



Royal City Men's Club

*RCMC Newsletter*

*July 2024*

## July 4<sup>th</sup>. “LIVE MEETING”

**Ed Butts: Guelph Stories**

### Presentation:

Ed will speak about his new book “Guelph Stories”

### Bio:

Ed Butts was born in Toronto, but grew up in Guelph and has always considered it his hometown. He attended the University of Waterloo, and spent eight years teaching at a school in the Dominican Republic. Ed has written more than twenty books for both adults and juvenile readers. They include *Simon Girty: Wilderness Warrior*, *Wrong Side of the Law*, *The Mad, Bad and Dangerous*, and *Wartime: The First World War in a Canadian Town*. Several of his books have been nominated for awards. Ed has contributed articles to many publications, including the Toronto Star and the Globe & Mail. He writes a monthly column about Guelph history for the Mercury-Tribune. He is also a contributor to Historica, the online Canadian Encyclopedia. Ed lives in Guelph with his daughter and grandson.



10am. To be followed by Live Questions.

## **July 18<sup>th</sup>. “LIVE MEETING”**

### **David Rowley: The Ontario Dental Railway**

#### **Presentation:**

Recollection of adventures of a young boy living with his Parents on the Northern Ontario  
CNR Dental  
Rail Car in 1953....or “How to hit a box car with a slingshot”

#### **Bio:**

Born in Weston, Ontario  
Grew up in Weston, Tecumseh Township (on a farm), and Leaside (part of Toronto)  
Graduated from Leaside High School, 1962

Attended Toronto Teachers’ College, obtained an Ontario Teaching Certificate 1962 - 1963  
Taught Elementary School for 27 years as a classroom teacher with the Scarborough B. Of  
Ed., and then 8 years as Vice Principal and Principal with the Wellington Board of Education  
(now the Upper Grand B of Ed.)

Obtained a B.A (York Univ., 1969) and a Master of Education M.Ed. (Univ. of Toronto) and post  
graduate studies with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE, U of T 1977)

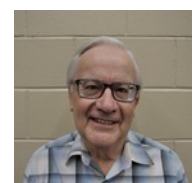
Taught school (1969 – 1970) for the Leigh-on-Sea School Authority in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex,  
England under the Commonwealth Teacher Exchange Programme. (Select teachers from one  
Commonwealth Country would exchange positions with Teachers from another  
Commonwealth Country for one year.) One of 4 teachers from Ontario.

Met Ann (wife) in England while on Exchange and married in England in the summer of 1972.  
Lived in Scarborough, Ontario from 1972 to 1990, and moved to the Ponsonby area in 1990  
and then into Guelph in 2001. Have two daughters, Allison and Kirstin, and two grand  
children, Sarah (16) and Tyson (14).

Retired from teaching in 1998.

Trained as a travel agent in 2000 at Conestoga College, and spent a short time (very short!)  
teaching Travel and Tourism at Sheridan college.

Currently working with a travel host and agency support company to organize and promote  
travel programs for active and retired members of the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare  
Services.



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## *Messages : Future Meetings*

### Meetings for August

August 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Don Johns  
Dying With Dignity/Maid

August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Brian Holstein/Michael Dougherty  
Story Telling

August 29<sup>th</sup>.  
T.B.A.  
Firefighting in Guelph

## *Coffee/Breakfast 10:am*

July 11<sup>th</sup>. And July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Coffee/Breakfast**

RCMC Live Coffee Morning

**9:30am at** The Boathouse or Uptown Grill or Symposium  
116 Gordon St      694 WoolwichSt.      304 Stone Rd. W

## *Activities & Events*

**August 3rd.**  
**"Priscilla Queen of the Desert"**  
**Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge**

**August 6th.**  
**Ontario Steam Heritage**  
**Museum**

**See activities desk for more details**

## *Other News*

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at [edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca](mailto:edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca)

## *Membership*

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to **Martin Alderwick**; 519-763-6939  
[maldewick6939@gmail.com](mailto:maldewick6939@gmail.com)

**Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.**