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A Farewell to the McIntyres

In 1897, William Smith purchased from the provincial government eight acres of heavily forested land across from what is now Elk Lake School. Ninety-six years ago, tiny Elizabeth Smith helped her husband clear the land, standing on her washbucket working one end of a crosscut saw.*

The Smith's house was built on what is now the soccer field. Annie Rebecca Stanbury Smith was born in that house. When she married and became Mrs. McIntyre, she moved only a few hundred yards away, to the house now at 774 Cordova Bay Road, at the top of the municipal pit, with a superb view of the bay. Her home was her pride and joy.

Her husband and a partner opened the first gravel pit in Cordova Bay in 1934/35, on the site of part of what is now Trio Ready-mix.

Annie McIntyre died last year, after 85 years in her beloved Cordova Bay. With her death, and with the recent sale of her home, the last remaining piece of the McIntyre property, to the Municipality of Saanich, another chapter in the history of Cordova Bay has closed.

* For this and more information about the history of Cordova Bay, see Anne Pearson's book, *Sea-Lake*, published in 1981 and (we think) recently reprinted. Anne's phone number is 658-8076.

Saanich—What About a McIntyre Park?

In his State of the Municipality message in December, at the inauguration of the new Council, Mayor Murray Coell announced the appointment of Frank Leonard to head a committee to see to the closure of the gravel pits in Cordova Bay and their reclamation for "possible housing and community use."

We are happy to see that he mentioned "community use:" although we all want to see the end of the pits, with their attendant noise, dirt and disruption, tangible benefit should not fall only to the eventual developers.

The McIntyre family still has fond ties to Cordova Bay. They would be happy to see a McIntyre Park come into being on McIntyre land. So would we all.

Saanich, are you listening?

What The Cordova Bay Association Does For You

- ☛ examines all proposals for development, subdivision, re-zoning, etc. in the community, to ensure that they meet the requirements of the Local Area Plan;
- ☛ monitors all issues of concern to the community, and informs affected residents;
- ☛ attends council and other relevant meetings to put the community position to whatever authorities are concerned;
- ☛ provides information and assistance to community residents with problems or questions about local planning;
- ☛ provided and maintains the community notice board in the shopping plaza;
- ☛ supports the activities of other community service organizations;
- ☛ and—last but not least—publishes *The Cordovan* and delivers it to your door five times a year.

Planning Report

Mayor Coell's Inaugural Report on December 6, 1993, identified items that will be given priority in 1994. There were several items that affect Cordova Bay.

Gravel Pits

The Mayor has formed a new Cordova Bay Gravel Pit Reclamation Task Force "with the sole purpose of closing down the Municipal, Highways and commercial (Trio) pits in Cordova Bay."

Councillor Leonard will chair this committee. The aim will be "to bring a plan forward to Council this year to close the gravel pits and reclaim them for possible housing and community use." Councillor Leonard will attend our Cordova Bay Association executive meeting on January 22 as a step in this direction.

Sunnymead Traffic

Sunnymead residents who presented a petition to Council protesting their neighbourhood streets being used as through streets have been advised verbally by Saanich that corrective action will be taken. Details are not yet available.

Cordova Bay Beach Estates

Construction has recommenced on this multistorey apartment building

Royal Oak Drive, West of Cordova Bay Road

The Mayor's list of 1994 work included the planned placing underground of hydro and telephone facilities.

Parker Avenue Sewers

The sewer study has been completed and a public meeting will be held January 27, 1994, to present the revised sewerage options.

Walking Trails

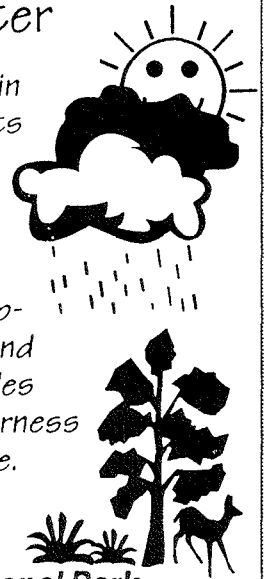
To assist trail users, the Parks Department has developed a trails brochure that will be out in early 1994.

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SUN 1:30 p.m.

Woods in winter

While we're bundled up in woolens, what do plants and animals do to make life easier in winter? Join a CRD Parks Naturalist for a look at the winter adaptations of local flora and fauna. Meet at the Coles Bay parking lot on Inverness Road off Ardmore Drive.



