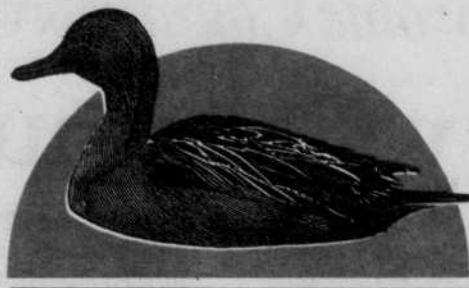


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Piloga coming to Knowlton

By Virginia Wilson

Local Knowlton resident, Bohdana Zwonok, left her local nest over four years ago to become a certified Pilates and Yoga instructor. She began to travel back and forth between her residence in Brome Lake and Sacramento, California to study at a California Family Fitness centre. Zwonok teaches a combination of the best of both disciplines to create "Piloga" which offers the relaxation and stretching from Yoga and the strengthening and toning of the core muscles from Pilates. The ninety minute course was created to offer individuals with a busy schedule the maximum benefits from both disciplines in a practical amount of time and will be offered for the first time in the Townships when Zwonok returns to Brome Lake permanently, in April.

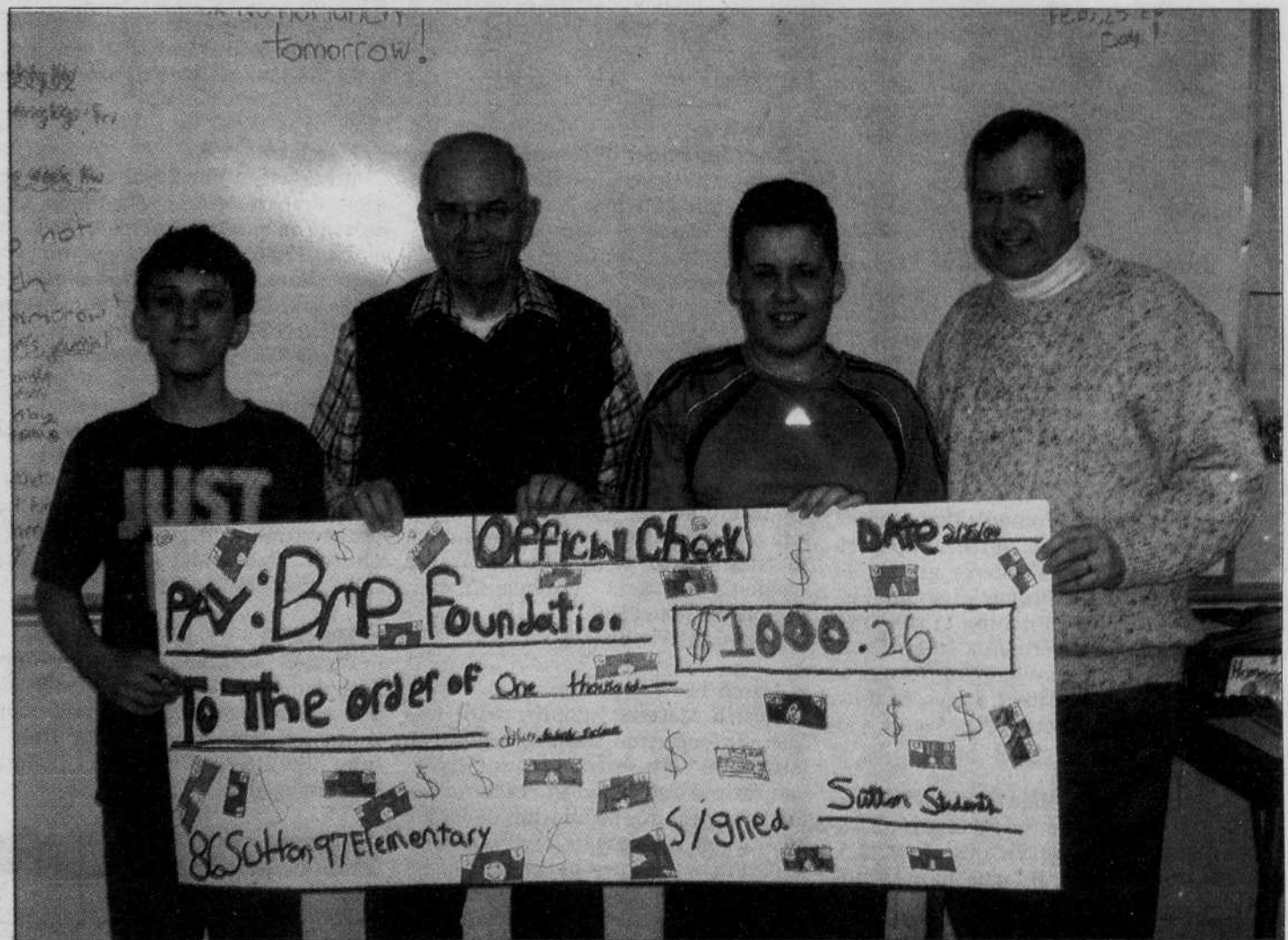
Zwonok's interest in Yoga began 30 years ago and was developed while she travelled to multiple cities around the world and practiced different styles including Ashtanga and Bikram Yoga. She studied at many schools and retreats including Paradise Island. After her first Pilates experience, Zwonok was hooked. She began taking every available Pilates class four to five hours a week at the gym on top of her four to five hours of Yoga. After obtaining her Mat Pilates certification, she started to practice Piloga which offered an interesting combination of both disciplines with her favorite instructor Lynda King in Folsom, California.

