

Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch Captures Media Attention with Summer Outreach

Like other UELAC Branches across Canada, the SJJCB took every opportunity to spread the Loyalist word throughout the region from Cowansville to Farnham and at other undocumented events.



Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch President Gerry Thomas, Rod Riordon and Adelaide Lanktree, Cowansville. August 2012

Local Historian Sisters Inspire Farnham T-Day Committee

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Denis Riel is well known as the owner of a furniture and appliance store in Farnham. During the forty years Denis has run a family business, he has supported many events in the development of Farnham. He is also the honorary chair of the 2012 Townshippers' Day organising committee and is responsible for arranging the visit of the Royal 22^e Régiment (22nd Royal Regiment) who will be exercising the freedom of the town on September 15, 2012.

But what made Farnham take an interest in hosting Townshippers' Day? The spark was lit during a conversation with Farnham personalities Louise Hall and Adelaide Lanktree, two sisters who are well known for their work with the United Empire Loyalists and Farnham heritage projects. Louise Hall was also named as an Outstanding Townshipper in 2003 and is recognised for her work on the BMP Hospital "Petit Musée" Museum project.

In the fall of 2011, husband and wife team Claude Chiasson and Frances Champigny, the latter who is President of the APHPCR (Association des personnes handicapées physiques de Cowansville), joined Pauline Mercier and Ron McPhail at Townshippers' Day in Stanstead. It took that one day experience to convince them to apply for Farnham to be a host town. Working with the town they decided to amalgamate the pre-existing Farnham Heritage day and merge it with the date chosen for Townshippers' Day. With the approval of the Townshippers' Association Board, they sat down to plan a budget, jointly funded by the town and fundraising activities, to create great family day event showcasing the English community.

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