Coles Bay Regional Park

New Horizons

New Horizons is looking for more carpet bowlers. If you are interested, please call 479-4270.

And don't forget the film, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30, St. David's Church Hall.

Pathways Activity Centre

(Behind Elk Lake Garden Centre)

Open Monday - Saturday, 9:30 - 3:30

We are looking for old postcards, photos or memorabilia as donations.

We also need volunteers! Can you play music? play cards? teach painting? teach basic crafts?

We provide adult day-care two days a week and an Alzheimer's program 4 days a week.

Please call Pat McCullagh, 658-5414.

Brian Henderson

Brian Henderson, a long-time Cordova Bay resident, died on January 5th from the effects of a tragic motor accident in Kamloops, when he was returning from an annual Christmas skiing trip with his family.

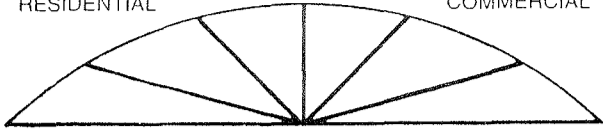
Brian was the owner of Island Appliance Sales and Service, and a man with a keen interest in sports. A member of the Canadian Cycling Team in both road and track events, he participated in the 1954 Commonwealth Games in Vancouver when he was only 18 years old.

Brian was an avid sailor and runner, involved in the YMCA and Royal Victoria Marathons in recent years, a runner who encouraged others to run.

For some years he was Cubmaster of the 5th Tsartlip Cubs in Cordova Bay.

He is remembered in the community as one of the kindest of men.

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The Civic Orchestra Celebrates Commonwealth Games

Murray Adaskin's "There is my People Sleeping," based on a book of poems by native writer Sarain Stump, will be a feature of the Civic's next concert, February 12, 8 p.m. at the University Centre Auditorium. Brahms Symphony No. 2, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No. 2, and Benjamin Britten's Soiree Musicale round out the program. Tickets are available at the door, Ward's Music Ivy's Bookstore in Oak Bay, and Tanner's Books in Sidney. Tickets are \$10. For further information call 360-1570 or 658-8833.

Phoenix Theatre

Don't forget the fine productions of
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A View From The Bridge
February 17 - March 5

Cabaret
(the musical)

March 17 - April 2

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721-8000. Reservations are advised.

Chess Club

The Chess Club is now meeting Thursday nights,
7 - 10:30 p.m. at Claremont High School. Junior
tournament dates have not yet been decided. Begin-
ners are very welcome.

Call Lynn Stringer, 658-5207.

Friday Walkers

Newcomers to Cordova Bay, especially, would be
welcomed to this not-too-strenuous walking group
meeting every Friday at 10 a.m. in the shopping centre
parking lot. The group has become very small and we
need new members! Usually of one and a half hours in
duration, our walks take us to parks as far away as
Witty's Lagoon and as close as Mount Douglas or Elk
and Beaver Lakes, a favourite if it is too rainy or too
hot. In the spring we try to visit as many wild flower
areas as possible and learn the names of the flowers.

Call Myrtle, 658-8833, to learn more.

Wanted ...

Ladies to play 'fun' volleyball Monday nights at
Cordova Bay Elementary School gym. Call
Marilyn, 727-9805.

Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society News

1993 was a very quiet year for the Society; no major decisions were made concerning the park and its surroundings and the smaller issues, such as access on the west side and trail signs, are still

under discussion. This state of affairs is scheduled to change in 1994 once people's energies and the media spotlight move away from the Glencoe Cove development. We have supported the people fighting for a major waterfront park as part of that development and the latest discussions at Council suggest that success is in sight.

Our number one priority for the New Year is to have the canopy of trees from the motel to Shelbourne St. recognized as a separate and distinct feature of the park and preserved under a heritage designation. The road itself is scheduled for repaving this year and there are calls for bike lanes and a pedestrian access from Royal Oak to be added. At such times, thoughtless actions and accidents happen which result in irrevocable damage to the surroundings; we would like to prevent this from occurring in this prized location. There are two issues allied to the road repairs; firstly, the Parks Department has prepared trails from the picnic area to new crossing points on the road. These new locations are much safer for park users as they can see the oncoming traffic for a longer period. In addition, the crossings are excellent sites for the installation of road humps to calm the traffic flow along the road. If the trial is successful, the concept could be extended along Cordova Bay Road as part of changes to the village core and to developments at the gravel pits.

