



KING TOWNSHIP
Historical
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2017

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Annual General Meeting

KTHS Annual General Meeting

Sunday March 5, 2017

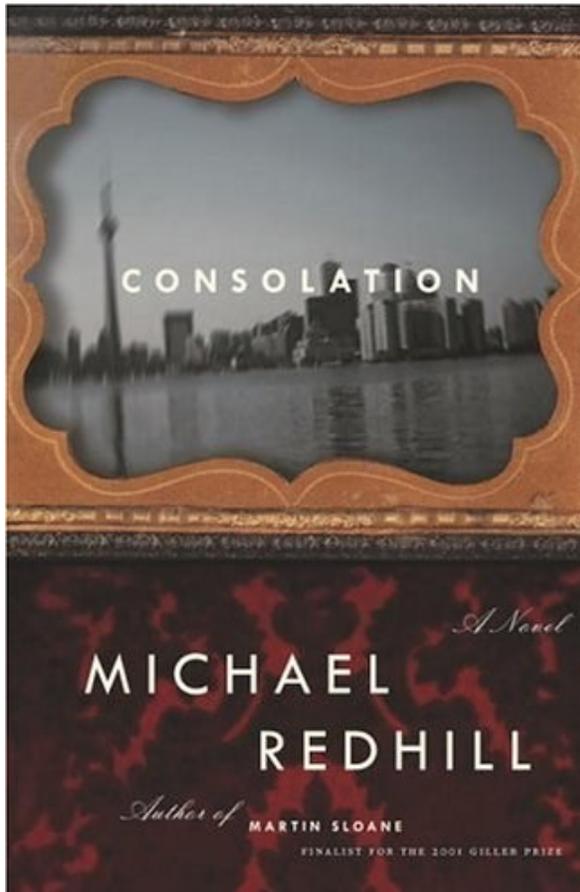
12:00pm (noon) to 4:00pm

King City Senior Centre

30 Fisher Street,

King City

Pot luck lunch!



guest
speaker



Author

Michael Redhill

“There is a vast part of this city with mouths buried in it . . .
Mouths capable of speaking to us. But we stop them up with
concrete and build over them and whatever it is they wanted
to say gets whispered down empty alleys and turns into wind.”
David Hollis, main character, Consolation.

“*Consolation’s* elegance, like Redhill’s descriptions of
old Toronto, is in its architecture, as it moved easily
through two interrelated stories... Redhill shows him-
self a masterful researcher and compiler of details—
exactly the kind of writer you need to tell a story of
yesterday.”—*The Globe and Mail*

Message from the Newsletter Team

We would like to welcome new and returning KTHS members alike. We hope you have been enjoying our Newsletters. If you have any suggestions for upcoming issues, questions, or have written an article you would like to share, please contact us by going to our website: www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com



Beware the Ides of March

The **Ides of March** is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to March 15th. It was marked by several religious observances and became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 BC. The death of Caesar made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history, as one of the events that marked the transition from the historical period known as the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire.

Poison D'Avril



JOKE:

Question: Why should you never iron your Four-Leaf-Clover?

Answer: You don't want to Press-Your-Luck! Ha! Ha! Ha!

ET TU BRUTE?

Et tu Brute is a Latin sentence meaning "Even you, Brutus?" from the play Julius Caesar, by William Shakespeare. Caesar utters these words as he is being stabbed to death, having recognized his friend Brutus among the assassins. In modern English, "**Et tu, Brute?**" is used to express surprise and dismay at the treachery of a supposed friend.

Daylight Saving: Sunday March 12, 2017 (2AM)

Things that make you go hmmm...

While twins born at 11:55pm and 12:05am actually have different birth-days... Daylight Saving Time has the power to change the actual birth-order -- on paper, anyway. During the time change in the fall, one baby could be born at 1:55am and the sibling born 6 minutes later, at 2:01am. With the time going back an hour at 2:00am, the birth time of the second child would become 1:01am, thus altering the birth order and impacting primogeniture. Such an alteration might conceivably affect the property and titles in that House!



Did You Know?

The most popular theory about the origin of April Fool's Day involves the French calendar reform of the sixteenth century. The theory goes like this: In 1564 France reformed its calendar, moving the start of the year from the end of March to January 1. Those who failed to keep up with the change, who stubbornly clung to the old calendar system and continued to celebrate the New Year during the week that fell between March 25th and April 1st, had jokes played on them. Pranksters would surreptitiously stick paper fish to their backs. The victims of this prank were thus called *Poisson d'Avril*, or April Fish -- which, to this day, remains the French term for April Fools -- and so the tradition was born... so they say...



