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- 1962 Mrs David Saunders Home Sutton
- * 1964 Mrs ^{Therese} Ashbrook Home Rodney
- 1965 Paynes Mills Women's Institute
- 1966 Clackham " "
- 1967 Middlemarch " "
- 1968 Bryan " "
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- 1979 Paynes Mills W.I. Sept 26th
- 1980 Clackham W.I. " "
- 1981 Middlemarch W.I.
- 1982 Bryan " " Aug 25
- 1983 Sheddens W.I. Sept 14
- 1984 Fergal W.I. Sept 12
- 1985 Tyrconnell W.I. Wallacetown Aug 21
- 1986 Bosall W.I. Fergal Sept 10
- 1987 Wallacetown W.I. at Wallacetown Sept 9
- 1988 Iona Sept 10
- 1989 Kensington Club & Lawrence Station Sept 7
- 1990 Iona Station Oct 4

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1992	Paynes Mills	Oct 8/92
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2000	Clachan	Oct 21/00
2001	West Lorne	Oct 13/01
2002	Shearers West Lorne at West Lorne	Oct 19/02
2003	Kinsington Club	Oct 25/03



CRINAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
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June 2008

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Dear Sir or Madam:

It is with pleasure that we the members of the Crinan Women's Institute convey our support for "The Arts and Cookery Bank" project currently being undertaken in West Lorne in the Municipality of West Elgin.

The vision, mission and goals outlined by the directors of the "Bank" parallel many listed by the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario (FWIO) namely being "high quality education and support programs and services, and work towards the personal growth and empowerment of all women". As well the FWIO promotes education of its members, their families and the community, both rural and urban through partnerships that have the same goal(s). The programs planned for the "Bank" will certainly provide a means to provide educational programs for our members.

Also, the "Bank" could possibly be a means of showcasing the Tweedsmuir history books created and maintained for many years by the local Women's Institute branches.

We look forward to providing our continuous support for this visionary project.

Yours truly,

Nancy McGregor
President
Crinan Women's Institute.

Project to be completed by March

October 2009

Groundbreaking at Arts and Cookery

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Arts and Cookery Bank in West Lorne Oct. 1, bringing the project another step towards completion.

Over 60 people joined in the fun at the Dig Day Celebration, with guests as young as five months and as senior as old as 95 years were encouraged to pick up a shovel for a ceremonial turning of soil where the building's planned extensions will go.

"This 'shovel-ready' project offers immediate benefits for our communities, including job creation and community-wide economic benefits," said Graham Warwick, Warden of Elgin County and Mayor of West Elgin.

The Bank project is slated to be completed by the end of March 2010. The project will restore, retrofit and equip a 1914 heritage building on Graham Rd.

The finished building will be a regional, cultural destination, offering a snapshot of Dutton-Dunwich, Newbury, Southwest Middlesex and West Elgin's rural communities, by blending photographic and cooking experiences.

Supporters of the project hope The Bank will promote local heritage/culture and tourism, and also attract new investment and jobs into the region.

West Lorne to get community heritage centre

Jesse Cnockaert
Staff

West Lorne is getting a new community heritage centre, which hopes to draw tourism and celebrate local history.

The Arts and Cookery Bank will showcase local heritage and culture through photographs and cuisine. The not-for-profit Bank will have a photo gallery that will display the community's past, images of what makes it great in the present, and some visions of what it could be in the future. The Bank will also try to inspire interest in local food-economy with hands-on cooking experiences. The Bank will be at 242 Graham Road in West Lorne, in the building that was once a real bank.

Project Chair Grace McGartland said that our community's strengths are its unique rural heritage and local food-economy. The board for the Bank have a vision of this attraction pulling together the farming community, restaurateurs, people involved in recreational clubs, and the rest of the public.

"We plan to restore the 1914 Bank of Montreal building. This two-storey existing brick structure will become a photography gallery with a multimedia component. There will be an addition on the west/back side of the building to house a hands-on chef's demonstration kitchen facility as well as a digital photography learning lab," said McGartland.