Lastly, some trails in picnic areas have been resurfaced with gravel: go and use them and let us have your comments. Similarly, the fire road underneath the power line leading off Cedar Hill Road to the transmitter site has been resurfaced and the width is 3 metres (10 feet). The original Parks Department plan called for this type of trail to be built throughout the park as the basis for the major trail system. We opposed that introduction and the proposal was shelved: go and look and use this 400 metre section and tell us if we were right to do so.

Memberships in the Society are on a calendar year basis and most expired in December.

To renew your membership or to join,
please send \$5.00 per member to:

Luke Crebas,
4635 Cordova Bay Road,
Victoria, B.C., V8X 3V6.

If you would like to make a donation, please send it to the same address.

General enquiries - call Pam Lewis at 658-5039 or Graham Shorthill at 658-5873.

Donald H. Kellow

Donald H. Kellow passed away at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital on December 17, 1993.

He was born in Edmonton on February 7, 1910. His family moved to Victoria in 1913, and in 1919 they moved to Cordova Bay and farmed the land which is now Sunnymead.

Don and Maud married in 1931 and lived in several areas of Cordova Bay before buying the house at the corner of Cordova Bay Road and Temple Avenue in 1944, where they raised four boys, Eric, Stanley, Roy and Bruce.

Dan was a highrigger by trade, and covered the Island for many logging companies that needed his expertise. He was also a willing worker for friends and neighbours, often without pay, when trees needed to be topped, trimmed or felled. He also worked for the District of Saanich Waterworks Department for 25 years.

The Kellow sign on the topped cedar tree was a landmark in Cordova Bay for year, until large trucks wiped it out.

To long-time residents of Cordova Bay, Don was a neighbourhood legend, and recognizable as Mattick's Farm, Mount Douglas Park or the beach itself.

Cordova Bay Softball Registration

Boys and Girls Ages 5 - 19 years

Registration in Lochside Park Clubhouse

Saturday/Sunday

February 26/27

March 5/6

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

If you are a new player, bring a *photocopy* of your birth certificate.

Watch for the mail-in registration form soon to be distributed.

(No excuses for late registration)

For more information call 658-1440

Cordova Bay Softball Club

At the Annual General Meeting on November 30, 1993, a new softball executive was elected. A big thank you to the outgoing executive for a very successful year and a warm welcome to this year's.

President:	Rick Mitchelmore
Vice President:	Gene Smith
Sec./Treasurer	Chris Abbott
Coaches Rep.	Craig Holyhead
Umpire Rep.	Jan Drummond
Director:	Debbie Chang
Director:	Rudy deLeeuw

World Cup's Mini-Soccer Tournament

The Cordova Bay Soccer Club will be organizing the World Cup's Mini-Soccer Tournament at Lochside Park over the Easter weekend (April 1-4). As in previous years, the participation of at least 800 junior players from all Victoria soccer clubs is anticipated, as well as several thousand spectators. This tournament, which was originally founded by Frank Leversedge, provides an exciting activity for Victoria youngsters and also provides fund raising for the club.

The fund raising goal for the 1994 tournament will be to add to existing assets and build a community-oriented sports clubhouse, for both soccer and softball, adjoining the present facility at Lochside Park. Not only will this addition solve an equipment storage problem, but it is hoped that a shared meeting room for both clubs will strengthen our community ties and be available on request for use by other local groups.

Sponsors for this tournament have in the past been primarily business organizations, whose names have appeared in the tournament program. While we anticipate most of these sponsors will continue to support us again in 1994, we are also seeking individual sponsorship this year. Names of sponsors contributing \$50 or more will be recorded on a plaque to be permanently displayed in the new clubhouse - **we need your help!**



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The last few weeks leading up to Christmas are always busy ones in a school and here at IPAS it is no exception.

November started with a week of Spiritual Emphasis. Each morning, Pastor George Emm, visiting us from Vernon, addressed the students in an assembly. Using many stories, illustrations, and visual aids he spoke on "What Jesus means to me."

