



# The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents



## 2015 Fall Festival A Great Success

By Denise Howard

The Lisbon Fall Festival on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, was a great success. The weekend kicked off with a Fall Dance for the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade kids at the Lisbon Community Center on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

The day's events started at 10:00 AM with a 3.5 mile road race, with the Newent Congregational Church holding a Pancake Breakfast that started at 7:30.

Festival visitors enjoyed our famous Chowder & Fritters, as well as hamburgers, hot dogs French fries, and popcorn. The members of the Newent Congregational Church also had a great bake sale table of delectable treats, which, as usual, sold out quickly.

We had 38 local vendors, crafters, and artists, giving patrons a chance to do some early Christmas shopping. Many kids (and some adults!) had fun visiting the Girl Scouts for face painting. One of the most popular tables was the Home Depot table, where children had the opportunity to build their own special project.

Special thanks to the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department, Lisbon Public Works, and the CT Army National Guard, who all provided vehicles and hours of fun for young and older kids for "Touch a Truck".

Partnering with the Lisbon Recreation Committee this year was a huge success, providing great kid and family friendly activities, including Dodge ball, Knocker Ball, and younger kid events like sack races and doughnut on

a string. Knocker Ball provided many hours of amusement for both the participants and spectators!

Special thanks to the Lisbon Boy Scouts, who helped us throughout the day, and with clean up. All of our volunteers and participants contributed to a great Fall Festival. Thank you! Save the date! The next Lisbon Fall Festival is September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

We need YOUR help! As you know, we are a very small volunteer organization and are always looking for new volunteers on the committee, or for people who can spare just a small amount of time to help us with major events. Contact Cyndy Goodwin Cockett at 860-710-1640 or [lastcarnival@comcast.net](mailto:lastcarnival@comcast.net) if you can assist with the Lisbon Fall Festival Committee in any way.

A few new possible events for next year include a Haunted Trail Walk / Hay Ride, and perhaps more Bingo. However, we are small and limited on "manpower". We need your help! Do you have some great ideas and want to help? Join our committee! Our goal is to raise the money for the heating system as quickly as possible.

The Lisbon Community Center is now closed for the season. Imagine how often it could be used if only we had heat! Our first event next year at the Lisbon Community Center will be our Spring Bingo, held on Friday, May 6, 2016. Come on down with your family; it is always a great time!

Stay in touch with the Lisbon Fall Festival and all of our future events by following us on Facebook! Visit

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lisboncommunitycenter/> and click on the Events tab!

The Lisbon Fall Festival Committee is raising the funds required to install a heating system in the Lisbon Community Center with events like the Fall Festival and Bingo. A heating system in the Community Center will make this spacious and affordable location available year-round for your events. To learn more about using the Lisbon Community Center, visit [www.lisbonfallfestival.org](http://www.lisbonfallfestival.org) and click on "Community Center". You may also make reservations by contacting Lorraine Dawley at 860-866-7595.

### FOOD BANK

Saint Mary's in Jewett City, is designated as Lisbon's Food Bank.

Food can be picked up at the Rectory (basement) on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month between 10 - 11 am and 3 - 4 pm.

To donate, please call Deacon Paul Baillargeon at 860-376-2044.

### Lisbon Historical Society Quarterly Notes

By Kim Sperry

A couple of projects are underway at the John Bishop House. In November, Boy

Scouts from Troop 73 helped tackle the enormous load of wood left from the fallen trees at the Burnham Tavern. On November 7 the team of Thomas Fowler, James Noel, James McPherson and Assistant Scoutmaster Robert McPherson volunteered their services. A team of LHS members and volunteers that included scouts Jackson Adams and Scott Brennan and Scoutmaster John Giancarlo, were back it again on the 14<sup>th</sup> to cut, split, haul and stack more firewood. After two days work, the team was convinced that they made a dent in the pile, but I'm not so sure. Weather permitting we will continue to whittle away. Another Troop 73 project is the replacement of the picket fence next to the carriage shed. The old fence was peeling paint showing signs of rot; the new fence will make a much more attractive backdrop for the Three Sisters garden. Many thanks go out to the Troop for their commitment to community service.

The annual Holiday Open House fundraiser will take place **Saturday, December 5**. We are offering bake goods and greenery for sale, museum tours and open hearth cooking demonstrations. Gift certificates for the annual Open Hearth Cooking classes at the Bishop House will be available as well. The classes are instructional, collaborative and most of all fun and they make a wonderful holiday gift. Under the guidance and instruction from the Society's teaching staff, students will prepare dinner from traditional recipes using period cooking utensils and methods and then share the fruit of your labors at a candlelit table in front of the fireplace. We are offering both evening and afternoon classes. Classes are Saturday, April 16, 2016, 5:30-10:30 p.m. or Saturday,

April 23, 2016, 1:30-6:30 p.m. Call Paula Adams at 860-887-8052 for information or stop by the Bishop House December 5 for a registration form.