Announcing: Doors Open King Township 2017 ~ Kelly Mathews ~

The King Township Historical Society is excited to partner with the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee to announce the return of Doors Open King Township 2017. This year's event will take place on Saturday September 23, 2017 from 10am-4pm. This is a great opportunity to visit and enjoy a 'behind the scenes' glimpse of some of King Township's heritage treasures! For more information visit: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/kingtownship. Venues will be announced in the next issue of the KTHS newsletter.

Doors Open Volunteers—we will require volunteers to greet visitors at each of the venues. We will be offering two x three-hour shifts: 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm. This event would not be possible without the support of volunteers in our community. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us through our website at: kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com

A Winter's Tale ~ Diana Armitage ~

Many thanks to all who attended the KTHS Annual Christmas Concert last December 2nd and to All Saints Church for the beautiful acoustic space. If you were unable to make it you missed a true Canadian treat! Violinist and historian Anne Lederman, folk music historian Ian Bell and their friends Tom Leighton and Martin van de Ven played, sang and told a wide range of Canadian music and stories. Whether accompanied by fiddle, bones, concertina, hamonica, bodhran, jawharp (and sometimes just feet!) Lederman/Bell and Friends delivered an exhilarating concert that was plain old-fashioned fun. If you wished you had come, you are in luck! Great news... the KTHS has confirmed that Lederman/Bell and Friends will be back again this December 1st!



A special thank you to everyone who provided home-made baking for the audience to enjoy !



Canada150 in King—mark your calendars!

King Celebrates Canada's 150th in Kettleby

Planning has just begun for a very special King Township Canada Day in Kettleby, hosted by the Kettleby Village Association! Details are still being confirmed but what we do know is that on Saturday, July 1st festivities will commence mid-day and round out with an evening of fireworks. Event day activities TBC: beer tent, entertainment and games for adults and children, tours of Kettleby (care of KTHS), artisan demonstrations, craft booths and more! Possible dance floor. Many community groups are involved alongside the Township including: the Kettleby Village Association, ASK, KTHS, Lions Clubs and others—more details to come!



An historic burial site discovered as bulldozers excavated for a new subdivision ~ *Jim Wemyss* ~

During construction of a new subdivision by Treasure Hill, north of Di Nardo Court on the east side of Keele Street in King City, a burial site was discovered during the week of April 11, 2016.

The land owner, Westview Star Equity Inc. notified the Registrar, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services for the Province of Ontario on April 15, 2016. Westview also retained the services of This Land Archaeology Inc. to conduct a burial site investigation.

The archaeologist discovered the remains of seven separate individuals and three in undisturbed coffins. It was determined that the burial site likely represents a 19th century Euro-Canadian family burial plot that fell out of use and was subsequently forgotten. A white granite tombstone was found in the investigation area. Writing on the tombstone states, in part, "In memory of Isaac Morris who died September 29, 1856 Aged 72 years". It is presumed that one of the recovered graves represents the interment of Mr. Morris and historic research also suggests that it is likely his wife, Elizabeth Crossley Morris, was interred in the family plot. The other interments may relate to individuals who resided on the property before or after the Morris family occupation. There is no suggestion in the Report that the remains uncovered may be associated with Indigenous peoples.

The licensed archaeologist who conducted the investigation advised that the persons whose remains were discovered at the burial site were most likely Wesleyan Methodist, which merged with other Christian groups in 1925 to form the United Church of Canada.

On June 16 and 23, 2016 a "Notice of Intended Declaration" to declare the burial site a "burial ground" and invited persons who are or may be representatives of the individuals whose remains were found to contact the Registrar on or before July 7, 2016. Since no person indicated that they wished to be identified as a representative, the Registrar invited Reverend Evelyn McLachlan of the King City United Church to act as the named representative.

The remains of the 10 individuals (2 adult males, 4 adult

females and 4 babies) were interred together in one burial plot in the King City Cemetery on Thursday, September 15, 2016. One of the female adults had been found buried with a baby and so she was re-interred with the baby in one casket. A re-interment service was conducted by Reverend McLachlan with about 20 people attending.

Note:

Jim Wemyss, KTHS member, wrote the above account. The re-interment service was also described by presiding minister, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan in THE KING WEEKLY SENTINEL, September 22, 2016. Elizabeth Crossley is thought to have been the sister of Jesse Lloyd's wife Phoebe. It is worth mentioning that all costs for the re-interment were undertaken by the Treasure Hill developer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUE!

The King Township Historical Society would like to wish

SUSAN LESLIE IABONI

a very happy 70th birthday!

February 22, 1947



Follow up on the Exterior Restoration of the old Kettleby General Store & Post Office *Home to Dorio's Bakery since 2003*



Renovations coming along nicely!

The preparation work in squaring off the building and applying the outside insulation has all been completed. Dorio's Bakery in Kettleby is now taking a short break during the cold winter months before applying the final wood siding in the Spring. Josie and her family are excited and looking forward to the final application and completing the restoration of their 160 year old building.