Our can collecting for Christmas hampers went ahead as planned on November 18, and we were delighted at the response as the students went door to door. You gave most generously and we thank you for all your gifts and donations of canned and dry goods as well as the "empties" that could be turned into cash! The food collected was used by the welfare departments of the Victoria and Sidney Seventh-Day Adventist churches who distributed hampers throughout the Saanich peninsula area to families in need.

Our sponsored reading program was concluded in November and with the \$800.00 raised by the students, plus the \$400.00 added by the World Book Company, we have ordered three new sets of books for the school.

December brings the Christmas program and the hours of practicing in preparation for it. This year the school band presented a short concert which was followed by "The Greatest Story Ever Told" when the students did an excellent job of portraying the story of the birth of Jesus. In amongst all the practicing for the program, the Grade 1 - 3 class with their teacher, Mrs. Joy Vandenboer, found time to pay a visit to the Sidney Intermediate Care Home to present a short program to the residents.

We are now well launched into the New Year with a busy schedule of classes and other activities which we will report on in the coming months. From all of us at Island Pacific Adventist School we wish you God's blessing, with happiness and success in 1994.

Cordova Bay Hikers

We meet every Wednesday at 9.00 a.m. at the Plaza on Cordova Bay Road. Our walks until mid-March are about two hours. Please join us. For more information, telephone Vera or Cam Innes at 658-8846.

January 12	Fisherman's Wharf/West Bay - Spinnakers' Lunch
19	Cordova Bay
26	Ten-Mile Point
February 2	Gonzales Bay/Government House
9	Colquitz Creek/Quick's Bottom
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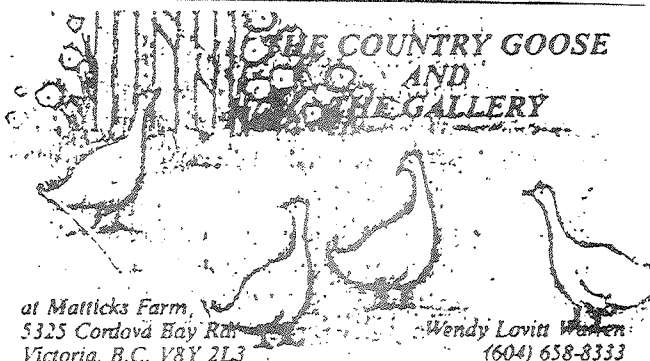
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It was certainly good to see all of our friends and neighbours at our poinsettia and Christmas cake sale. This is one of the times we get to say "Hello" and have a chat for a minute or two. Once more we thank you for your participation and wish you all the best of the New Year.

Our Annual Food Drive and Garage Sale is in the planning stage now. We will have full details in the next *Cordovan*.

Jack Hardie
658-8856

Cordova Bay United Church

813 Claremont Avenue

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Winter Study Programs:

1. Sunday, Jan. 16 - Feb. 20: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Informal discussion group on contemporary faith questions and issues.
2. Wednesdays, Feb. 16 - Mar. 30: Lenten Bible Study Program led by the Rev. David Lovewell. David has led programs for us over the past two years, and those in attendance found the study most meaningful and worthwhile.
3. In partnership with our Youth Group - a series on "Parenting in Changing Times."

Sundays, Feb. 27 - Mar. 27: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Feb. 27 Parents and Teenagers/Teenagers and Parents

Mar. 6 Human Sexuality and Values

Mar. 13 Working Parents/Single Parents

Mar. 27 Blended Families

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Coming:

February is Hospitality Month. Please do come for a visit.

Easter Pot-luck Supper:

Sunday, March 27, 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday Morning:

Breakfast, 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Worship beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Morning:

Worship beginning at 10:30 a.m.

For more information please phone 658-8111 or 477-6957 or better still, join us. The Elk Lake Baptist Church, 5363 Pat Bay Highway (opposite the lake, by the scales).

Cordova Bay Co-operative Pre-School

St. David by the Sea Anglican Church
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Attention, parents of 3 and 4 year olds! January is here and time to begin the search for that quality preschool you've been dreaming of. Look no further than Cordova Bay Co-op Preschool, a non-profit, parent-owned organization.

Under the supervision of a qualified Early Childhood Educator, children and parents are offered the opportunity to explore and observe "learning through play." Come, join the fun and give your child a great beginning!