Zwonok says "I am a fitness buff; I train in different disciplines and love exercise in it's many forms.

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BMP proud of grade 6 students

Students raise \$1000 for Cancer department



VIRGINIA WILSON

Frank Johnston-Main receiving check from students Joey Goyette (12) and Mathieu Lauziere (12) and staf from Sutton School.

By Virginia Wilson

The children in Luca Marcone's grade 6 class at Sutton Elementary School were extremely excited to hand Frank Johnston-Main, Executive Director of the BMP Foundation, a handmade giant check for \$1000.26 towards the Cancer Department at the BMP Hospital last Thursday. Marcone and his stu-

dents organized an afternoon of games and Ultimate Frisbee last Saturday at the school and invited the population to come and play in the snow and encourage their children's efforts of getting involved in a community fundraiser. A total of three teams were formed for the Ultimate Frisbee ranging in all ages over 14 years of age and the children set up multiple stands of games and treats to

help raise funds during the event.

Marcone said, "I wanted them to learn that it is easier to give a dollar than to get a dollar." The students worked hard putting up posters, inviting friends and family, organizing games and trying to work out schedules with other events in Sutton.

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World Day of Prayer at All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham, Qc, on March 5 at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. Everyone welcome.

March 6

Brome Community's Annual Chicken & Biscuit Supper, First seating: 5-6 p.m., second seating 6:30 p.m. at the Brome Hall on Saturday, March 6. Price \$10. Seating is limited so please call to reserve your place. Eugene Jones 450-243-5742 or Bob Derby 450-243-1999. See you There !!!

Brunch at Trinity Anglican Church. Enjoy Steven's pancakes, sausages with baked beans, fruit cocktail, coffee, tea on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 409 South Street, Cowansville. Admission \$7. Adults, 6 - 13 yrs: \$5, Children under 5 yrs. free. Reservations: 450-378-8692.

March 7

International Women's Day. Avante Women's Centre, in partnership with the Coalition of women's groups of Haute-Yamaska & Brome Missisquoi, invite you to the launching of the 2010 World March of Women at their Cocktail Party on Sunday, March 7, from 5 to 7 at L'Escale, 80 Albert Street, Granby. Tickets \$12 each, on sale at Avante 450-248-0530.

