

# Mayor to read e-book at Kumon Open House

The Georgetown South Kumon Centre at the Salvation Army Church (271 Mountainview Road South) will host a Christmas open house and storytime with Mayor Rick Bonnette Saturday, Dec. 3 from 2-5 p.m.

From 2:30-3:30 p.m. Bonnette will read from his children's book, *The Incredible Adventures of Goon Sharoon*, and hold a question and answer session.

Copies of this eBook will be available for sale for \$10 each (cash only) with the mayor's proceeds benefiting the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. Visit [www.GoonSharoon.com](http://www.GoonSharoon.com) for more information.

There will also be free activities for

children including, Christmas ornament-making, games, music and refreshments throughout the afternoon.

Kumon is also hosting a colouring contest for children ages 3-16. Completed entries must be returned to the Kumon Centre by 3:30 p.m. Saturday. For entry forms and information contact Amie Reid at 905-877-8000 or email [amierid@ikumon.com](mailto:amierid@ikumon.com). Bring in your colouring contest page to be entered in a draw to win a copy of the eBook and a Goon Sharoon t-shirt. The draw will take place at 3:30 p.m. after the reading.

As this is a free event, non-perishable food items are welcomed to help those in need. For more information visit [www.kumon.ca](http://www.kumon.ca)

# Christmas on the Credit returns on Saturday, Dec. 3

St. Alban's Anglican Church, 537 Main St. S. in Glen Williams is busy getting ready for their annual Christmas on the Credit bazaar. This popular bazaar will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m.

There will be something for everyone: Christmas plants, children's cor-

ner, baked goods, preserves, frozen entrees, craft table and don't forget the ever popular penny table, raffle and silent auction.

Local author, John McDonald, will be doing a book signing for his new book, *Halton's Heritage: William Halton and Halton County*, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

# Holiday Magic on Main set for Thursday, Dec. 8

Come out on Thursday, Dec. 8, between 6 and 9 p.m. and enjoy all of the warmth of an olde fashion Christmas in Holiday Magic on Main in Downtown Georgetown.

Enjoy horse and wagon rides, refreshments, open houses at the businesses

and craft and activity centres. This year Downtown Georgetown is hosting its first Holiday Market at Knox Church, corner of Main St. S. and Church St., 3-8 p.m., which will include some of your favorite Farmers' Market vendors, crafters and bakers.

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Since August, financial markets have been pricing in at least one Bank of Canada <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/index.html> rate cut, while economists on the other hand, have hung on to their rate hike forecasts. Most analysts still predict that the next Bank of Canada move will be a rate increase in late 2012.

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