

EDITORIAL

with Frances Learment

Search for Jimmy

With enough sophisticated equipment to eavesdrop on a small country, members of the Halton Paranormal Group staked out two floors of the Acton Town Hall Centre on Tuesday night for four hours to try to see if the “spirit,” “ghost,” or “apparition” of Jimmy Robertson – a former resident of the heritage building, would make itself known.

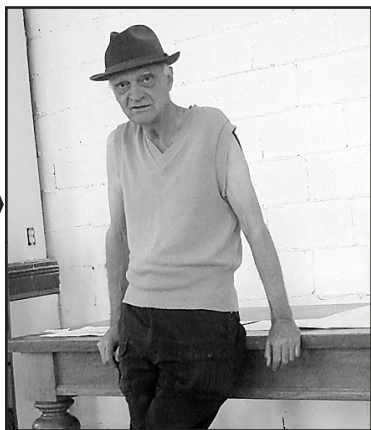
Using night-vision digital cameras, video cameras, head lamps and electronic voice phenomena (EVP) technology, the crew – many who said they were huge skeptics before joining the non-profit group – sit quietly in the dark and wait to be contacted – often by voices unheard by the human ear.

Jimmy lived and worked at the former Acton Free Press building and the former Town Hall, and his presence has been reported by various people to explain strange noises, occurrences and feelings – including hair standing up on the back of their necks. He died in 1960.

I’m enough of a skeptic to initially believe that paranormal events are somehow manufactured by people eager to believe there is some type of life after death, but am also willing to have an open mind to fact-based evidence.

It will be several days before the group completes its initial assessment of data from Tuesday night’s monitoring – can’t wait to hear and see what they come up with.

WHERE’S JIMMY: Acton’s George Elliott channelled the late Jimmy Robertson during tours of the refurbished Town Hall Centre in August of 2008 – File photo



KETTLE CRACKED CORN: R.J. Donaldson of Jamie’s Cracked Kettle Corn in Brampton prepared and served a lot of popcorn at last Thursday’s Acton Farmer’s Market. – Ted Tyler photo

Letters

Yoga in the Park a great success

Dear Editor,
Yoga in the Park 2012 has been a great success for our community. We would like to thank our sponsors for their generous donations to assist in offsetting the cost of running such an event. We received 463-pounds of food plus a \$175 gift certificate for Sobeys for the Acton Food Share and \$400 for the

Links to Care Backpack Program.
Our sponsors were: Eramosa Physiotherapy, Feet in Motion, Four Seasons Dental, Willow Lane Natural Foods, Cornerstone Health Centre, Hide House, Papillon’s Purifications Systems, TAS Contracting, The Co-operators, Pet Value, Acton Optical, Active Choice

Rehabilitation Centre, Aerodrome International Maintenance, Acton Jiu-Jitsu Martial Arts, Head-2-Toe Healthcare and Click Computers.
Our thanks also to the volunteers as well as participants for their on-going support.
*Leanne Monaghan
Staying Alive Fitness, Inc.*

Looking Back

Ten Years Ago

- Anger, frustration and sadness – that was the reaction of those who had to clean up after senseless vandalism in downtown Acton that included plants being torn out of two planters which were then tipped over.
- After more than three decades of dispensing medicine, common sense advice and good cheer to Acton residents, former Glenlea drug store pharmacist Gary Barton transferred from Acton to the Erin store.

Five Years Ago

- The stolen memorial plaque from the Max MacSween Garden on Main Street was recovered from School Creek and re-installed during a re-dedication ceremony to honour the Master Gardener and Acton Horticultural Society official who succumbed to cancer.
- The replacement of water mains under Main Street, from Church Street to Knox Street, was about two weeks behind schedule due to rain delays and site complications.



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