Egypt. Digital slide show on Sunday, March 7 at 2 pm, at the Community Center Knowlton, Rue Victoria. Cost: \$ 5. Adhi Two Owls will focus on pyramids

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March 8

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March 9

The Challenges of Blended Families: Keeping the love alive, how to make changes and tips into making it work. Tuesday, March 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. Avante Women's Center, 2 Adhémar-Cusson, Bedford, 450-248-0530 avante.kath@bellnet.ca

March 10

International Women's Day is celebrated annually around the world with events and activities that inspire women and acknowledge accomplishments. Avante is doing its part to insure that the future for our girls is bright, equal, safe and rewarding. Wednesday, March 10 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Avante Women's Center, 2 Adhémar-Cusson, Bedford, 450-248-0530 vante.kath@bellnet.ca

March 11

Health Matters: Coping with loss. These information sessions are in collaboration with several community organizations interested in reaching the English speaking population of Brome Missisquoi. Along with a televised presentation by an expert in the field, a specialist will be on hand to lead the discussion and answer questions. Thursday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Cowansville CLSC, 397 rue Rivière, Cowansville. avantebarb@bellnet.ca

St. Patrick's Soup & Dessert Luncheon at All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham, Qc., on Thursday, March 11 at 12 noon. Donation: \$8. Cards to be played immediately following lunch. Reservations: Joan 450-295-3341 or Claire 450-295-2349.

March 14

All-You-Can-Eat Brunch. Eggs the way you like them. Donation \$7. a person and \$3.50 for children 8 and under. Sunday, February 28, 10 am. to 1 pm. Sutton Legion, 2 Curley St. Info: 450-538-2210.

Come and celebrate St-Patrick's Day with Smokin' Country, starting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 14 at Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon, Cowansville. A party atmosphere is guaranteed, so come dance and spend a fun afternoon with us. Don't forget to wear your greens and your lucky Shamrocks. Several prizes and draws will take place. (450) 263-3543. Come and have fun with us.

March 14

Breakfast at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #99, 120 Davignon, Cowansville on Sunday, March 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with eggs your way, bacon, ham, home fries, and Gloria's famous baked beans. Adults: \$6. Children 5 to 10 yrs.: \$3. Under 5 yrs: Free. Info: (450) 263-3543 Everyone welcome !

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March 20

Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper with dance to follow with County Line. \$15. a person. Supper is at 6 pm., dance is at 8 pm. Sutton Legion, 2 Curley St. Info: 450-538-2210. Please call ahead. Takeout available.

CHURCH SERVICES

CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE.

Sunday worship with music. Creek United, West Bolton: 9 a.m. Brill Road. St. Paul's United, Waterloo, 10:30 a.m. Communion services for both churches are held on every first Sunday of the month. Beginning January 3, St. Paul's Services will be held at Place Primevere, Leclair Street during January, February and March. No services in the Church Sanctuary during winter months. Everyone is welcome. The services will be held in the reception room. All are asked to re-

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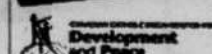
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Some of the students said they learned that you cannot be stubborn and you have to be flexible for things to work out. Other students were proud that their parents came and participated in the events and family activities. There were a few errors in overlapping schedules which the kids learned can be a problem, but this did not discourage them from wanting to have another fundraiser soon.

The children were educated about cancer and how common it has become to see a friend, family member or neighbor be diagnosed. Marcone had one out of every three students stand up to represent the one out of three people that will be diagnosed with cancer. The children were educated by Johnson-Main about how each week a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer or lung cancer and that 45 to 60 people receive treatment at the BMP Hospital. He describes chemotherapy to the children and tried to have them understand the process of pumping poisonous chemical into the patient's body to kill the cancer. The children understood that the money they donated will more than likely be used toward new pumps for the chemotherapy department at the Hospital.

"The BMP is very proud of your class and appreciates what you have donated. It is important to be proud. Your group worked hard to raise a lot of money even though you knew you could have benefited from it; you chose to give it to someone else. It takes strong people in society to work for people beyond themselves and reach beyond themselves to help others. The results that you turned out for this event were really impressive," said Frank Johnston-Main to the wide-eyed children staring up at him from their desks.

The children were very proud and knew they could not have pulled it off without a few donations apart from the funds raised during the event itself. They were quickly reminded by Johnston-Main not to be discouraged by the assistance they received to reach their goal. "It takes events to raise visibility and awareness for a cause and if they hadn't planned the event the additional donations would not have been donated. The people that donate do so to partake in a cause that they cannot always participate in, but believe in. They see you trying to help and they want to be a part of that."