We have a few spaces available for September. For further information for this year or the future, contact Sylvia-Anne Farnden, 658-8554.

Pianist Needed

Cordova Bay Elementary School is looking for a pianist to accompany the choir for after-school practices on Thursdays.

If you are interested, please call the school at 658-5315.

Mount Newton Centre

2158 Mt. Newton Xroad
652-3432

The Saanich Peninsula Grassroots Forum is holding a meeting at the centre at 3 p.m., Wednesday, February 9. The guest speaker's topic is Crime Prevention.

The meeting is open to the public at no charge and should be of particular interest to seniors and anyone living alone.

Cordova Bay Association Executive 1993-94

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Cordova Bay is Still an Active Member of the Save the Saanich Peninsula Communities Coalition

Read on!

In the fall of 1989, several Saanich Peninsula community groups felt that then-Minister of Highways Rita Johnson's proposed freeway from Victoria to Swartz Bay was more highway than we needed. It would also promote the rapid suburbanization of the Peninsula. Out of these concerns emerged the Save the Saanich Peninsula Communities Coalition (SSPCC).

Early indications from Ministry publications and information meetings were that the Pat Bay highway near our community would be widened, Claremont's access to the highway would be closed and Santa Clara would be the alternate route for all traffic should there be an emergency closure between Sayward Road and Haliburton. Since our 1985 Cordova Bay Traffic Study declared that a separate frontage road adjacent to the highway was essential, our Association clearly had a stake in this issue. Your Association's then-president became, and remains, chair of the Coalition.

The Peninsula group invited participation from community groups across Greater Victoria, leading to a mailing list of nearly 50 community groups by January of 1990; their participation led to its approximately monthly meetings being held in the Cordova Bay United Church basement for the last four years. It took the first two years to convince the Minister of Highways to back off from a full scale freeway - letters, meetings, a letter-writing campaign, a telephone tree, demonstrations at major intersections on Labour Day, and the support of the Greater Victoria Ecological Network, etc. Finally, success!!!

The CRD established, with Ministry support, its Transportation Strategy Study to identify how best to meet the transportation needs of Greater Victoria, including the Pat Bay Highway. However, Coalition leaders wondered if the study directors, municipal politicians and their engineering and planning staff were fully aware of how communities like ours had dealt with similar issues. In the Fall of 1991, the Greater Victoria Electric Railway Society organized a visit of some 50 community group leaders, municipal politicians and their staffs to Portland, Oregon, to see their MAX light rail system. Its success led to the idea of a Land Use and Transportation Symposium, under the sponsorship of the Environmental Studies Program at U.Vic.; this took place February 29-March 2, 1992. Case studies from eight communities across North America were presented to some 150 participants; some principles to guide land use and transportation were formulated which should prove useful to evaluate the forthcoming report of the CRD Transportation Strategy Study.

The Coalition has also been involved in decisions about the Mackenzie Ave. interchange, the Lands End Road interchange and other issues. The Wain Road interchange decision occurred very quickly so we were unable to contribute to it. We are now examining a proposed Vancouver Island Land Use and Transportation Coalition.

Once the CRD study report is made, we expect planning on the Pat Bay Highway near Cordova Bay will occur quickly. Be prepared to become involved. If you have further questions or suggestions on these issues, please call me evenings on 658-1323.

Des. Connor
Chair, SSPCC

12th Tsartlip Beavers and Cubs

Thank you, Cordova Bay residents who contributed to the 12th Tsartlip Beaver and Cub Bottle Drive held Saturday, January 8. Your contributions were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Carver Fraser for loaning the 12th Tsartlip his truck.

The Carrot Seed Preschool for 3 - 5 year olds.

Located at the Cordova Bay United Church
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Be thinking about September 1994 registration now. Spaces nearly filled. Get your name on our waiting list. Call Dianne Bentley, Supervisor, 658-2331.

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Ms. Rhoda Gatt has been co-manager of delivery of the *Cordova* for many years, and has even continued after she left Cordova Bay. As she resigns this position, we take this opportunity to thank her for devoted service to the community.

Ms. Margaret Moore, the present manager of delivery of the *Cordova*, has held this position even longer. She has earned the appreciation of all for recruiting and encouraging some 50 volunteers who walk our streets six times a year to help you become a more informed and active member of our community. (And let's hear it for all those volunteers too !!)

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