

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.-F.ri. - 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 The Bungalow

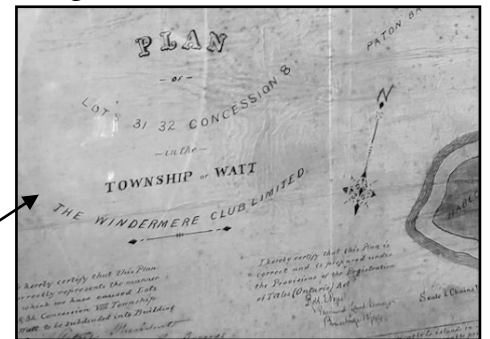
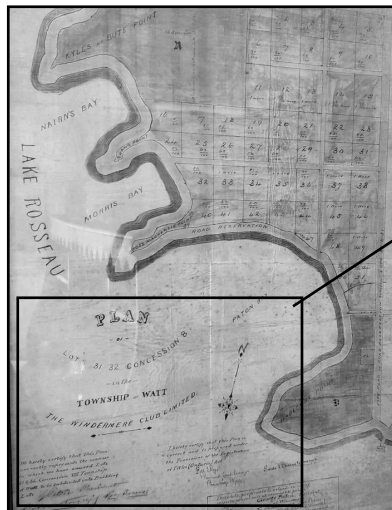
Excerpts from an article by Sylvia Du Vernet in the Muskoka Sun, July 1990 and the "Tweedsmuir" of the Archives of the Windermere Women's Institute. Material compiled by Alice and John Duncan of Windermere for a celebration of their cottage's history in 1988.

The Bungalow, built in 1888, is located at the base of Maple Leaf Bay (originally called Paton Bay) and still stands today. It derived its name from the association of these cottagers with India, two of them having served as missionaries there. Quoting Alice and John Duncan, it is unique in that it is probably one the least-changed Muskoka cottages over a century old and has been continuously occupied, now for 6 generations of one family.

In 1875 or 1876, John Paton came to Windermere by boat, and pitched his tent on the shore where later the Fife House was built (now known as Settler's Bay). Several years later, he and others (Harcourt, Marin, Shaw, Morris and MacKenzie) formed The Windermere Club and in April 1884 purchased the property from the present Windermere docks north to Llanlar Point and from the lake back to Golf Avenue Road. (Mr MacKenzie was the father of Ada MacKenzie, the golfer). They divided the property into square lots of about one acre each. The original concept was to have a "club" operation with a central dining facility and smaller cottage sites



The Bungalow



Map of the Windermere Club Ltd

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 15th**- Wing night with entertainment @ WGCC.
- **August 16th** - James Gray @ Windermere House
- **August 17th**- John Kennedy@ Windermere House
- **August 20th every Tuesday @ 5:45pm**- Euchre Night @ WGCC - \$25 - includes dinner
- **August 16th & Every Friday for the summer**, a lunchtime BBQ at the Windermere Wharf - in support of the Windermere and District Lions Club.
- **August 21st** - 7-8pm - Ecumenical Meditative Taize Service @ the **United Church**. Labyrinth open 6-8pm. All Welcome, FREE
- **Windermere United Church** is open Fridays 9:30-12 in August for unplugging / praying / or chatting, and weather permitting they will have the labyrinth up, a wonderful space for contemplation, meditation and prayer. **They also collect clothing donations for the Kidney Foundation.**
- **August 31st** - **AUCTION** of **Contents from The Baldwins Hotel**. All proceeds to go towards the community children's playground at Village Hall Park.

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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 Bungalow was designed by Mrs Margaret Ogilvy (Paton) Anderson. The cost of construction for cottage and ice house in 1888 was \$668.29. The wharf and fence cost \$42.27. Coolness and relief from the heat were achieved through extensive and wide verandahs, well ventilated under part of the cottage and the 10 foot ceilings, all rooms on one floor, and the extra-high ceiling in the passage between kitchen with its wood stove and the balance of the living space of the cottage.



Windermere Regatta, 1919. These 4 photos are from the D. Goddard collection.



Windermere Great Canoe Race, 2024

First place:
Windermere Marina

Katie Beane & Trevor Yull.



The Amazing Arts, Music and Cultural events of the Muskoka Chautauqua Festival...

...came to a close on Sunday with the final activities of the Windermere Family Fun Day! We are grateful for all the hard work and dedication of the Chautauqua team, and we are lucky to have this wonderful festival in the village of Windermere!! It confirms what a special place this is! It was an exciting ten days of music, art, literature, culture & heritage.

We will look forward to their return next year!

Thanks also to all the sponsors and supporters of both the **Festival AND the Windermere Family Fun Day.**

This year's winner of the Great Windermere Canoe Race was

“Team Windermere Marina”!!

Congratulations to paddlers Katie Beane and Trevor Yull.

(They will keep the trophy until next year, when they come back to defend their title along with all the other great businesses of Windermere!!)

Please join our new Windermere Community Facebook page!! Keep up to date with events, happenings and announcements and volunteer opportunities within the village!!

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