The BMP will add an inscribed leaf to the tree in the Hospital entrance to commemorate the kids' efforts and donation in two or three months. They will also be adding a write up on the Foundation website for everyone to view: www.bmpfoundation.ca.

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I climbed high mountains and I shoveled much snow. I am very physical. Yoga helps me calm down and focus. Pilates helps me with my posture and core strength."

Zwonok will be offering her courses in April at the local Community Centre in Brome Lake but says, "The Piloga group fitness classes will not compete with the existing specialties of Pilates and Yoga classes. Both have many current excellent instructors in our community. It will be soft core, but do not kid yourselves, it will still be as challenging as each of the participants will choose it to be. The Piloga will only add variety and more options towards our community's wellness efforts."

The first classes in Brome Lake will be a multi-level class for active people wanting to progress to a higher fitness and wellness levels. During the stretching and exercise portions of the class, advanced fitness participants will have multiple degrees of difficulty to choose from. Each 90 minute PILOGA class will comprise a warm-up and stretching period, followed by a fusion of flowing classic Pilates and Yoga exercises, ending with a relaxation/integration period.



VIRGINIA WILSON

Bohdana Zwonok, Knowlton's newest (and most likely first) Piloga instructor

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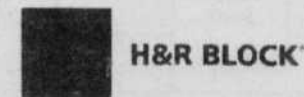
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Optimist Club's Womens Day dinner

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Every year the club chooses a different theme and this year they have chosen Successful Women Entrepreneurs. We are so very fortunate to have such talented women amongst us in our community and that we have this special occasion to celebrate their success. This year's honourees are Patti Larose-Mason and Annette Blanco from the Panier Champêtre; Lucy Hoblyn from

Brome Lake Books and Janet Fraser of Café Floral. These four remarkable women have made us very proud and are an inspiration to many in these difficult economic times. Let us all show them our admiration for the work they do. As usual, when the women were told of their selection, all were humbled yet very honoured.

We are lucky to have Ms. Lori Graham of CTV as our keynote speaker. Born and raised on the West Island of Montreal, Lori has always had a passion for performing and public speaking. All through elementary school and high school, Lori participated in numerous public speaking contests and performed in countless

theatrical productions. Lori was even elected to give the valedictory address to her graduating class at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School.

While public speaking was always of great interest, academically Lori pursued both pure and applied science. Eventually she would find a way to combine her love of both sciences and languages by becoming CTV Montreal's weather presenter.

Lori got her break in Montreal media while in her second year of broadcast journalism at Concordia University. She was the recipient of CJAD's Al Cauley Award, and within weeks began working for CJAD and Mix 96 as a traffic reporter, news reporter and newscaster while completing her final year of university. She went on to graduate from Concordia with the highest aggregate marks in her program.

Two years later, Lori joined the CTV family as a weather presenter during the infamous 1998 ice storm. She refers to her television debut as her "baptism by ice." She has hosted a number of shows for CTV including "Good Morning Canada" - the network's national weekend morning show. Lori is also involved in a number of local charities. She hosts CTV's "Telethon of Stars" and supports the Bell Walk for Kids Help Phone, the Children's Wish Foundation, and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

There are a limited number of tickets, so hurry to reserve your place. Tickets are available by calling Lois Hardacker or Marilyn Hunter at (450) 242-2000, Donna Coates at (450)-242-2548 (evening) or Susan Burbank at (450) 243-0530 (evening). Tickets cost \$50.00 with all the profits going to the youth projects that the club sponsors in the area. The evening will start with a paid bar at 6:00 pm and the meal to be served at 7:00 pm. Please call to reserve your tickets as seats are limited. This has become an annual "do not miss" event.

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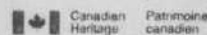
With sinking heart I realise that the bizarre attempt of the previous administration of the Town of Brome Lake to change the public character of our villages and to inform the tens of millions of English-speaking people in Montreal and nearby states and provinces that they are no longer welcome (the weirdly inappropriate fleur-de-lys, the town name in large letters in French while the English name is so tiny as to be illegible, and the insistence on French-only signs) continues unchanged.