**Burnham Tavern Update – Report by Ken Mahler:** Our restoration carpenter is still working on emergency stabilization of the building. You'll remember the sill in the front of the house was rotted and has been replaced along with the unusual siding, called planking, below the surface of the clapboards. Other beams, joists, and beams have been replaced. In August the Town Crew, along with a society member, and his tractor, bush hogged all the fields. One field that had saplings, that has not been farmed for years, and is going to be designated as a Monarch Butterfly "way station", was cut and mowed several times in order to restore the field and create a habitat for migratory butterflies and other pollinators. In September the final Condition and Assessment survey and report was delivered by the engineering firm of GNCB in Old Saybrook. It details and estimates the cost of restoration for the Tavern, and projects funding sources and a time-line. The survey was required by the State Historic Preservation Office, and was funded in part by a grant from them. We are awaiting the formal recognition by the federal government of the Tavern and the property as a listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Recapping all fall events - In addition to other members of the community, several members of the Historical Society attended The Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) Scenic Route 169 Advisory Committee public work shop in the Lisbon Town Hall on October 28. A map of the Scenic By-Way stretching the length of the town hall meeting room was used to plot the

location of Lisbon's known archeological, scenic, cultural, historical, natural, and recreational sites. We also included important sites and working farms in what we identified as the "broader" corridor, such as the Kinsmen Cemetery, Anshei Israel synagogue and the Grant and Wildowski farms. The Advisory Committee hopes that this new inventory will lay the framework for establishing geography of the corridor which will impact branding, signage, tourism, etc. The Board of Selectman have appointed Historical Society member Ken Mahler to represent Lisbon on the committee.

The Historical Society's Walktober program was an interesting walk through the farm land of the Burnham Tavern. Lead by Ken Mahler nine of us trekked through seven of the eleven fields east and west of the Scenic By-Way and a couple of wooded farm roads and observed that all the fields are bound by stone walls. The walk and talk focused on the post tavern years when the property was a working family farm. From the early 1900s through mid-century, this farmstead housed and supported, at times, up to fifteen members of the related Barbalic, Semancik and Hoydila families. George Hoydila Sr. purchased the farm from his father-in-law, Mike Barbalic in 1925. His wife Annie and son George Jr. operated a large dairy farm as well as a side business which was the commercial farming of Brussel sprouts. Mike's granddaughter, Irene Bouley, who was born in the tavern, remembers harvesting and picking the sprouts by hand. The real work, she says, was to then spread the harvest out on a table to sort and pack the sprouts into little boxes that were then packed into crates. The produce was sold to Charlie Grab, a

famer in Canterbury. Mrs. Bouley remembers that when her family moved into their own home, they continued the Brussel sprout tradition, planting the field on the corner of Ross Hill and Newent roads. She graciously shares her sprout recipe, just in time for the holidays.

#### ***Mrs. Bouley's Bacon Brussel Sprouts***

***1 lb Brussel sprouts***

***6 slices bacon, cooked until crisp.***

***Save the fat.***

***Pepper to taste***

***Cut off the stems, rinse in cold water. Drop sprouts in boiling water and cook until barely tender. Do not overcook. Drain sprouts, add crumbled bacon and reserved fat. Stir and enjoy!***

We appreciate Mrs. Bouley for sharing the Hoydila family history with the Historical Society via videotaped interview. Oral histories are stories that living individuals tell about their past, or the past of other people. Preserving oral history is an important phase of research and data preservation that enriches historical knowledge. LHS will use this information to aid in restoration of the Burnham Tavern and the outbuildings, preservation of the farm fields, the staging of exhibits and educational programs.

Thanks once again to everyone who donates their cans and bottles, all the hands that sort seven days a week, and the men who truck to the redemption centers in Norwich, Willimantic, and our helpful local friends at the Lisbon Package store. This is truly a community effort. The redemption program of the Society brings in over

\$4,500 per year. That means you donate and we sort and transport over 100,000 containers of plastic, glass, and cans. Please try to bring your glass in original 6, 12, 18, 20, packs, or in the 24 bottle cases even if the brands don't always match the glass, we always need beer boxes! Tune into

[www.99main.com/~chill/Historic.html](http://www.99main.com/~chill/Historic.html),

or Facebook page by typing Lisbon Historical Society in the "find friends" bar for information, schedule and registration forms. You can also watch a couple of cooking class clips on YouTube.

#### **Veterans Recognition**

by Marcia Shafer, Town Historian

I decided to write about a topic that is closer to our lifetime depending on your age. It is hard to determine at present if Veterans from early wars such as the Revolutionary War, Indian Wars, War of 1812 and the Civil War had any type of recognition such as the Armistice or Veterans Day that we presently celebrate today.

