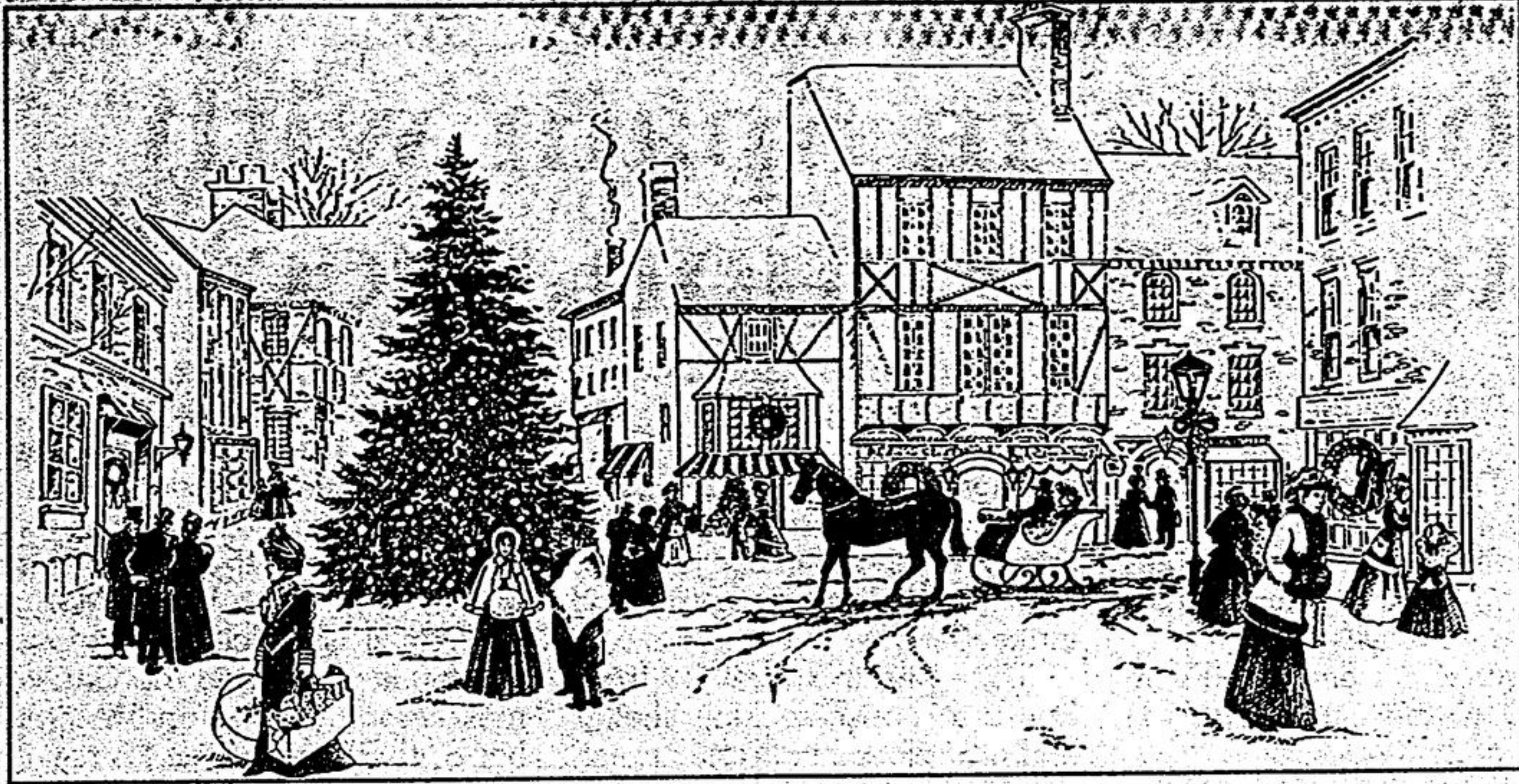


Experience A Country Christmas



Many of Canada's traditions come from the Victorian era.

Christmas gift giving is a Victorian custom

For many people Christmas is a time to sing carols, exchange gifts, enjoy a holiday feast and wish others a good cheer.

However, some may not know that these traditions are related to English celebrations.

Giving gifts on Christmas is a Victorian custom. Before that time, people exchanged gifts on New Year's Day or Twelfth Night.

Beginning in the Victorian era, British children would write letters to Father Christmas and throw them into the fireplace. They believed the draft would carry the letters up the chimney and Father Christmas would be able to read the smoke.

The tradition of hanging stockings from the mantel also comes from this time period. According to legend, Father Christmas once dropped gold

coins while coming down a chimney. The coins landed in a stocking that had been hung on the mantelpiece to dry. From then on, children have hung out their stockings in hope of finding them filled with gifts.

Decorating the home with holly and other greenery is an English winter tradition that began long

before the Christian era.

Historians believe this was done to lift people's spirits and remind them that spring would soon arrive. Hanging mistletoe has become especially popular today, because people enjoy kissing under the mistletoe. This custom descended from ancient Druid ceremonies.



Stouffville Lions Annual Christmas Donation Project

December 1st to December 15th, 1997

Donations of toys, gifts, non-perishable food items, and new or good used clothing, will be collected and distributed to needy Stouffville families in time for Christmas by the Stouffville Lions.

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6245 Main Street
- The Co-operators Insurance/Financial Services
6358 Main Street
- The Tribune
- Scotiabank
6323 Main Street



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6th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Foundation

presents

the Sixth Annual

"Festival of Lights"

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Wednesday, December 3, 1997

7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Dominion Automobile Industries Inc.

With Master of Ceremonies
Dan Pollard

Please bring your family & friends and join us for Carols, Christmas Cookies, Hot Chocolate and Hot Apple Cider as we celebrate the season and light our giant Christmas Tree!

Information of services provided by our Hospital such as Ostomy, Lactation, Activation, Heart to Heart, Diabetes, Pulmonary Function and the M.O.R.E Program will be available during the Hospital tours beginning 6:00 p.m.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Games and prizes for kids courtesy of National Sports
SILENT FIREWORKS DISPLAY

&
A new community choir, ONE VOICE under the direction of Angela Wakeford

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All proceeds will be used to purchase capital equipment.

Tax receipts will be issued for the donations of \$15 or more. All cheques should be made payable to the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Foundation.

For more information please call the Foundation Office at 852-9771 ext. 309

Santa hopes to see you December 3rd!

(Due to any postal disruption, donations can be dropped off at the Hospital Reception or Foundation Office.)