"I do have to mention that the support and appreciation of regular visitors to the bakery as well as passers-by, is very touching and encouraging. It is a wonderful feeling to know that this task we have undertaken is appreciated by the community. Thank you for everyone's support and vote of confidence."

Josie Dorio, Owner

Saint Mary Magdalene Anglican Church Schomberg

116 Church St, Schomberg, ON L0G 1T0



An evening of games like euchre, Chinese checkers and lots of other "games from long-ago" (rather appropriate for this CANADA 150 year) and a choice of hearty soups with bread from Dorio's Bakery, plus squares. There is no charge.



Soup 'n Games Nights

5:00pm—7:00pm

Thursday February 16t

Thursday March 23

Thursday April 20



SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Supper for

Shrove Tuesday

February 28th

UPCOMING Events

Event: Historic King in Miniature
Date: EVERY Tuesday – Saturday in March
Time: 10am-4pm
Where: King Heritage and Cultural Centre

Visit the Museum all month to see our hand-made collection of miniatures (*not too small*) historic buildings. For more information: Call (905) 833-2331.



Kingcrafts

- February 25, 1pm-4pm: Felted Scarf Workshop
- February 25, 1pm-4pm: Costume Jewellery Repairs and Redesign
- March 1, 10am-1pm: Watercolour Batik Workshop
- March 15, 7pm-9:30pm: Lidded Jar Pottery Workshop

For more information please go to: www.kingcrafts.ca

workshops



spring sale

Kingcrafts Studio Sale & Open House:
Saturday April 22 & Sunday April 23
10am-4pm
For more information: 905-833-1897
info@kingcrafts.ca
12936 Keele St., King City



The 2017 Oak Ridges Trail Association
Annual General Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER

David Crombie

Date: Thursday April 27th, 2017
Hike: 4pm (before the meeting)
AGM: 6-10pm (social & meeting)
Venue: Goodwood Community Centre

FamilyTree Family Treasures

Date: Sunday February 26, 2017
Time: 10am-3pm
Fee: Each Session \$15.00
Full Day including Lunch \$30.00

Where: King Heritage and Cultural Centre
Join us at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre as we celebrate Heritage Week with our **Heirloom and Genealogy Workshop**. This is a unique opportunity to:

- Learn how to research your family history
- Learn more about your family heirlooms and collectables

Bring along your books for appraisal over lunch.
For more information please call (905) 833-2331.



ArtsSocietyKing.ca

April 1-19 - Studio Tour King Preview
Gallery Exhibit at the **King Heritage and Cultural Centre**, East Gallery. Open Tuesdays-Saturdays from 10am-4pm.

April 6 - Opening Artist Reception for the 2017 Studio Tour King. Join us for refreshments, a sampling of what the 12th annual Tour will feature and meet the artists, King Heritage and Cultural Centre, 7-8:30pm, complimentary admission.

April 22 & 23 - The 12th annual Studio Tour King throughout the Township, 10am-5pm daily. Featuring 51 Artists and 26 easy-access studios and locations. New and original work including pottery, sculpture, jewellery, paintings and photography; truly something for everyone. A detailed brochure with map will be provided. All sites are free admission.





Christ Church Kettleby ~ 125 Years Book Project

A book is currently being compiled about the life & times of Christ Church during the last 125 years. Over the generations, a close-knit community (some still living here in this unique and beautiful village) have made it, and the Church, into a rich and living legacy. We believe that Kettleby itself goes back to circa 1840. Many people still have connections or have lived in the area in and around Kettleby, and a few of the descendants of the original families still live in the village or close by. Christ Church welcomes you to share your story, history and images with us. **CONTACT:** Gerry Alletson 905-251-1693 or email gerry-alletson@gmail.com



Looking for your MARYLAKE (Lake Marie) stories from 1900 to today!

Kelly Mathews, author of *Eaton Hall: Pride of King Township* is currently researching her second book on the history of Marylake (Concession IV, Lot 11-14). If you have any pictures or a story to share about the land, buildings or previous inhabitants, please contact Kelly directly via email: kellymathews@hotmail.com or call 647-408-1144.

Renewal of your membership for 2017 is now due. We rely on membership fees and donations to cover our operating costs including the printing and mailing of this newsletter. We are very proud of our membership and appreciate your renewal.

**IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**



King Township Historical Society, 2920 King Road, King City ON L7B 1L6
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017
(PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION AND MAIL CHEQUE TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS)

NAME(S) _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ FAX _____
 _____ POSTAL CODE _____
 EMAIL _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

INDIVIDUAL \$20 _____ FAMILY \$25 _____ DONATION _____
 ENCLOSED \$ _____