

THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere celebrates 100 years since incorporation.** It was founded in 1870, but in 1924, under the leadership of Henry Longhurst, the village applied for independent village status with the government of Ontario. Longhurst became the first Reeve (Mayor) of Windermere.
- **Windermere House** - Lots of things happening at WH this summer. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
 - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Lunch & Dinner served 7 days/wk. Enjoy the entertainment - Fri.&Sat. 7-10pm
 - **The Rosseau** - upscale dining in a beautiful setting. Open 7 days/week - 12 to 9pm
 - **High Tea** - Sundays in summer, 2-4pm
 - **The Trading Post is open!** Artisanal goods and produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
- **Windermere Marina** - open - Sun. - Thur. 9am - 5pm, Fri, Sat. 9am - 6pm.
- **Windermere Golf Club** - private golf club for July & August. Open to all for lunch and dinner throughout the season.
 - **"Wing Night"** - every Thursday with live entertainment.
 - **"Bridge Night"** - Mondays
 - **"Euchre Night"** every Tuesday @ 5:45pm \$25 includes dinner.
 - **"Brunch"** - every Sunday 10am - 1pm - open to all
- **Windermere Garden Centre** Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. Great Cappuccino and Lattes at the cafe!!
- **Farm to Table Summer Produce Box** - Sign up for one week or all summer - 7-10 items - fruit and veggies - local Ontario. - Small or Large Box. Order by 6pm on a Sunday. Pick up at Taylor Farms on Thursdays, Crossfit in Port Carling on Thursday. or Bracebridge on Wednesday-
More details at
taylorfarms.ca/market. Or email strawberries@taylorfarms.ca
- **Christ Church Windermere** - services Sunday at 10:30am
- **Windermere United Church** - services Sunday at 10:30am

This week's "historical interest" article.

Christ Church Windermere (Anglican)

Before the construction of Christ Church, Reverend Charles Mockridge, rector of Christ Cathedral in Hamilton, conducted services on his front porch at what is now known as Mockridge Hall (located



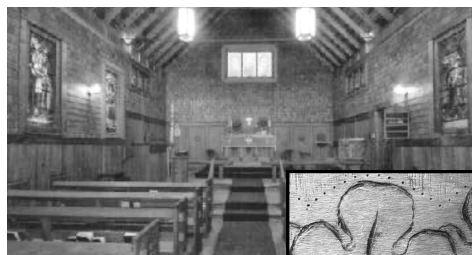
adjacent to the church on Golf Avenue Road) beginning in 1894. Rev. Charles Mockridge, bought the land from the Aitken family for \$25. The builder was Charles Cox of Bracebridge, who also built summer homes for Windermere families, Osler and Mockridge.

Construction of the church started in 1900, by Mockridge and

his sons, It was completed in 1904. The church is seasonal with Sunday services conducted in the church in the summer and winter services being held in Mockridge Hall to alleviate the stress of temperature changes on the church structure. The church



suffered in the 1960's but the Osler, Mockridge and Skinner families helped to revive it. It features wood decorated interior, with pyrography designs, original working organ and stained glass windows. It is a vernacular wood frame construction with Victorian and Gothic Revival influences. It did not have electricity until 1950.



Christ Church is celebrating their 120th Anniversary on August 11th

Join us in celebration of all things heritage! Service features favourite Heritage Sunday speakers cousin duo Amy Jephcott and Campbell Osler.

Sunday 10:30 service followed by luncheon. 1 pm Concert with Neil Barlow and the Orillia Silver Band

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 8th** - Wing night with entertainment @ WGCC.
- **August 9th** - Klinsvin @ Windermere House
- **August 10th** - Mitch Beube @ Windermere House
- **August 13th every Tuesday @ 5:45pm** - Euchre Night @ WGCC - \$25 - includes dinner
- **August 9th & Every Friday for the summer**, a lunchtime BBQ at the Windermere Wharf - in support of the Windermere and District Lions Club.
- **August 7th** - Community Conversation @ 4pm - Windermere House
- **August 7th** - Toronto All Star Big Band @ Chautauqua - Theatre in the Woods on Golf Avenue Road. Click on above link to buy tickets.
- **August 11th** - Windermere Family Fun Day at the W
- **August 11th** - Christ Church celebrates 120 years - Anniversary worship service @ 10:30, followed by lunch & 1pm concert in the garden - with *Neil Barlow & the Orillia Silver Band!*
- **August 21st** - 7-8pm - Ecumenical Meditative Taize Service. Labyrinth open 6-8pm. All Welcome, FREE

