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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, October 19th, 2020
7:30 p.m.

**Westmeath Recreation
 Centre Upstairs Hall**

Everyone Welcome

Volunteers Needed

**For more information or if interested
 in a position, please contact**
Brenda Grady at wdra@nrtco.net

The following positions will be open:
 for a 2 year term ending Spring 2022.

**President, Secretary, Bar Manager,
 Member at Large,
 Programme Co-ordinator**

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Community – Trish Blacklock

Trish Blackwell arrived in Beachburg June 30th to the home she purchased, around the same time a sea-can with all her belongings was dropped off. A novel approach, the sea-can was bought for this purpose can be resold when emptied.

Trish was born and raised in Hamilton. She moved here to closer to her two daughters, both currently enrolled at Carleton University, both doing there studies on-line.

Trish has played hockey before and now intends to kayak, canoe and cycle once established. She is a certified as an ECE (early childhood educator) and currently has an application for employment with Renfrew County. She has spent most of hours repainting every wall and ceiling in the house.

All the people she has met, she considers lovely. One nice birthday surprise was a gift delivered from Simple Things, arranged by her best friend for 35 years. One other shocker was the morning she had run out of cream for her coffee. Too early for stores to be open, she stopped her car and asked two ladies on the street where she could get some. One of them pointed to her house a few blocks away saying, "Just walk in, go to the fridge and take some cream." She was astonished at this unexpected but friendly gesture. That's Beachburg for you!

Welcome

Welcome to the Community – Cowden's

John and Noreen Cowden moved to Westmeath in April 2019 from the city of Hamilton. John had a sister, Shirley Laderoute and brother-in-law Dave who had moved to Westmeath earlier. They got to know the area when visiting them. The opportunity to purchase a Robbie Moore home made the decision to come here an easy one.

Noreen arrived in Hamilton from Scotland when she was 18. John had moved from PEI to Hamilton where he worked at Stelco until retirement. The two met at a Tim Horton's. They soon married, raised three children.

The couple relish the peace and quiet up here. They have met neighbours and others. They both said everyone is friendly and willing to a helping hand should they need one.

There is only one thing they are missing. Big family dinners held at their home in Hamilton, four of five times a year and Christmas as well, averaging three dozen people.

They had occupied that home for 32 years. John being a Mr. fix-it had run out of things to fix. Since arriving here and with the assistance of Dave, he has outfitted his garage into a workshop and built a shed in the backyard (accompanied with a building permit, of course).



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On **September 30-2020** Service will resume
Thursday **October 1-2020** but there may be a delay in
opening.

We regret any inconvenience this situation may cause and we thank
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fully expects the hall to be open for bookings
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GOTTA GET STRETCHING!!!!

GENTLE YOGA RETURNS to **WESTMEATH HALL**

Thanks to the support of the WDRA and thanks to
Maegan Adams from White Pine Yoga, we are able
to return to gentle stretching and camaraderie – a
little return to some normalcy in these crazy times.

There will be some restrictions however and
protocols must be followed.

START: WED. OCT. 7, 2020

END: WED. DEC. 9 - a total of 10 weeks.

TIME: *** Note change – 9:30 - 10:45

COST: \$80 (includes tax) ... or two \$40 instalments
(Drop-ins will continue at \$12, space provided.)

ALL AGES WELCOME

Maximum participants – 25 – first come/ first served

COVID PROTOCOLS:

Each participant will be required to sign in with
contact information at each session (for contact
tracing).

Each participant will wear a mask entering and
leaving the session.

Each participant will be responsible for own water
bottle, mat and blanket.

Spaces will be blocked off to ensure 2m between
participants.

Hand sanitizers will be provided.

Only Handicapped washroom (beside cloak room)
will be used.

Aisles will be indicated to allow travel to washroom
and exits.

A window will be open at all times to ensure airflow.

Sanitizing of hall prior to and following each session
will be the responsibility of the WDRA.

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Cathy – 613-587-4715

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EXPO 67 Remembered

A school bus left Westmeath at 6:30 am picked up more in Pembroke (including three nuns) and headed for a day-trip to
Montreal – not returning until that evening around 10:30 pm. Approximately 50 fervent passengers were on board,
requiring two folding chairs in the aisle to accommodate everyone.

A few pictures put on Facebook by Paul Marleau from Kitchener initiated the interest in this story. To even dream of such
an unheard trip of this kind for our community was incredible. Money had to be raised or it wouldn't have happened.
Benny Robinson was the coordinator and Paul Marleau the Treasurer. Benny said, "I got good advice from my mother on
how to keep on top of details with the trip."

The chaperone was Roger Belanger, a brother-in-law of Ben and Bill Robinson, married to their sister Ella, who
unfortunately passed away last month. He was essential to keep track of these young people, mostly between 17 to 25
years of age. His technique was that all of the group begin from the same spot, then go their own ways but every two
hours, all would return to a designated pavilion (one of 90) for a headcount and to make sure all were safe.

The banner was created by a team of teenagers to help raise money to go to Expo 67. Raffle tickets were sold and Max
Grylls donated honey to be sold as well. The biggest fundraiser was the pancake supper held in the United Church. Almost
everyone turned out for that one. Sharon Marleau, 17 years old at the time said, "Benny showed me how to make
pancakes."

That bus trip to Montréal still brings back fond memories for so many.

Note: Names weren't mentioned to not miss any of them. The photos tell some of the story.



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