So I was shocked but not really surprised to learn that the inmates still apparently running the asylum are changing the garbage collection to once every two weeks, even in the summer. When I expressed my shock on receiving this news from an employee at the town hall, she declared that she has been preparing for this by putting her smelly garbage in the freezer! Ye Gods!

Anyway, I shall be away for the first month of this new regime (March), nursing the faint hope that sanity might prevail by the time I get back.

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10:00	Musical Selection					Around Town	
11:00						Marie & Lucie	
12:00						Bobcat Sessions	A Classical Time
13:00	Community Bulletin Board/Musical Selection						
14:00	Musical Selection						Henry's Music and Musings
15:00							Ask the Pastor
16:00							The Outsider*
17:00	Around Town*	Marie & Lucie*	Around Town*	Marie & Lucie*	Young Blood	Showtime	Veronica's Picks*
18:00	Community Bulletin Board/Musical Selection						
19:00	Dufur Mtn Bluegrass	Penalty Box	Mostly Canadian Un-played*	Bobcat Sessions*	Burning Bush from the Hall of Flame	The Outsider	Young Blood*
20:00	Mostly Canadian Un-played	Let's Talk Jazz*		Ask the Pastor*		Let's Talk Jazz	It's on the Record
21:00		Burning Bush from the Hall of Flame*	Dufur Mtn Bluegrass*	It's on the Record*	Veronica's Picks*		
22:00	The Ivan Hour*		A Classical Time*		Mes Albums Classiques*	The Ivan Hour	DJ Blues
23:00		DJ Blues*		Poetry			Showtime*
Overnight	Musical Selection						

*Denotes repeat program in the same week

PET OF THE WEEK

BOUBOULE



Hello, hello, I am Bouboule - 2 years old, male, 20 inches tall with this chunky body I was given!

Just looking at my photo you can't tell the real me; I am happy, cheery, fun-loving and gentle.

I love mushing, cuddling and licking people. I am co-operative and listen well; I really want to please.

I have been here at the shelter since last July - really hope someone will fall in love with me soon!

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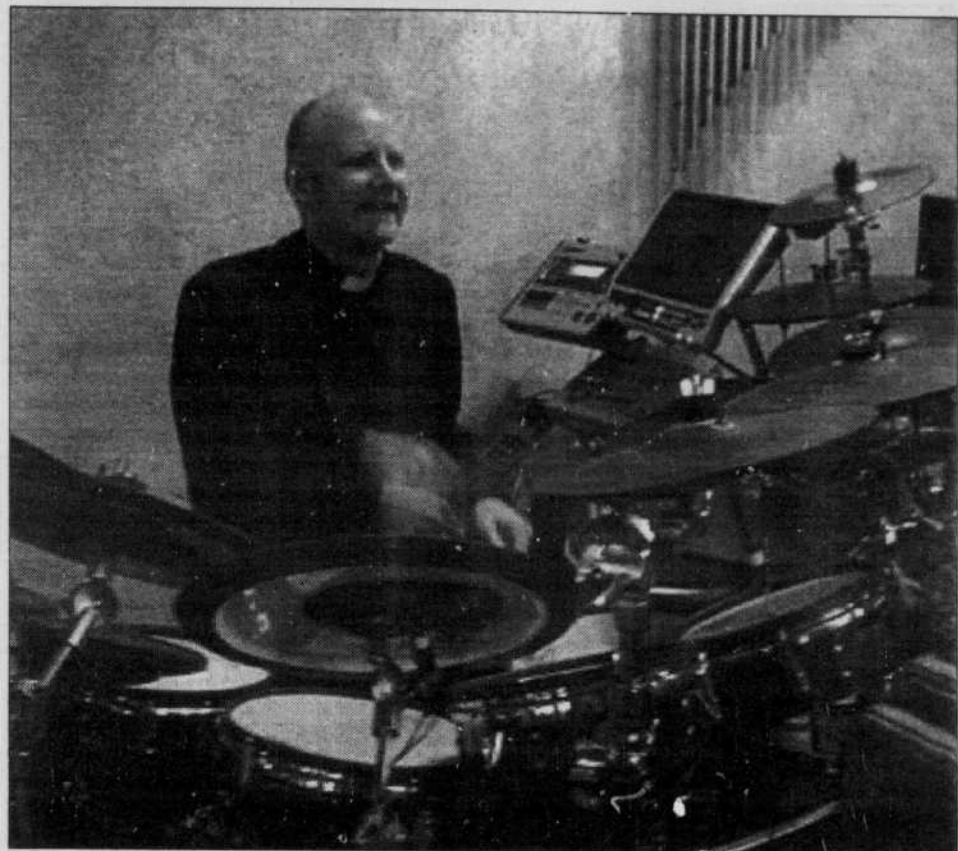


