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The South Marysburgh Recreation Board and St. Philip's Anglican Church invite you to the annual

Milford Tree Lighting

Join your friends and neighbours on Saturday, Dec. 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Milford Post Office

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(Donations for the Food Bank will be gratefully accepted at the Tree Lighting.)

New Management for Milford Town Hall and Mount Tabor

On October 22, 2014, County Council passed a by-law approving the formation of a seven-member volunteer Management Committee to manage the day-to-day operations of the Milford Town Hall and Mount Tabor. This will be a two year trial project.

The Management Committee will be a sub-committee of the South Marysburgh Recreation Board, formerly the South Marysburgh Recreation Committee. It is comprised of members of the Marysburgh Mummers, the Recreation Board and two members from the community. Our councillor is an ex-officio member.

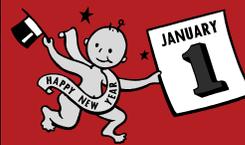
The County will still own the buildings and be responsible for the heat, hydro, telephone and insurance as well as the structural maintenance of the buildings.

The Management Committee will be responsible for bookings, setting the rental rates, cleaning and general upkeep of the premises.

The official take-over date is still to be decided but it will probably be the first of January.

Watch for more information in the January issue of *The South Marysburgh Mirror*.

The South Marysburgh Recreation Board



You are cordially invited to attend the 8th Annual New Years Levee

Thursday, January 1, 2015

at

The Milford Town Hall
From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please drop in and start the New Year with friends and neighbours old and new.





So many stories are tied to Christmas and to our memories of Christmases past. I always enjoy re-reading favourites and discovering new ones, and from the number of Christmas books that circulate in the branches at this time of year, I'm obviously not the only one. Especially popular are mysteries set at Christmas time, but ones I most enjoy are the shorter, classic stories, particularly ones good to read aloud. A few that I return to are relatively new, published within the last ten years, I believe, by Canadian writers from the east coast.

To Every Thing There Is a Season; A Cape Breton Christmas Story is by the gifted writer, Alistair Macleod. Sadly, he died in April of this year at the age of 77.

His seasonal tale is a simple one of an adult remembering Christmas when he was 11 years old, back home on the farm on the west coast of Cape Breton. It is set in the 1940s as the family of six children waits for Christmas, and especially for their older brother, Neil, to come home. He has been on the Lake boats in Ontario, and sends mysterious packages of "clothes" back for Christmas. On Christmas Eve this oldest brother arrives to a happy reunion, followed by a sleigh ride to church through the silent white woods. It's a bittersweet story as the narrator then stays up late with the adults for the first time to help with gift-wrapping and becomes aware of his passing to adulthood in the doing. The clear, sparse prose is remarkable and the illustrations in black and white by Peter Rankin in the hardcover version nicely complete the package. This would make a great gift for a book lover.

The second book by a Canadian east coast writer tells two children's stories. It's written by master storyteller David Adams Richards and set on the great Miramichi River in New Brunswick. The stories could, however, be set in any Canadian childhood winter.

The Christmas Tree is the first story and captures flawlessly the anticipation of searching for the perfect Christmas tree in snowy woods. The other story, *Carmichael's Dog*, is a heartwarming tale of a Christmas Eve when boys with red cheeks and snow covered mittens from a day of sledding on cardboard, find a round black puppy stuck in the snow bank waiting to be rescued.

Lastly, *The Penguin Book of Christmas Stories* includes writing by great storytellers including *The*

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Turkey Season by Alice Munro, *Christmas Is a Sad Season for the Poor* by John Cheever, *Crèche* by Richard Ford, *Horatio's Trick* by Anne Beattie, *Another Christmas* by William Trevor, and *The Leaf-Sweeper* by Muriel Spark. Also in the book are works that have seldom or never been translated into English, such as *The Night Before Christmas* by Theodore Odrach and *A Risk for Father Christmas* by Siegfried Lenz. These three titles are, of course, available at the library.

The winter is also a time of knitting – and handmade gifts – and for those of you interested in knitting, crochet and any other needlecraft, the Knit & Chat group continues to meet at the Milford branch each Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Both the absolute beginner and advanced are welcome.

