

# CHURCHILL NEWS

by Linda Gerow

It was gratifying this past weekend to see all the Canadian flags and festivities to celebrate Canada Day. If you couldn't find something to do, then you sure weren't looking. From Lefroy to Barrie and back again, you could see a parade, attend a fireworks display, walk the Promenade on Barrie's main street or just sit back and enjoy the beautiful sunny and sometimes cool weather. Hope everyone had a terrific long weekend. Also, remember that the kids are out of school and will be more visible during the day on the roads with their skateboards and bikes.

**Library News:** Churchill Branch: 2282 4th Line, Churchill, Ontario: (705) 456-2671 "Due to staffing shortage, Innisfil Public Library Board will continue to change the Churchill Branch Wednesday hours to 1-8 p.m. and all Churchill programmes will be CANCELLED for the current Spring Session. We thank our customers for their understanding and patience. If in doubt, please call ahead to 705-456-2671 to confirm open hours.

The TD Canada Trust Reading Club has a great theme this summer... "Lost Worlds"...and children of all ages are invited to visit their local library to pick up their free posters, bags, stickers and activity book. It's a great time to get involved and keep reading over the summer. Literacy and lifelong learning is the credo of most libraries...make this a super summer of reading. Check out the library's website at [www.innisfil.library.on.ca](http://www.innisfil.library.on.ca) and see what programs are being offered at the four branches. Registration for the programs is June 19th and they will begin on July 3rd. Please note\*\*The Churchill Branch will not be holding all the programs this summer. It will participate in the Reading Club. For every 5 books read (age appropriate), kids receive a prize from the library! After 25 books, your name is entered in a draw for the Grand Prize. Register now and receive a poster and a logbook with lots of fun activities. IT'S FREE!

SUMMER MOVIES @ the Churchill Branch library: All tickets are \$2/refreshments are \$1:

Bridge to Terabithia (PG) Discover a place that will never leave you, and a friendship that will change you forever. Churchill Branch: Thursday, July 5, 1:00p.m.

High School Musical (G) Troy and Gabriella - two teens who are worlds apart - meet at a karaoke contest and discover their mutual love for music. Churchill Branch: Tuesday, July 31, 1p.m.

Firehouse Dog (G) Rexxx, Hollywood's top canine star, gets lost and is adopted into a shabby firehouse. He teams up with a young kid (Hutcherson) to get the station back on its feet.\*

**Churchill Branch:** Tuesday, July 24, 1:00 p.m.

Disturbia (PG-13) A teen living under house arrest becomes convinced his neighbour is a serial killer. Churchill Branch: Thursday, August 9, 1:00 p.m.

Shrek the Third (PG) When his new father-in-law, King Harold falls ill, Shrek is looked at as the heir to the land of Far, Far Away. Not one to give up his beloved swamp, Shrek recruits his friends Donkey and Puss in Boots to install the rebellious Artie as the new king. Princess Fiona, however, rallies a band of royal girlfriends to fend off a coup d'etat by the jilted Prince Charming. Churchill Branch: Tuesday, August 21, 1:00p.m. \*take note that the Lakeshore Branch is showing films for \$5 beginning on July 4th at 3 p.m. (Souvenir of Canada) and showing different films until August 16th. They're calling it "By the Book Movies, meaning that you may have read the book of the same title, now see the movie...enjoy!!!"

**Junior and Senior Youth Groups:** The Parish of St. Peter's and St. John's (St. PJ's) youth group and the Senior youth group, will be back in September with regular meetings. We wish all the youth a very happy and safe summer vacation. See you in September! Call Pam at 705-735-3484 for information.

**VBS (Vacation Bible School):** St. Peter's Anglican Church Vacation Bible School theme this year is Avalanche Ranch. Get ready to take a wild ride through God's word with unforgettable songs, amazing bible adventures, cool crafts and life-changing missions. St. Peter's will be hosting VBS this year during the week of July 16-20th. Please speak to Pam Gervais (735-3484) if you are interested in registering your children or helping this year. Assisting with

the VBS this year will be Michael Caines the Parish summer intern. Welcome aboard, Mike!!

