

# Then and Now

A few days ago my wife and I visited the Milford Coffee Gallery for a bite to eat. Joanna suggested that I might like to try a butter tart for dessert. Since making butter tarts is a minor hobby of mine, and since I am weak when it comes to sweets I ordered one. When I got the tart, I asked Mark where they were made. He mentioned a name, that was the same as the name of a friend of forty years past; curious eh!

"So the guy I knew would be about my age." I said to Mark.

"Yeh, this guy would be about your age." replied Mark to my comment.

"He was a bit taller than me." I volunteered.

"That sounds about right." said Mark.

"Blonde, he was blonde and a tenor." as I tried to pry open an old memory bank.

"Well he is fair haired. Anyway, here's his phone number." was Mark's answer.

Later that day I called, getting an answering machine. I left a brief description of my possible discovery with my name and phone number.

Yes, it was the Jack that had been in several choirs with me, not to mention the air cadets, same school and same church. He insisted we meet at his house over in North Marysburgh.

Not far from Lake on the Mountain was a mail box with his name. I swung the car in and there was Jack on his front porch. We both weighed a bit more than we had in the mid-fifties, but this is allowed.

After a brief introduction to his wife, we traded memories albeit somewhat incomplete, of people from nearly half a century ago. He seemed to remember more names than I.

I had told my wife that I should be about two hours; three and a quarter hours later Jack and I parted with memories refreshed and promises to meet again.

Leaside, where we had spent our teenage years, had been a town, then a borough, then part of East York, and finally a part of the City of Toronto. Time flies when you are having fun.

In a week or so, all four of us will get together and visit memory lane for a while before looking at the present and the future.

- Bill Brearley

## SOUTH MARYSBURGH RECREATION BARN DANCE

Milford Fairgrounds  
Saturday, August 29th - 8:30 pm till 1:00 am

Music by Sound Solution DJ Services

\$10 per couple

Bar & Refreshments available

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