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**FAT BIKES IN THE FROSTY AIR** - Members of the Durham Mountain Biking Association (DMBA) pedal their way through the snow during the Frosty Fat Bike Festival, held last Saturday at the Trail Hub (formerly Skyloft Ski Resort). The new trail center is in the heart of the conservation lands south of town, and will open to all trail users in the spring.

Photo submitted by John Fisher

## Council still hitting a dead-end with DSTS

by Roger Varley

Members of council once again levelled criticism against the Durham school board chairs and Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) on Monday over the issue of dead-end roads. A letter received from DSTS last month declining a meeting with council was brought up for discussion again after being tabled last time around.

Mayor Dave Barton said he wrote a letter to Transport Minister Caroline Mulroney to tell her the municipality is not looking for funding from the province to reconstruct dead-end roads in the township to accommodate school bus turning. That was after Carolyn Morton and Morgan Ste. Marie, chairs of Durham District School Board and Durham Catholic District School Boards respectively, had asked Mulroney to provide such funding.

In the meantime, Barton said, there has been "no significant correspondence" with either

DSTS or the board chairs on the matter. He noted the only thing he had seen was a letter to the editor that Morton ran in the *Cosmos* (March 3 edition).

Barton said he will continue to lobby for school buses to turn around on dead-end roads in the township. He said the stance of DSTS and the chairs that spotters are needed on buses doing three-point turns is wrong.

"It's in black and white that they don't," he said, referencing the province's school bus drivers' handbook. "If they're not following DOT guidelines, they're not listening to anyone."

The mayor added that despite DSTS claims that they are concerned about the safety of their "precious cargo" by requiring students living on dead-end roads to walk out to highways to catch the bus, they appear to not be concerned about students' safety before or after they ride the bus.

Council decided to shelve the issue for now but promised to continue trying to convince

DSTS to change its policy.

Also at Monday's meeting, in a deputation to council, Bob Armitage and Stuart Blower of the Uxbridge Lions Club asked council to extend the club's annual Art in the Park event for the next 25 years. They noted the current agreement with the township ends in 2023.

Blower told council the Lions are planning for "bigger and better" art shows and said the investment is good for the community.

Clerk Debbie Leroux suggested that it would be better to revisit the agreement between the township and the club every five years.

Council decided to approve the club's request in principle, but with the five-year review.

Finally, council said it is currently studying hybrid council meetings. In response to a question, Barton said there are no plans to immediately return to in-person sessions of council.

He said he has had talks with staff about the

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## Council & Committee Meetings

### Meeting Schedule for February, 2022

Monday, March 14  
NO MEETING – MARCH BREAK

Wednesday, March 16  
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT  
MEETING, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 21  
COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, March 28

COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.  
CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND  
TRANSITION , 6:30 p.m.

## Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to

[Uxbridge.ca/bids\\_and\\_tenders](http://Uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders)

• **U22-11 Cleaning and Relining of Culvert**

Closes March 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

• **U22-05 Pulverization and Hot Mix Paving**

Closes March 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

• **U22-09 Application of Driveway Apron Paving and Patching**

Closes March 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

• **U22-12 Elgin Park Upgrades and Accessible Playground**

Closes March 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

All bids must be received by the Township by the deadline stated, either electronically via the Township's website or in-person at the Township Office located at 51 Toronto St. South. Public tender openings are not happening currently however bid results will be posted at [Uxbridge.ca/bids\\_and\\_tenders](http://Uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders) in a timely manner.

# Uxbridge at a Glance

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**Uxpool – Aquatic Program Supervisor,**  
Permanent P-T

Closes Thursday, March 18, 2022

**Treasury Department – Payroll and Accounting Coordinator, Permanent F-T**

Closes Friday, March 25, 2022

**Uxbridge Historical Centre – Programming and Events Coordinator, Contract, F-T**

Closes Friday, March 25, 2022

**Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter - Animal Control Assistant, Kennel Attendant,**

**Summer Contract**

Closes Friday, March 25, 2022

**Uxpool – Lifeguards and/or Instructors, Spring Session**

Closes Friday, March 25, 2022

**Clerk's Department - Communications Assistant, Summer Student**

Closes Monday, March 28, 2022

**Parks Department – Summer Camp Counsellor, 16+**

Closes Thursday, March 31, 2022

**Parks Department – Assistant Summer Camp Counsellor, 15+**

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**Parks Department – Summer Student, General Labourers, F-T**