The Intermediate French Group, still going strong after a number of years, meets each Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

Looking outside of the library, many will have noticed that a brand new railing has been installed up the ramp and around the front entrance. A special thank you goes to the Friends of Ann Farwell for their efforts and helping with the funding, as well as to the individuals who made donations toward this much needed improvement possible.

Lastly, on Friday afternoon December 12th, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., we invite all in the community to stop by the Ann Farwell branch for hot cider, cookies and to make an old-fashioned tree ornament, or just come and chat about Christmas and books.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Milford Library Hours

Tuesday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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after at St Philip's Church Hall for
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2015 Milford Winter Carnival

Saturday, January 31, 2015
Details in the next *South Marysburgh Mirror*

Milford Friendship Circle

Maureen Rudd welcomed the ladies into her lovely new home in Picton on Thursday, November 6 at 1:30 p.m.

President Margaret's opening suggestion: Invest your money in taxes, they're bound to go up.

Maureen's Thought for the Day centred on friendship. She admonished that friends are made by many acts but lost by one. She continued the thought with a poem on friendship.

Several members answered roll call by telling of memories connected with the war and Remembrance Day. Those of us who weren't in a wartorn country realized what those experienced who were. Some of the songs remembered were Pack Up Your Troubles, It's A Long Way To Tipperary, Now Is The Hour, White Cliffs Of Dover, Till The Boys Come Home and many more. Barb also related how she enjoyed the musical show at Picton United Church that revived many of those memories.

Treasurer Wilma reported our finances and donations will be made to the Salvation Army, the food bank and the *South Marysburgh Mirror*.

Card secretary Mary sent cards to various members in the community.

Marg closed the meeting with a reading demonstrating how the values in life change radically over the years.

The ladies enjoyed an excellent lunch prepared by Maureen who was thanked by Marg.

U.C.W. & Milford Friendship Circle Coming events:

In lieu of a December meeting, the Friendship Circle ladies enjoyed lunch at the Waring House on Tuesday, November 25th.

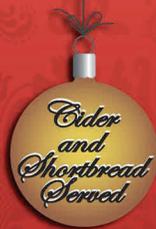
Wednesday, December 10th – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 12:00 noon for a pot luck lunch. Joyce has Devotional; Roll Call is toiletries for Alternatives for Women; Alice has program. Our objective is hats and mitts for South Marysburgh/Athol school children.

There will be no January or February meetings for the Friendship Circle, and the March meeting will be held at Marg Crouse's new home on Thursday, March 5th. Merry Christmas all!

Christmas in The County

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South Bay U.C.W.



On Wednesday, November 12, the ladies met at South Bay United Church hall at 12 noon to partake of a pot luck lunch which had been missed at the October meeting. In the absence of president Sandra, Maureen capably commandeered the meeting. She opened the meeting with a tribute to all who have served to keep our country free. A poem on kindness extended this thought.

U.C.W. purpose, theme hymn and the Lord's Prayer followed.

Carol's devotional continued with the theme of service by all who fought in the World Wars. We were reminded that almost 66,000 Canadians paid with their lives. McCrea's poignant poem, *In Flanders Fields* reminded us of the traumas suffered by both sides in these wars. We were treated by Carol singing, Let There Be Peace On Earth accompanied by Verna Hertz on piano. Thank you, ladies, for reminding us once more.

Roll call was answered with a short fall story with sixteen sick calls also being made.

The September minutes were read with one correction made.

Treasurer Joyce reported almost \$400 raised for Hospice with our coffee party. Donations of money are going to the food bank, Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital, Children's Aid and the *South Marysburgh Mirror*. Alternatives for Women will get a donation of toiletries. We will decide the amount donated to our church in December.

Joyce had an interesting program about her father, Ernie Franklin, as he was connected during World War II. She knew he was a banker but she found out many things about him that she hadn't known before.

The meeting closed with our U.C.W. prayer.

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& Random Notes*

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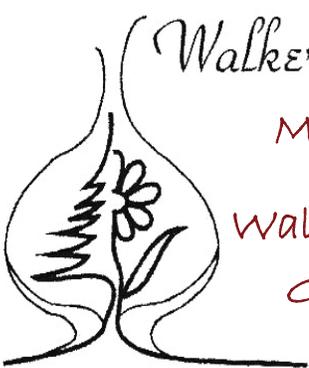
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Thanks are also due to The Mirror's contributors who take the time each month to submit articles, columns or news items for circulation to the community.

