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Fall Newsletter



“Not Exactly a War Hero: The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Mondou”

Monday, September 21, 2015

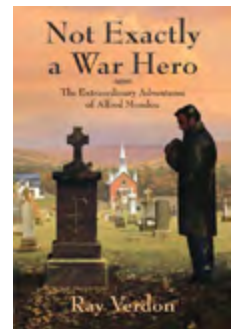
Refreshments at 7:30pm, talk at 8:00 pm

Centre Wakefield La Pêche, 38 Valley Drive, Wakefield, QC

Ray Verdon's novel, *Not Exactly a War Hero: The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Mondou*, is a work of adult fiction about “zombies” - Canadians conscripted during World War II for home defence. Many of these young men were branded for not serving overseas and were hunted down by police, military and bounty hunters. Verdon's engaging tale of love and intrigue centres on Alfred Mondou, a zombie on the run who was chased by Verdon's great uncle. Set partly in the Gatineau Hills of the 1940s, the story combines history, memoir and fiction, and is garnering rave reviews from readers.



Verdon, former CEO of Nabisco Canada and president of Nabisco Biscuit (U.S.), serves on various boards of directors and is a respected public speaker. He lives in Oakville, Ontario, and has summered in the Gatineau Hills his entire life.



Le retour du San Juan à Red Bay, nouveau site du Patrimoine mondial

par Robert Grenier

Présentation spéciale en français

lundi 28 septembre 2015 à 19 h 30

Bibliothèque de Chelsea, 100 chemin Old Chelsea, Chelsea QC



Le navire basque San Juan fut découvert en 1978 par l'auteur et son équipe de Parcs Canada, dans le port baleinier de Red Bay au Labrador. Épave la plus ancienne découverte au nord du Texas, le San Juan, fut sélectionné par l'UNESCO en 2000 pour son logo officiel par la quantité et la qualité de ses vestiges et par l'excellence du travail de l'équipe d'archéologie subaquatique de Parcs Canada.

Cette consécration allait s'amplifier pour permettre au San Juan de devenir le navire patrimonial le plus décoré de l'histoire. Une réplique fidèle aux plans archéologiques est actuellement en construction à Pasaia en Espagne, à l'occasion de la nomination de San Sebastian comme capitale culturelle de l'Europe pour 2016. Le San Juan, raison principale de cette nomination par Bruxelles, est un symbole du développement du commerce maritime entre le Nouveau Monde et l'Europe du seizième siècle.



The History of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church

Speaker: Larry Dufour

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm (note day change)*

St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church
212 chemin Old Chelsea, Old Chelsea, QC

St. Stephen's is a bilingual Roman Catholic parish dating back to the 1840s; the church was designed in the Baroque Revival Style and is representative of a typical rural church of Quebec.

Join us for a special presentation in this landmark church, given by a long time parishioner and Chelsea resident, Larry Dufour, and learn about its lovely features including the frescoes, lithographs, stained-glass windows and steeple.



La maison O'Neil, le « Grand déménagement » !

par Thierry Boyer et Élisabeth Veyrat

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Bâtie au milieu du XIXe siècle le long de la route 105, à Chelsea, la maison O'Neil a été longtemps une auberge et un relais important entre Ottawa et Alcové. C'est là que la première réunion du conseil municipal de Hull Ouest a été tenue en 1875.

Rachetée en 2008 par deux archéologues sous-marins, Thierry Boyer et Élisabeth Veyrat, la maison du 577 route 105 a connu, à l'été 2014, un « Grand déménagement » puisqu'elle a été déplacée de près de 8 mètres pour être éloignée de la route.

Juno Beach Centre: A Place of Discovery

Speaker: Meriel Bradford

Monday, November 9, 2015

Refreshments at 7:30, talk at 8:00 pm

Chelsea Library, 100 Old Chelsea Rd., Old Chelsea, QC



Learn about the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy, France - a place of commemoration, education and discovery - in this special Remembrance Week presentation by Chelsea resident Meriel Bradford.

Meriel is a newly-appointed director with the Centre and the daughter of WW2 veteran and former Kingsmere cottager and Chelsea resident, the late Brigadier General G. E. (Ted) Beament. She'll introduce us to the Centre and reveal how she uncovered details about her father's key role in planning the D Day landings of the Canadians on Juno Beach in June 1944, and their subsequent campaign in N.W. Europe.

For more information visit - www.junobeach.org



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 10:30 am

Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph

587 Route 105, Chelsea

at the graveside of Private Richard Rowland Thompson
the only Canadian to receive the prestigious "Queen's scarf"

Auction Report - August 22, 2015

For 52 years, the GVHS Annual Auction has found new homes for both antique and collectible treasures. This year was no exception - the scope and quality of the items was wonderful. The weather was perfect: sunny and clear. The crowd was down but those bidding were very enthusiastic.

Once again, Revel Stewart, of Cobden, ON, was Auctioneer. Shirley Brown, Dave Yuill and Marc Cockburn - the auction triumvirate - and a host of volunteers were involved in the Live Auction, Silent Auction and Bake Table.

Thanks to Gary McIntyre, Meridith Mclean, Dave Dunphy, Lynne Evenson, Amanda Dexter, Shirley McGlashan, Louise Schwartz, Delores Fleming, Marilyn Liddiard, Diane & André Renaud, Adrienne Herron, Bob Martin, Al Green, the Chelrods Car Club, Margaret & Harold Reid, Bonnie Adams, Rene & Bent Neilsen, Brian Beesley, Jennifer Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Linda Payne Bardell, Will Amos, Bob McClelland, Erik Rask, Susan Courage, Wes Jamieson and Janet Bradley. A thank you as well to the Cascades Club who (wo)manned the BBQ. This was our fourth year at the Hendrick Farm, and we are very grateful to Sean McAdam, Carrie Wallace and Fred Brisco for the use of this wonderful site.

There were 101 registered bidders, 51 donors for the live auction and 18 Silent Auction donors. A special thanks goes out to all who produced the delicious baking.

What did we sell? A set of retro iron furniture fetched the highest price at over \$300.00. There were 11 rocking chairs that found new homes. Bidders snapped up hand hooked rugs, a basket of antique banks, a Persian lamb coat, pieces of stained glass, three antique clocks, two spinning wheels, an old scooter, and an original Folebot (a collapsible kayak). There were the usual boxes of china, silverware and crystal; steamer trunks and two tubstands. The Silent Auction included over 100 pieces of a matching set of vintage china - Adams English Ironstone "Singapore Bird" Calyx Ware, from the 1950s.

The live auction netted about \$4200.00 - the same as last year - with the bake sale making \$700 and the silent auction bids at \$1500 giving a total of approximately \$6400.00

Silent Auction Donors

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Welcome to our New Members

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Paul	Wise	Ottawa ON

Antiques
ROADSHOW IN THE HILLS

Saturday
September 26

St. Mary
Magdalene
Church
537 Route 105
Chelsea, Quebec

A.M. session 10:00-11:30
Registration 9:00
P.M. session 13:30-15:00
Registration 12:30

\$20.00 per item
Observers \$10.00

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Fall Events

Wakefield Market - Sept. 5
Vorlage Craft Show - Wakefield - Nov. 8-9
Chelsea Christmas Bazaar - Chelsea School - Dec. 5



Family History Conference

September 18-20, 2015

Ben Franklin Place
101 Centrepointe Drive, Ottawa ON

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