McGartland said that research indicates that tourists are likely to spend more money if they stay in an area overnight. One of their goals is for the new Bank to have that kind of drawing power.

"Research done by Tourism Ontario, cited in 2004 indicates that the traveler who has more discretionary income is looking specifically for rural experiences," she said.

Heather Bell, President of the West Elgin Chamber of Commerce said this project is something to look forward to.

"I think it's an absolute asset; a cornerstone to the community and our community improvement plan," said Bell.

There will be a public open house at the Arts and Cookery Bank from noon until 4:00p.m June 7. The \$750,000 project is meant to show heritage from the four surrounding municipalities, Dutton/Dunwich, Newbury, Southwest Middlesex and West Elgin.

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Arts and Cookery Bank in West Lorne SUBMITTED

"I have been driving by that old bank for 44 years, I washed clothes there for several years and never once did I visualize it as a place that we, the community, would be able to share our history, our future and culinary skills. What a great use of the building-to promoting and preserving our communities." Nancy McGregor, West Lorne resident.

Arts and Cookery Bank to showcase local heritage

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"The uniqueness of our heritage, from the Thames River watershed to the shores of Lake Erie, connects people in the villages, hamlets and outlying farmlands of Dutton-Dunwich, Newbury, Southwest Middlesex and West Elgin. This inter-relationship began in 1803 and continues 205 years later. Our similar history and development has resulted in a common heritage," said board member Norma Schnekenburger in a press release.

"In the end, this will be the bank that the people built, the community built," said board member Duncan Morrison.

The project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2009. The board is using a public-private partnership approach to raise funds for the project, including government and private grants and community fundraising. The board of the Arts and Cookery Bank also hope the bank will

allow an opportunity for heritage and cultural workshops for school programs.

"This centre has an opportunity, as a cultural hub, to act as a magnet, pull many facets together in our community. And be able to stimulate economic development," said Grace McGartland.

THE OLDEST BUILDING IN CRINAN

BY HAROLD CARROLL

(Written in 2006)

In the late 1840's Colin McLennan built a log house out of black ash logs and tamarack rafters. Colin made a wonderful job, that building is not only standing today it is still in use. The black ash logs were hand hewn with a broad axe. It was a 2-story house but there were only 7 logs used on each side.

Colin married Janet Finlayson and they had 5 boys and 1 girl. Colin died when he was still a young man. The oldest boy was only 14 years old. Janet and her family ran the farm for the next 12 years. When Janet died one of the boys ran the farm for a few years. Then he sold the farm to John Campbell a next-door neighbour.

In 1910 Jack Webster bought the farm and built a new frame house and some barns, and changed the log house to a pigpen. In 1918 Jack Webster sold the farm to Urquhart. He ran the farm until 1945, when he sold it to Harold and Muriel Carroll. We roofed the log pen twice and put pine siding on the outside of the logs.

We sold the farm to son Alan and Karen in 1979. They put a metal roof on the pigpen and used it for pigs until 2000. He then took one end out and uses it for implements.

The logs served as a house for 61 years, as a pigpen for 89 years and implements for 6 years.





Barn Interior - 2007



Barn Exterior after pine siding applied.

OCTAGONAL BARN

(Information provided by Branika Savic - present owner in 2007)

This barn was located in the Municipality of West Elgin - aka Aldborough Township, concession 7, SE ¼ Lot 20.

The property on which this barn was situated has a long history, for much of which Charles W. Baker or his descendants owned it. The BARN was constructed in the fall of 1899 when owned by Herbert Baker, son of Charles. Herbert and his family had left Aldborough in the spring of 1889 to live in South Dakota where the construction of octagonal or circular barns was popular most likely giving him the idea to construct a similar barn here in Aldborough.

The farm was in Frank Baker's name when sold to Milutin and Natalija Savic in 1958. This property had been in the hands of the Baker family for 86 years.

The Savic's sold the BARN to a Ms. Spence who dismantled it to be reconstructed in Kent County at a later time.