Closes Friday, April 1, 2022

**Parks Department – Summer Student, Horticulture, F-T**

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**Parks Department – Adult Skilled, Horticulture, Contract, F-T**

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**Uxpool – Lifeguards and/or Instructors, Summer Session**

Closes Friday, April 1, 2022

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The purpose of The Santa Claus Parade Committee is to organize and promote the Uxbridge Santa Claus Parade.

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Website [www.uxbridge.ca](http://www.uxbridge.ca) along with a letter of interest outlining relevant qualifications and experience to the undersigned by **Friday, April 1, 2022.**

Any questions regarding this Committee may be directed to the undersigned.

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## Help Us Design a New Playground!

What features should be part of a new play structure at Herrema Park?

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**Herrema Park Pavillion  
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# Let the playoffs begin for Bruins

by Roger Varley

Ending a disjointed PJHL Junior C season with a so-so finish, the Uxbridge Bruins began the Orr Division playoffs against the Chiefs in Lakefield on Tuesday.

The final two games of the regular season, hit as it was with COVID-19 shutdowns and a shortened schedule, saw the Bruins clobbered 7-0 by the Little Britain Merchants at the arena on Friday and then rebounding with a 2-0 shutout of the Georgina Ice on Sunday.

In Friday's game, the Merchants dominated the entire game, scoring one goal midway through the first period and three each in the two subsequent periods.

The *Cosmos* selected Riley Girard,

who posted a natural hat-trick and two assists, as the player of the game for the Merchants, and Tomas Palandra for the Bruins.

For the last game of the schedule, Spencer Krabi, assisted by Matthew Gordon, scored what proved to be the winning goal just one minute into the game. Anthony Messina combined with Ryan Daponte to round out the scoring in the third.

Neither game had any effect on the final standings of the division.

After Tuesday's opening game of their best-of-seven series in the first round of the playoffs, the Bruins were scheduled to return to the arena for two games against the Chiefs, the first being tomorrow (Friday) at 7:45 p.m. and the second on Saturday at 7:45 p.m.

held in chambers but also with virtual attendance available. However, he said the current Zoom meetings will continue until June at least.



**Wedding Announcement**

On February 17, 2022, on the lovely beach at the Riu Rambu, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, Michael Lee, son of Helen and the late James (Jim) Lee of Uxbridge, Ont., married Liliana Cuellar, daughter of Jose Cuellar and Marleny Novoa of Acacias, Colombia. They reside in Brooklin, Ont.



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# Our two cents

## The first casualty

*"In war, truth is the first casualty." - Aeschylus*

After what seems a lifetime in the news business, we now find ourselves reading the news with a lot of cynicism and mistrust. At least, cynicism and mistrust when it comes to news about the war in Ukraine.

It should surprise no one that when war erupts, the propaganda machines of all involved are cranked up to full volume. Indeed, the propaganda and lies usually begin even before the first shot is fired, as all those involved attempt to justify their positions. It doesn't matter whether it's the "good guys" or the "bad guys," they all do it. In the Second World War, which saw Joseph Goebbels, the chief Nazi propagandist, take propaganda almost to an art form, even the Allies were guilty of lying to their people by inflating casualties inflicted on the enemy and downplaying losses suffered by their own forces. The lying was aimed - is still aimed - at boosting morale at home and chipping away at it in enemy lands.

And so it is with the current war in Ukraine. As much as we in the West believe Russia is the aggressor, some of the news reports coming from that beleaguered country show every indication that everyone's propaganda machines are cranked up. A report this week claimed three Ukrainian women who were killed after a visit to an animal shelter were "targeted" by Russian soldiers. Were they really targeted, or were they, just like truth, casualties of war?

Then there is the story of 13 Ukrainian defenders on a tiny island off the Crimean coast. First reports said they were all killed by the Russian navy after refusing to surrender. Later, we were told they had actually been captured. So, were they killed or captured? Right now, we really don't know.