**The Gilford and District Horticultural Society:** The next general meeting will be July 9th at 7.30 p.m at the South Innisfil Arboretum located at 20th SDRD & Shore Acres Drive ( old 89), rain or shine; bring your chairs. Frank Soltz, a well known local tree grower, will give us tips on planting, pruning and caring for healthy trees; some of our native trees will be showcased at the Tree Garden. We would like people to be more aware of our Arboretum, so come along and enjoy the evening. There will be a flower show as usual at our meetings and the Lily Trophy may be won this evening. Please bring your entries from 6.30 to 7.15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and new members are always welcome. For information please call Kathy at 905-853-8785.

**Euchre:** Join Reg at St. Peter's Parish Hall for his weekly euchre game every Wednesday afternoon. Start time is 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come on out and join in the fun and fellowship. Call Reg at 705-456-6801 for all information. All proceeds go to the St. Peter's building fund.

**Blood Donor Clinic:** There will be a blood donor clinic at the Churchill Community Centre on Saturday, July 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Remember that you can give the gift of life.

**Smile:** Paddy was trapped in a bog and seemed a goner when Big Mick O'Reilly wandered by.

"Help!" Paddy shouted, "I'm sinkin'!" "Don't worry," assured Mick. "Next to the Strong Muldoon, I'm the strongest man in Erin, and I'll pull ye right out o' there." Mick leaned out and grabbed Paddy's hand and pulled and pulled to no avail. After two more unsuccessful attempts, Mick said to Paddy, "Shure, an' I can't do it. The Strong Muldoon could do it alone, mebbe, but I'll have to get some help." As Mick was leaving, Paddy called "Mick! Mick! D'ye think it will help if I pull me feet out of the stirrups?" (Don, I expect you to be reading this using your best Irish brogue!)

If you have any news/items for this column, please contact me at 705-436-9769 (voice mail available) or email me at [lagerow@rogers.com](mailto:lagerow@rogers.com).

## Helping a friend + raising money = rollerblading from coast to coast

by Michelle Minnoch

Get ready to roll has taken a whole to meaning to Rich Ralph of Vancouver. On May 5th, he started rollerblading from St. John's, Newfoundland and he is geared to end his journey in Vancouver in September. On July 1st, he made a stop in Innisfil for a barbeque at the Reid house. His friend, Adam Reid, is the main inspiration Rich

started the trek, and helps to keep him going.

"Adam was diagnosed with throat and lung cancer when he was 26," he says. "Seeing as it happened to a friend of mine, I realized it could have easily been me."

When Adam was diagnosed with throat cancer, it was suggested the tumor should be removed from his throat. Prior to the surgery, doctors discovered

the cancer had spread to his lungs. The surgery was successful, and Adam was left with a tracheotomy tube protruding from his neck for one year. After the removal of the tube, Adam regained his ability to speak, albeit with a new voice.

Rich's goal is to raise \$300,000 for the cause; half of the funds going to Princess Margaret Hospital where Adam received his treatment, the other to the University of Alberta,



whose leading edge cancer research teams are leading the way.

For months prior to the 10,000 km skate, Rich trained every morning and evening after work, and on the weekends.

"Before this, I had never rollerbladed more than 10km," he said.

Adam said he is "overwhelmed" by his

friends' determination and plight. Before meeting up with him at Princess Margaret Hospital a few weeks ago, it had been about a year since the pair had seen each other.

"About this time last year, July 1st," Rich said, laughing it up with Adam.

For more information about this one-of-a-kind journey, and how you can

make a donation, go to [www.seetheend.com](http://www.seetheend.com).

The website shows Rich's daily route, features an online journal, and provides information about the cause, his cross-Canada expedition and much more.

photo - Rich (right) and Adam at a BBQ over the long weekend.

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Christ Church – St. Jude Anglican, Ivy..	458-9631
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Churchill United.....	456-4692
Cookstown United .....	458-9701
Gilford United .....	456-4692
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Innisfil Community .....	436-1611
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