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **Police - Non-emergency**
 (705) 645-2211
- **Fire Department**
 (705)-765-3156
- **District of Muskoka Office**
 (705) 645-2100
- **By-law Office Township**
 (705) 765-3156
- **Wharf Master**
 (705) 769-3611
- **Windermere Golf Club**
 (705) 769-3381
- **Windermere Marina**
 (705) 769-3661
- **Windermere House**
 (705) 769-3611
- **Taylor Farms**
 (705)-769-2368
- **Windermere Garden Centre**
 (705)-769-3238
- **Archives**
windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com
- **Lions Club**
windermere@ar2lions.ca

The Muskoka Chautauqua Arts and Culture Festival in Windermere all week.

<https://www.muskokachautauqua.com/2024-events/>

Buy your tickets to the events on Eventbrite - link on the Muskoka Chautauqua website.

NEW THIS YEAR! Enjoy a **10% discount** on all food and beverage from Windermere House during the festival! Show your tickets to the staff.

Don't miss the

Community Conversation

August 7th @ 4pm at Windermere House. Be part of the discussion on the future of Windermere!!

FREE Windermere Family Fun Day

August 11th - 11am - 4pm at the Windermere Wharf

Wednesday, August 7

Multi-Generational Plein-Air Painting Workshop with Greg & Sue Hindle
 Windermere Community Conversation at Windermere House
 Toronto All-Star Big Band Concert

Thursday, August 8

Plein-Air Painting Workshop with Greg & Sue Hindle
 Lucille Joseph & Terry Stevens: Authors in Conversation

Friday, August 9

Pottery Workshop with Sharon Wagner Chazalon
 Learn the Harmonica Workshop
 Forest Bathing with Terrill Maguire
 Reggae Roots Concert

Saturday, August 10

Ukulele Workshop with Laurie Pfaff
 Dances & Tales of the Forest with Terrill Maguire
 Muskoka Music Showcase

Windermere Family Fun Day

Golf Pitch

Beach Games & Regatta

Family Fun Art Party

Bake Sale and Barbecue

Raffle for some great prizes!! (Proceeds go the Community Fund)

NEW THIS YEAR!

The Great Windermere Canoe Race!

A friendly competition between the businesses of Windermere at the Family Fun Day!

"Team Windermere House" - paddlers Charlize Rosse & Ryan Zantai

"Team Erborn Electrical Ltd" (Aaron Back) - Paddlers Ryan Brownrigg & Alex Dinsmore

"Team Windermere Golf Club" - Paddlers Patti Henderson & Adam Paton

"Team Trysys-Specialized Vehicles" (Sean Beane) - Paddlers Liz Beane & TBD partner

"Team Windermere Marina" - Paddlers Katie Beane & Trevor Yull

"Team Windermere Garden Centre" - Paddlers Laurie Mundy and Russell Marsden

Thank you to Dean Bender for designing and creating the amazing TROPHY for the winner!!

A BIG thank you to our Windermere Village Raffle Prize Donors!

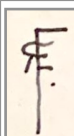
Taylor Strawberry Farms - Gift Certificate

Windermere Golf Club - Golf and Cart (4 people)

Windermere House - Gift Certificate

Windermere Garden Centre - Gift Certificate

Cardinal Meats - Cooler and Meat Thermometer



Mystery solved! The artist "belonging" to this signature (Vol 12 article) appears to be Robert Edis Fairbairn (1880-1953), who was the minister of the Windermere United Church in 1948. This information was found in a article "Brief History of Churches in Muskoka by Gary Denniss" - part of the Archives of the WI collection.. He also did a woodcut print of the original Methodist Church.