It is hard to pin down the exact sources of the quote "a lie told often enough becomes the truth," but it applies to all propaganda. Consider the millions of Americans who still firmly believe the last presidential election was stolen from Donald Trump.

The same propaganda techniques have been used by many opposed to COVID-19 vaccinations. Notice how those involved with "Freedom Convoy" claimed it was all about "freedom" even though it wasn't. Even on local social media sites, one can find people throwing out all kinds of "documentation" to prove that vaccinations are not safe and that people should avoid them. If these people don't want to be vaccinated, so be it. But why do they feel the need to convince everyone else not to receive the shot?

Most of us do not have the time or ability to track down all the different points of view on any subject. We just believe something because we saw it in print or - even worse - on the internet. However, we have taken to looking at the news with a somewhat skeptical eye of late, particularly when that news asks us to take a side.

We are, so to speak, on the side of the Ukrainians. One must remember that Putin, above all else, is a spy master and he'll use any and all dirty tricks to get his way. But it's worth remembering that to increase support for Ukraine, both the Ukrainians and the NATO alliance will use whatever propaganda they deem fit to sway public support for their position. In a world where "fake news" has become a rallying cry for all those with an axe to grind, we have to be aware that there are times when governments will resort to fake news to advance their causes.



## Letters to the Editor

Congratulations, Council, you are looking for an idea to solve one of the idling problems in the township as requested twice by the original energy conservation committee in its presentations to council.

I agree that drive-thrus were beneficial during the pandemic, but to have to shut off your car in a drive-thru does not make much sense at all. But it doesn't have to be all or nothing with this issue.

The store could implement a solution similar to the other fast food establishments - order your food by phone and pick up at a designated spot. The drive thrus would work only for ordering quick, already made food, i.e., a muffin, cookie, drinks, etc., no waiting in line,

quickly served and out of there.

The signs where you pick up your food should read, "No idling allowed please turn off your vehicle."

Thank you to (deputy clerk) Josh Machesney for bringing to council the idea to address the idling in the drive thrus, and thank you to Council for consideration of this very important energy saving idea.

**Bev Northeast  
Goodwood**

It's not often that irony is so clearly illustrated in one place as it was in the Feb. 24 edition of the *Cosmos*.

The front cover article celebrated the 50th anniversary of the remarkable and admirable Land Over Landings citizens' group that has

done so much to preserve and protect 9,000 acres of precious watershed and farmland in Pickering, Uxbridge and Markham from the trespasses of various Ontario Governments since 1972. And in the Letters' section, Dr. Patricia Asling, apparently outraged by the protests in Ottawa, concludes her letter with the statement "in Canada we have legal elections. If you don't like the government of the day, that's the place and time to show your concern."

I have no doubt that without the courage, commitment and determination of protest groups like Land over Landings, there would now be 9,000 acres of concrete airport if the only occasions citizens were allowed to voice their objections to government programs were elections every four years.

I have been quite stunned over the last year to witness not only the tyranny, but also the sanctimony of the majority in our country. Canada has a variety of political parties and Canadians have always been free to express a spectrum of opinions on any and every topic. Whatever the policy that results from a political decision, it is amenable to incorporation of new information and therefore improvement. Our public policies aren't fixed in stone - they evolve over time and experience. Since when has it become acceptable to publicly show disdain for any minority viewpoint, or decry even the wish to debate an issue? Particularly as the COVID-19 mandates and rules are all being lifted around our country and across the

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Your Universe

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## ...I'm just sayin'

column by Justyne Edgell

### Is small town a personality trait?

Growing up here in Uxbridge, I never thought that being from a small town might be a personality trait. However, now, as a 20-something who's gone away to university in the big city and has now come back home, I'm thinking more and more that it is.

As a teenager, there was a time when I actively tried to personify the small town country town girl aesthetic. When I was 15, everybody loved country music, so I gave myself a country music education and almost forced myself into liking it. I felt like, "How can I be a student at Uxbridge Secondary School and not listen to country music?" Don't get me wrong, I do like a lot of country music, but more so the style that bridges country and pop and rock. By the time I graduated from USS, I had also graduated from country music, but somehow I can still sing all the words to *Red Solo Cup* or any Hunter Hayes song from 2012 and 2013.