BARN PHOTO COLLECTION

This photo is one of barns located in the communities of Crinan and Argyle with the photo collection hung in the Crinan Community Centre.

Over the years many barns have been torn down, wind damaged, destroyed by fire and/or replaced by more modern buildings. For that reason these pictures were taken to preserve some of our rural heritage in photo form.



Argyle Presbyterian Church

Crinan

1861-2006



*Blest be the ties that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Words by John Fawcett (1740-1817)

June 11, 2006

145th Anniversary

ARGYLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CRINAN
145th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
Minister -Rev. Hugh Appèl
Guest Minister - Rev. Don McCallum
Organist: Annie Isobel Tait
June 11, 2006

"Christ speaks to those who are willing to hear him."

Prelude

*Hymn #218 "Crown Him with many crowns" Verses 1 & 3

*Crown Him with many crowns,
The lamb upon His throne:
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Welcome: We greet one another in Christ

Responsive Reading: Psalm 84 Leader – Tom McLarty

LEADER: *How lovingly is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faint for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God*

CONGREGATION:

*Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow
a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a
place near Your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and
my God.*

LEADER:

*Blessed are those who dwell in Your House. They are
praising You. Blessed are those whose strength is in
You, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.*

CONGREGATION:

*As they pass through the valley of Baca, they make it a
place of springs. The autumn rains also cover it with
pools. They go from strength to strength till each
appears before God in Zion.*

LEADER:

*Hear my prayer, O Lord God almighty; listen to me, O
God of Jacob. Look with favour on Your anointed one.*

CONGREGATION:

*Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand
elsewhere; I would rather be a Doorkeeper in the
House of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

IN UNISON: *O Lord Almighty, blessed is the person who trusts in
You.*

Gloria Patri

Anthem: "A Morning Hymn of Praise" Choir

Announcements

Children's Time: The Rhythm Band "A Joyful Noise"

*Hymn # 515 "Will your anchor hold?" Verses 1 & 3

*Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?*

Refrain

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the rock which can-not move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.*

*Will yours eyes behold through the morning light
The city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will your anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
When life's storms are past forevermore?*

Refrain

**Our Morning Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)**

Solo "Steel Away to Heaven" Leah Skiffington

Our Offering of Thanksgiving:

"I will offer You a sacrifice to show You how grateful I am " Psalm 116: 17

"Going Home" Duncan McGregor

*Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Scripture: Matthew 25: 1 – 13 (page 702)

Hymn # 512 Verse 1

*My faith it is an oaken staff,
The traveller's well-loved aid
My faith it is a weapon stout,
The soldier's trusty blade:
I'll travel on, and still be stirred
By silent thought or social word;
By all my perils undeterred,
A soldier pilgrim staid.*

Message: "THE WEDDING ATTENDANTS"

Prayer

*Hymn #316 "Christ is the King!" Verses 1, 3 &7

*Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Make all men know He is your choice
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*They with a faith forever new
Followed the King, and round Him drew
Thousands of faithful men and true
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*So shall God's will on earth be done,
New lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
And the whole church at last be one
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Anthem: "Peace, I leave with you" Choir

*God's Blessing

Postlude

* All people that are able please stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING: We welcome you as we meet in God's House to celebrate 145 years of His care and grace. Today we bring thanks to Christ, Lord of the Church.

WE WELCOME: Our guest minister Rev. Don McCallum. Don served this congregation from 1981 – 1985. He is the pastor of Kortright Presbyterian Church in Guelph. The congregation there has recently moved to a larger facility as they continue to grow in numbers and faith.

ALSO: We welcome Leah Skiffington as she shares with us her gift in music. Leah lives in Strathroy and is the daughter of Janice and Gary Skiffington.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME: The Rhythm Band "A Joyful Noise" from Duff Church. They are under the direction of Jane Appèl. This afternoon they will share there joy at the Bobier Villa.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE: You are invited downstairs for lunch and fellowship. Our thanks to all who prepared and organized it. WELL DONE!