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St. Paul's, Knowlton: Turning Up, Not Down



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Rev. Tim Wiebe drumming

St. Paul's parish in Knowlton managed in 2009 to reverse the trends that are causing anguish elsewhere and this in a year of local as well as worldwide economic downturn:

Average 2009 weekly Sunday attendance rose by more than 10% over 2008.

Operating income rose 20%.

St. Paul's has tackled its issues head-on. At the beginning of 2009, the Rev. Tim Wiebe told a meeting of parishioners, "We either face our anticipated problems now, or we will decline. The clouds are darkening, and we have to make choices. We either grow, or we will slowly disappear."

The first result of this prodding was a Parish Ministry Review. "We decided to take the temperature of the parish, to see how people were feeling, and what they were thinking about a variety of areas of our life together," says Gary Crandall, Rector's Warden.

In developing the questionnaire, members of the Corporation at St. Paul's used several sources, including questionnaires used earlier at St. Peter's Church in Town of Mount Royal and at St. John the Baptist in Beaconsfield, as well as resources provided by the diocese over the years, especially by Mark Gibson and the Venerable Janet Griffith-Johnson. A local perspective was added by Corporation members.

About 135 questionnaires were sent to those on the parish list. Of these, 78 were returned, including 60 from those who said they attended church regularly. "We were overwhelmed by the number of responses, so the survey analysis took longer than we antici-

pated—but it was also more exciting than we expected," says People's Warden Glen Mason.

The questionnaire revealed that St. Paul's is considered an essential part of Knowlton community life. The parish must not decline into obscurity and irrelevance was the obvious overall conclusion.

What to do?

The questionnaire revealed that the vast majority of the parish is happy with the worship, leadership and direction of St. Paul's. Given that, what steps are needed to keep it that way, and move productively into the future?

In the past few years, there have been a variety of worship options offered at St. Paul's, and on the basis of the questionnaire, that continues. A traditional service is offered at 8 am, and a 10 am service is a blend of traditional and contemporary elements with a strong musical and video component. On the fifth Sunday of the month a blended service is held at 9.30 am, which combines elements of the BAS, BCP and the Kenyan Rite.

One area that was identified as needing improvement was communication, both within the parish itself, and to the wider Knowlton community. First efforts made in that direction are proving productive. A parish website has been developed (stpaulsblog.wordpress.com), a blog has been developed by Tim Wiebe (revtimbo.wordpress.com) and Tim has also a weekly radio show called "Ask The Pastor" on (99.1 CIDI FM, <http://rcmmedia.org/blog/category/cidi/hosts/twiebe/>).

Under the leadership of Joan McKinnon and Sara Creighton-Wiebe, 14 parishioners and friends from St. Paul's operate a breakfast program five days a week at Knowlton Academy—a major community outreach activity. A newly invigorated visiting program for the sick and shut-in is up and running. Sunday school, Bible study and prayer chain groups are ongoing. The parish hall is being updated to make it more useful to the community groups that use it on a weekly basis. Many parishioners participate in various community service groups, such as the Lion's Club, The Royal Canadian Legion, the Pettes Memorial Library, Meals on Wheels, the Brome Lake Food Bank.