One of those ice breaker questions that I'm always able to answer quickly is "What is your favorite TV show?" *Gilmore Girls*, always. I have watched the entire series four times, including the "Year In The Life" three of those four times. Somewhere around my second time watching through the series, part of me started to think, "Oh my god, I am so small town." Stars Hollow, the fictional town in which *Gilmore Girls* is set, is an exacerbated small town, but I can draw so many parallels between that tiny town and our little town. Often when I'm watching the series, I find myself actually saying "that is just like when Uxbridge..." and that's usually said with incredible endear-

ment. You know the people who watch *Friends*? Their almost irritating obsession with knowing ever one of Joey's jokes? That's me with *Gilmore Girls*.

When I was at university, meeting people from all types of big cities and small towns, small town life was often a hot topic of conversation. I would talk about the Fall Fair, or a tractor driving down the main road, or a new traffic light irritating residents, and people would listen, open-mouthed, kind of like the way I watch *The Bachelor*. It was like we were aliens, or something straight out of an old western. And the funny thing is, I kind of liked that. It made me feel a little more special.

As I started to accept that being from a small town was kind of fun and unique, I started to notice it more and more. I've had the same friends since I was four years old. We all went to the same school, and basically, we were together for the better part of 14 years. That doesn't happen in the city! And I love that I know everything about every stage in my friends' lives and that we experienced all these events together, with all the same people. It's a different kind of friendship than with the people to whom you have to describe what "out for a rip" means.

You can't go anywhere here in Uxbridge without seeing someone you know. That doesn't happen in the city. And it seems that everyone I talk to both loves the security and familiarity of that, but also hates that you can't go out without getting into a conversation about "John's retirement party" or "Helen's old farmhouse for sale on the second concession." It's both too much and just enough.



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### Not yet perished

The other day I spoke to a west-GTA business group (yes, an actual in-person public speaking event), but I learned as much as I informed that morning. Not surprisingly, during my talk about Canadians' service in wartime, the subject of the Russian invasion of Ukraine came up. I remarked how very familiar Putin's actions were to Hitler's in the 1930s. Anyway, after my talk, a man from the audience approached me. He introduced himself. "Bo Sirota," he said.

"Sounds Ukrainian," I responded. And when he asked how I knew, I said I'd lived and worked in Alberta and Saskatchewan for a number of years and I knew a Ukrainian Canadian named Bohan. "Do you have family caught in the invasion?" I asked.

He nodded and described some of his relatives living in the village of Drohobych, on the outskirts of Lviv, Ukraine. He said their farm was "no bigger than a truck patch," but that it meant everything to their families. I asked if it was their unique attachment to the land that kept them there. He said it was more than that. His niece's husband was 57 and therefore conscripted to stay and fight. "So, there's no way my niece will leave their land or her husband and flee. They'll take a stand there together."

As long as Ukrainians have had connections with Canada – as far back as the 1890s – non-Ukrainians have attempted to understand their culture, their drive, and their attachment to the land and community. When I first worked on the Canadian Prairies, in the 1970s, I educated myself with books such as Myrna Kostash's *All of Baba's Children*, in which she traced her own Ukrainian roots in Canada, and wrote of "families of landless Galicians in bare feet, disembarked on an Edmonton station platform ... having the same fierce attachment to the land ceded from the First Nations, as had its Indigenous peoples."

Even Clifford Sifton, Canada's Minister of the Interior from 1896 to 1905, didn't really understand Ukrainians arriving to populate the open lands between the Great Lakes and the Rocky Mountains. He described as good quality "a stalwart peasant in a sheepskin coat, (Ukrainians) born on the soil, whose forefathers have been farmers for ten generations, with a stout wife and a half-dozen children." The country needed to establish farming on the Prairies, and people such as Ukrainian immigrants proved to be the few who could survive on their own and do it.

And in Barry Broadfoot's book *The Pioneer Years*, I read his interview with a Ukrainian immigrant about their impact. "Drive through Saskatchewan today," the man told Broadfoot. "On your right, on your left, all farms and good farms and they started out as sod shacks built by immigrants from Poland, Ukraine. They couldn't speak English. Damn near serfs. But they did it. You have to admit that Canada is a better place because of them."