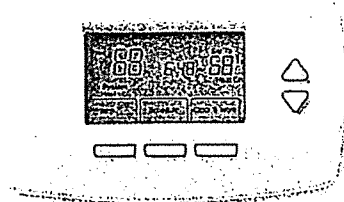
World War I started in Sarajevo, Bosnia and continued with the following countries becoming involved: Austria-Hungary declaring war on Serbia. Russia, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Serbia, and the United States then became involved with Austria-Hungary and Germany. This battle started on or about August 1914 with the abovementioned countries. The Armistice or ceasing of hostilities was declared on November 11, 1918 on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. This was designated as a formal day to recognize the current soldiers who had been honorably discharged from military service. In 1938 it became a Federal holiday. After the wars of World War 2 and the Korean War it became a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all

wars. In 1921 an unidentified American soldier killed in World War I was buried at Arlington National Cemetery and is known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is the tomb that the President lays a wreath at for many military ceremonies.

Today we honor past and present soldiers that are living. Memorial Day is for the deceased soldiers. In 1954 President Eisenhower changed the wording from Armistice Day to Veterans day. It is a National holiday to celebrate our soldiers and their sacrifices they give up to serve in our military branches: family, careers, sound mental and physical health and other life opportunities. Various ways that Americans celebrate and honor Veterans are parades, speeches, and assembly programs for adults and children, photos on bulletin boards in public places and many recognition ceremonies. Also, many veterans wait for years or their families wait to obtain medals of commendation that the soldiers earned during their battles but did not receive. Some are given long after they have passed away. Some schools have veterans come in and speak to classes or school assemblies. Some towns or cities have graveside services for the deceased soldiers with flags placed at their grave site. Many towns or cities have flag raising ceremonies with moments of silence for those soldiers who were killed in the line of duty to guarantee our freedom. Many soldiers are present at sporting events to participate in the National Anthem as a color guard or to ripple the flag on a football field, or to be recognized in a ceremony to thank them for their service. Just as a reminder on how to say the Pledge of Allegiance, your right hand should be over your heart, caps should be removed from heads and especially pay attention to the words spoken and the flag that flies for our freedom.

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## **2015-2016 ENERGY ASSISTANCE INCOME GUIDELINES:**

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# Enjoy Dinner and a Show in Boston on Valentine's Day Weekend!!!

**BLUE  
MAN  
GROUP**



## BLUE MAN GROUP AND DINNER BUS TRIP

(Sponsored by the Lisbon Recreation Committee)

**SATURDAY, February 13, 2016 2pm**

**Seats are in the Orchestra Section (Poncho Section!!)**

**Get your Tickets Early, First Come, First Served!!!**

**Tickets are \$ 70.00/per person**

**includes Show ticket and motor coach only.**

**(Tickets available to Lisbon Residents only through 1/13/16)**

**Motor Coach will leave Lisbon Meadow Park at 11:45 pm and arrive at the theater ~ 1:30pm.**

**The show is in the theater district with many fine restaurants including:**

**McCormick & Schmicks, Legal Seafood, Rock Bottom, and Fleming Prime Steak.**

**After the show you will have 2 hours to enjoy a restaurant on your own.**

**The motor coach will leave at 6:00 for a return to Lisbon at ~7:45 pm.**

**Make Checks Payable to LISBON RECREATION**

**Please enclose the names and addresses of persons attending (required) and Contact number along with your check made out to Lisbon Rec. and mail to:**

**LISBON RECREATION COMMITTEE c/o LISBON TOWN HALL**

**RE: Blue Man Group Bus Trip**

**1 NEWENT ROAD – LISBON, CT 06351**

**ATTN: JAMES SYNOTT**

**Questions: [JimSynott@comcast.net](mailto:JimSynott@comcast.net) or 822-1676**



**Lisbon Recreation Committee**  
**Ski and Snowboard Club 2016**

# Mount Snow

## One Cool Mountain

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**Two Sunday Trips:**



**January 24, 2016**

**February 21, 2016**

**\*Transportation by Deluxe Motor-coach**

Lisbon residents, act quickly to reserve a seat on the bus!

**Participants are also welcome to drive themselves**

*\*Sponsored by the Lisbon Recreation Committee*

**Cost for two trips:**

	<b>Full Mountain Lift Ticket 2 days</b>	<b>Rental (Ski or SB) 2 days</b>	<b>Group Lessons 2 days</b>
<b>Adult (19 +)</b>	\$90	\$70	\$78
<b>Age 18 and under and Seniors</b>	\$86	\$50	\$78
<b>Helmet Rental (2 days)</b>		\$20	

**Or**

<b>Beginners package – ages 11 - adult</b>	<b>LOWER MOUNTAIN LIFT TICKET</b>	<b>RENTALS INCLUDED</b>	<b>GROUP LESSONS INCLUDED</b>	<b>\$100 2 days</b>
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**Payment due by Friday, December 18, 2015**

**Bus Departs: 6:00 AM from Lisbon Central School**

**Bus Returns: 8:30 PM to Lisbon Central School**

***Call Steve Brown at 860-917-0781 for details or***

***email at [sbrownshu@gmail.com](mailto:sbrownshu@gmail.com)***

***See next page for more details***