Other outreach activities include leading various ecumenical events such as the annual Sunday service at Brome Fair. During the summer of 2009, both good and not-so-good golfers from St. Paul's organized and participated in the Stone Duck Classic, which raised \$4,500 for the Lac Brome First Responders in 2009. In 2008, the Stone Duck Classic raised \$6,500 for the Moving Muscles Ride for the Muscular Dystrophy Society of Canada. This year the intended beneficiary is the Knowlton Academy Ski Program. In all, St. Paul's will give over \$19,000 this year to various local, diocesan, national and international outreach ministries. There are singing and visiting ministries in the three local senior's residences.

So what's next?

The ministry review also identified a need to attract and minister to young families. A position of Children and Family Ministries Coordinator is being considered to help with that goal.

Improvements to the computer system to allow recording and transmission of services are being considered. The contemporary music group will add an electric guitar and flute and hopes to record and expand its ministry beyond

the walls of the church.

"This year, 2010, will be spent following up on the recommendations of the Parish Ministry Review," says Susan Wallet, incoming Rector's Warden. "The following year we will review once again and see how we are doing."

"We have been blessed by God, there is no doubt in our minds about that," says the Rev. Tim Wiebe, "and we are grateful to Him. We want to be faithful stewards of all that God is giving us, but our first task is to be faithful to God's most precious gift to us, His Word. We have a particular slant on the Bible—we believe that the Bible is primarily God's Word about humanity, not humans' words about God. Our task is to be faithful to what we believe and to prayerfully follow the course that God is setting for us. We have seen that as we do that, God is opening hearts and minds and doors for us to minister in the community and beyond. What's next? Jesus knows and we intend to follow Him."

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The President opened the meeting and The Lord's Prayer was said by all.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given and approved.

Mrs. Sherrer gave a report of the Flower Fund.

We will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on March 5 at 10:30. Lunch will be served. All welcome.

Our next luncheon will be a St. Patrick's Soup & Dessert on March 11, 2010, cards to be played immediately following lunch. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and lunch was served by Christine and Joan.

Our Valentine Soup and Dessert held

on February 11 was a great success. Much conversation and laughter took place in the nearly full hall and the bake table was a very popular place to be.

Following lunch the raffle was drawn; the winner being Arthur Hall. Door prizes: Stanley Martin and Min Kerr.

Bingo - Beverly Page and Gerald Coupland - 6 games, Betty Ann Page - 5 games, Shirley Garner - 4 games, Gerald Coupland, 3 games, Jean Riti, 2 games, Doreen McPherson - 1 game, Margaret Royea.

Thank you to all who helped make this a success.

Our next luncheon will be St. Patrick's Soup & Dessert on March 11 at noon, reminder notices will be in the Record and The Guide. Hope to see you then.

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Letters

Mr. Mayor Pierre Pelland,

During 2009 when the restriction on public and private roads between 350m and 550m elevation came up it was finally beaten back by a petition of over 600 signatures of concerned citizens. My question for you Mr. Pelland is why are you now bringing up this issue again and what objective are you trying to accomplish with this creeping expropriation of property rights?

When I began working on the protection of our mountains in 1978, the municipality was always honest with property owners and negotiated the purchase of land we wanted to protect. By the year 2002 we had successfully protected the tops of the Sutton Mountains without using zoning restrictions as a tool.

If Mr. Pelland you continue to move forward with this expropriation of property rights, you will be causing a series of actions which may have a devastating effect on the Sutton economy.

The development of Sutton has always depended heavily on people investing in building primary and secondary residences. In the past,

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As a business person Mr. Pelland, you certainly know what happens when investors no longer have confidence in a given area and no longer continue to invest. In this critical period in the history of Sutton, your severe restriction of property owner's rights is already having an impact on Sutton's reputation as a safe place to invest.

The next area to be impacted will be the construction jobs and associated businesses. You have stated that you want to promote the development of Sutton, yet you pass By-laws that will negatively impact the economy of Sutton.

Mr. Pelland, have you studied how many taxpayers own land over 350m elevation and have they all been notified about what is happening to their property rights. The list, I have, shows about 400 owners.

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