment on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. for a great time.

*Kay & Ed Coxworthy*  
*Jesse's Journey – A Father's Tribute*  
**FUND-RAISING FRIDAY**  
**488-2271**

***Court News***

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004, a 49 year old man charged with Impaired Driving, appeared in court and was given a \$600.00 fine and his driver's licence was suspended for one year.

In early March, 2004, an 18 year old female pled guilty to supplying liquor to minors and was given a \$50.00 fine and 6 months Probation.

A 37 year old male is returning to court on April 1st, 2004 for facts and sentencing in relation to an Impaired Driving charge.

A 33 year old Bell Island male charged with

Possession of Property Obtained by Crime returns to court on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, a 34 year old male was charged with Assault with a Weapon for a March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 incident. His first appearance in court is set for April 27, 2004.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 an 18 year old Bell Island female was convicted of Assault and received an Absolute Discharge.

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 a 73 year old man was convicted of supplying liquor to minors and was sentenced to two days in jail and given a \$250 fine

with one year to pay or seven more days in jail.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, a 29 year old Bell Island male was convicted of Uttering Threats and received a Suspended Sentence along with 6 months Probation.

An investigation from an incident that occurred on October 13, 2003 lead to two males being charged with Property Damage Under \$5000 on February 27, 2004. Two other young males, ages 14 and 16 were sent to Alternative Measures for the same offence and one young male, age 16, was issued a Written Warning for the same offence. On March 23<sup>rd</sup>,

2004, one of the accused, a 16 year old male pled guilty to Property Damage Under \$5000. Court date set for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 for facts and sentencing. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the other accused, an 18 year old male, pled guilty to Property Damage Under \$5000. Court date set for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, for facts and sentencing and Victim Impact Statement.

On March 26, 2004, a 24 year old male was charged with Property Damage under \$5000 from an incident that occurred on February 15, 2004.

#### Thank You

Many thanks to all the businesses who are kind enough to allow the newsletter to be displayed for pick up.

The newsletter is also available on the internet at the following website:

[www.bellisland.net](http://www.bellisland.net)

Thanks to Reg Durdle for his help in posting this newsletter on the town website.

A final thanks to all of the

people that contribute to this newsletter and make it a wonderful, worthwhile publication.

#### *Closing*

If you have any comments, concerns or questions about this newsletter please contact us:

Cpl. Boyd Merrill at [boyd.e.merrill@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:boyd.e.merrill@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

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Cst. Colleen Donovan at [colleen.donovan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:colleen.donovan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

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