Soon after the current Russian invasion of Ukraine began, I called friends with whom I'd worked in Alberta nearly 40 years ago, where I'd been introduced to the world-renowned Ukrainian Shumka Dancers. In fact, Colin and Helene MacLean's daughters (Helene's family were Ukrainian immigrants) had performed with them for many years. I remember being impressed by their colourful traditional costumes, but then dazzled even more by their extraordinarily athletic choreography. Since 1959, the Shumkas (the name means whirlwind) have presented command performances for queens, prime ministers and presidents, and have toured the globe alongside such celebrity artists as Andrea Bocelli and Julie Andrews. But Colin and Helene reminded me that the Shumkas were conceived in 1959 at the height of the Cold War, in part to shed light on the plight of fellow Ukrainians cut off from the rest of the world by the Iron Curtain. They'd even performed inside the Soviet Union before the wall came down in 1989.

"The daily news out of Ukraine is both heartbreaking and courageously brave," Helene wrote me in an email last week. "Their anthem, *Ukraine Has Not Yet Perished*, is particularly fitting in these dark days. They're making it as difficult as possible for Putin to steal their freedom."

Back at my talk to the business club the other day, my education from Bo Sirota, wasn't finished. When I inquired about his family's resilience in that part of the world, he said, Ukrainians are used to it. During the Russian Revolution, they endured invasion by the Soviet Red Army, in the Second World War they were occupied by Nazi Germany. Now it was the Russians.

"You told me they won't give up even that truck patch," I said.

"That's right. They are survivors. They've outlasted hardship and despots before," he said. "They will again."

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# Introducing U3C - a committee created to help Uxbridge through climate change

Welcome to the inaugural article of the Uxbridge Climate Change Committee (U3C)! This is the first of a series of monthly articles in the *Cosmos* that will address concerns and suggest actions to blunt the worst effects of climate change.

In 2019, a group of concerned citizens from Uxbridge and the surrounding hamlets were coming together at protests, public talks and informal action meetings to strategize ways in which the Township of Uxbridge could implement a municipal climate change strategy. Officially created in late 2020, our committee was formed in response to

this demand. We were mandated to provide a community perspective and help steer the Township on matters related to climate change adaptation, clean energy transitions, energy conservation, and any other local concerns related to climate change. We have started several initiatives which we are excited to share with you here!

**Outreach** - First, we launched a survey to determine residents' main concerns regarding climate and environmental issues. We were very pleased with the response. There was an overwhelming concern for climate change. We are now looking to build

an accessible information structure to address the main topics of interest raised by the survey.

**Data Collection and Climate Action Plan** - This part of our work is dear to the hearts of the engineers and scientists on our committee. In order to act efficiently, the Township requires a comprehensive data set that expresses where and how the community is producing greenhouse gas (GHG). We are keen to gather reliable data on these emissions within our area and then develop a 'made in Uxbridge' climate action plan.

Another project is to develop a citizen science project with students at Durham College as part of this initiative. Stay tuned – we will be asking for your help!

**Fundraising** - The sterling work completed by the Township to make our downtown more flood resilient

(the downtown culvert project) has left municipal coffers in more of a drought condition. To make up for this deficit, we are planning a fundraising drive for future climate-related and environmental projects. It's important that we build a fund which will also allow the Township to move swiftly and decisively on government grants that need matching dollar amounts.

**Education** - We are all stepping into unknown territory as our climate changes around us. We plan on keeping as informed as possible on the latest research, mitigation strategies and just plain neat ideas that we can implement locally, and make that information available to the community. In addition, we are developing an interactive Education Action Plan. Stay tuned to see further information on how you can be involved!