WHEN YOU PRAY: Pray for Cameron Leitch who continues to receive treatments. Remember also those who are in need of extra care and tests. Pray for God's comfort to Rev. Don McCallum and his family on the death of his mother last Sunday. Pray also for God's people to be faithful in serving, sharing and commitment. Remember to bring thanks to God for His grace and care over the 145 years.

THE SUMMER SERVICES: Will be July 2 – July 30th a combined service at Duff Church. August 4th to September 3rd we will meet at Argyle Church. We are not closing the Church, just combining the summer service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

WE ARE WORKING on a Pictorial Directory that will benefit both congregations, known as a Flip-over book. Keep posted.

BURNING BUSH EVENING GROUP will meet in the church classroom on Monday, June 12 at 8 p.m. The topic is Fathers. Roll call is to name a Biblical father and son. The committee is Madeline Duncanson and Janith McMillan and the lunch committee is Dorothy McCallum and Betty Henderson.

THE ARGYLE CHURCH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE: will be held on Saturday, June 24th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church basement. Lunch will be available. Everyone welcome.

PSALM 150

Praise the Lord!

*Praise God in His sanctuary
Praise Him in His might heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for His surpassing greatness.
Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,
Praise Him with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him with the strings and flute,
Praise Him with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him with resounding cymbals.*

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!*

1861-2006

It was between the years 1850 to 1860, that the first Presbyterian families came from the Highlands of Scotland to this area, which was to be known as Crinan. They were people with vision and daring enterprise. They were imbued with religious principles, anxious to have the word of God kept before them.

Occasional services were held from 1853 to 1860. In 1860, the union of the Presbyterians of Wardsville and Crinan formed a self – sustaining congregation. In 1861, Rev. Neil McKinnon, then a missionary, accepted the call to be their minister, making his home in Wardsville.

In 1871, Wardsville wished to dissolve the union, joining with Newbury. The Presbytery granted the request and the Crinan congregation carried on, on its own. In 1885, the old frame church was remodelled, with brick veneer and re-seating some of the changes. In 1896, the congregation built sheds for the accommodation of the horses.

On June 25th, 1911, Crinan celebrated the Golden Jubilee with Rev. R.F. McKay of London as guest speaker. In honour of the pioneers of the community, former residents gave a fumed oak pulpit and communion table to the church.

In 1925, after church union, Argyle Church voted to remain Presbyterian and the pastoral charges of Crinan and Largie were linked together.

In 1947, it was decided to remodel the church building. The structure was moved back twenty feet from the roadway; most useable material from the old building was used in the new. The original cherry and oak pews were refinished and re-installed in a new seating arrangement. New memorial windows replaced the frosted white panes. There were other changes made which enhanced the building to make it the beautiful church it is to-day. In the afternoon of Thursday, June 17th, 1948, London Presbytery dedicated the remodelled building.

Much of the honour for the accomplishment of the project was due to the leadership and time given by the minister Rev. Wm. Sutherland. We remember also Alexander "Sandy" Stewart who planned and supervised the work and the community volunteers who worked together in such a fine spirit of cooperation.

When, in September 1998, the West Lorne Knox Presbyterian Church closed its doors for the last time, several members transferred their membership to the Argyle Presbyterian Church. This union has strengthened the church in its work to God's glory.

On this, one hundred and forty-fifth anniversary, may we ever be mindful of the ministers and the people of the congregations who through the years gave us this church as it holds open its doors today. They can rest assured "their labour is not in vain in the Lord". May God bless us and make us worthy of our rich heritage.

By Norma McGill

THE ARGYLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CRINAN

1861 - 2006

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Rev. Hugh Appèl
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Clerk of Session
Alan Carroll
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*Seated: Annie Isobel and Duncan Tait
(Annie Isobel has been the organist for 50+ years and Duncan an elder
and former Clerk of Session)*

*Back row: Rev. Hugh and Jane Appèl, Rev. Donald McCallum (former minister
and guest speaker for the anniversary) Karen and Alan Carroll (Clerk of
Session)*

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**NANCY McGREGOR
Crinan W.I.**



on

September 2009

*For her tremendous contributions to her
Community and Local Fair*