Finally, we'd like to thank Mayor Dave and CAO Kristi Honey for vetting and developing an outstanding team that we are proud to introduce. The Uxbridge Climate Adaptation and Transition Committee (U3C) are: Robert McConnell, science educator and the designer/builder of three passive solar/off-grid houses; Husam Mansour, P.Eng. PMP, Mechanical engineer (Husam has recently completed an assignment that, in part, oversaw the development of a new city in the United Arab Emirates that is the first carbon-neutral, zero-waste city in the world); Dr. Mike Banh, local business owner, and current president of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge; Karen Russell, climate activist and Dharma/meditation teacher; Fly Freeman, sculptor and person who likes to make positive things happen locally; Tony Wang, local entrepreneur working in the construction industry; Adrian Stocking, local organic farmer and organizer of the Uxbridge Farmers' Market; Jon Fournier, environmental scientist and renewable energy systems analyst; Mayor Dave Barton; and Robert Brown, a PhD candidate, environmentalist and academic working on the politics of climate change.

We are looking to garner as much input from the community as possible. If you have ideas or suggestions for an article please contact us. Our meetings are open to the public and held on the last Monday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will do our best to suggest practical actions and strategies for our community. We hope you will join us in whatever way you can in this great endeavour. For a better world, U3C. [uxbridgeclimatechange@gmail.com](mailto:uxbridgeclimatechange@gmail.com)


## ELLIG, Edward “Ed”

*June 30, 1938 ~ February 28, 2022*


It is with deep sadness we announce the death of Edward “Ed” Ellig in his 84th year on February 28, 2022, at Southlake Residential Care Village, from a lengthy illness of Parkinson’s, cancer and neuropathy, with his wife at his side.

Ed was the beloved husband and soulmate of Catherine (née Menar) for nearly 56 years. He is predeceased by his 3 brothers and 2 sisters. He will be dearly missed by his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and his friend and helper Moe.

Cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Low and Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P1M8 (905-852-3073). If desired, donations can be made in his memory to The Parkinson’s Society of Durham, Canadian Cancer Society or the Sandford United Church. For online condolences, please visit [www.lowandlow.ca](http://www.lowandlow.ca)



## WORSLEY, JOHN



On March 2, John passed away peacefully in Uxbridge, Ontario. Much loved by his late wife Carolyn and their 5 children: Willa (Derek), Harry (Janet), Jonathan (Laura), Dickon (Tory) and Katie (Paul). He also leaves his 11 grandchildren: Jennie, Nicole and Richard; Nicholas, Oliver, Hugo and Charlotte; Audra and Tristan; Carson and Bridger, all of whom he loved dearly.

John wrote in the forward to his memoir, “Life is an awesome journey that takes us beyond the dreams of our imagining and fills us with the passion that makes us truly live.” He lived his life to the full. Educated at Eton School, then Trinity College, Oxford, he emigrated to Canada with Carolyn in 1957. They lived in Toronto, then Hamilton, before moving to Stockingtop Farm, Uxbridge, which became the family home.

They were surrounded by bedlam - children, dogs (Irish Wolfhounds to Yorkshire Terriers) and pet lambs were often found wandering the house. He planted trees from the start, and later in life allocated a majority of their woodlands to conservation.

John always described himself as a farmer, but his working life began in banking at Lazards, London, then Royal Trust, Morgan Trust, and finally Cassells Blaikie in Toronto. One of his proudest achievements was being asked to run the United Appeal.

He loved his travels with Carolyn, whether they were seeing Katie on the West Coast or Jonathan in England. Once retired, they travelled around North America bird watching in their Winnebago. Binoculars in hand, a few years later, they repeated their 12-month journey, this time counter-clockwise!

After losing Carolyn, the love of his life, he found friendship with Zoë Murray and spent summers in Sainte Agathe.

John was loved dearly by all who knew him and will be remembered for his friendships far and wide that lasted a lifetime. Loving brother of Marcus and Oliver and survived by his sister, Katherine.

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globe, surely everyone can agree that these rules, whatever we may have thought of their value initially, are no longer necessary, if indeed they ever were. There will no doubt be investigations and studies galore to determine which public health measures were effective and which should never be implemented again.

But whatever side of the issue people find themselves on, disdain and dismissal of other viewpoints can never be acceptable. I fear that the hateful words spoken by our prime minister have set a terrible example - who is he to decide what is an acceptable opinion, or who should be tolerated? Just like Dr. Asling, I am so glad to live in our beautiful country.

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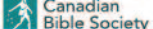


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