A number of others make monthly contributions including the retailers and libraries throughout PEC who put it into their racks; Shaila Van Vlack, our Milford postmaster, who gets it prepared for distribution to South Marysburgh; and Printcraft who seem to place a priority to get each month's issue printed, sometimes with tight deadlines.

Whether a Happy Hanukkah on December 17th or Merry Christmas on December 25th, best wishes for holiday celebrations shared with those you love, and for a safe and happy 2015.

Steve Ferguson



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The Assembly of Gentlemen

Again thinking outside the box, this time considering County transportation issues, the AoG is examining the construction of a rapid transit system—provisionally named “PERTS” (Prince Edward Rapid Transit System)—along the route proposed by wpd for its 69 KV transmission line.

According to an AoG spokesperson, *IF* wpd's project is approved and it buries the transmission line, municipal approval should be contingent upon boring a larger hole to accommodate electrically-driven rail cars, and the allocation of space for interchange stations along the route. Complementing the underground rail line would be construction of above ground light rail lines along the Picton to Wellington corridor, and connections to more distant points such as Long Point and Sandbanks from the interchange stations.

“If the project is approved they have to dig anyway,” reasons the spokesperson, “so just dig a little deeper and a little wider. The vehicles could be powered by all the electricity they claim the turbines generate. We have a sub-committee of guys working on the specific routes and logistics that they should have ready to show folks later in December.”

Discussions about the project, including possible fares and schedules, continue at the AoG's daily morning meetings at Live Laugh Eat in Milford.

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Christmas Gift Ideas

By George Underhill

It's that time of the year again, where we stress out over what gifts might be most appropriate for our loved ones. I have some ideas that you might not have considered. I have proposed gifts in past years and, surprisingly, have not been inundated with praise and compliments. Well, here goes another try.

Let's start with your husband or boyfriend, if you're female. If it's not self-evident it should be....the male of the species adores bacon. Bacon is like the pheromone in moths that lure male moths for miles. Did you know you can buy air freshener, body wash (assuming he washes), candles or soap...all in bacon aromas....even bacon scented lube gel for those intimate moments. I think a gift in this genre would tie him to you forever. If not, there's a beer shower gel which should leave him smelling like stale beer. I thought you would take a shower just so you wouldn't smell like that, but I guess I'm not hip anymore (if I ever was).

Now for food. There's lots of disgusting stuff, but at the top of the list would be "BBQ Flavoured Worm Crisps" at \$2.79, made with real worms and looking like worms, too. Yum Yum. Of course you can get crickets, ants or bees, but looking at the selection the worms are tops. Insect protein is the wave of the future, producing way less greenhouse gas than beef. To make them more appetizing, you can enclose them in a sandwich bag sporting a very realistic bug for only \$6.75! Serve these delicious comestibles on a "Bear Paw Serving Platter". Looks just like a paw that has been severed from a real bear and for only \$25.95.

Finally for men, a piece of "Gun Concealment Furniture" to hide your weapons. In the ad, they're called "Freedom Guns". Apparently, without a weapon at hand, your freedom is at risk, and for only \$165 you can feel secure.

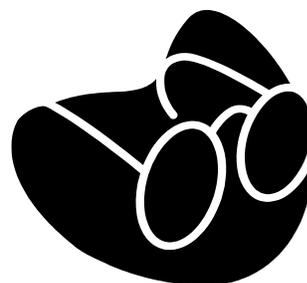
Now ladies, I think a "Fake Pregnancy Kit" might give your guy a surprise. I think it's a little cruel, but you might just want to test his fidelity. Guys, you could get your sweetie a "Bill Murray Shower Curtain". Bill Murray, attired as a civil war general emblazoned on a shower curtain for only \$68. Of all people, why him? Then again, I don't create these gifts I just report on them. Or, get your wife the Scary Peeper. This is a mask you affix to the outside of a window to persuade your sweetie a very ugly man is peeking in your home. Scare him away with your freedom gun and become an instant hero.

Finally, a bleeding skull candle. A realistic looking human skull that, once lit, bleeds bright red blood from one of the eyeholes. I hear candles are romantic. This should put an end to that.

My brother once gave my mother road apples for Christmas. Carefully wrapped and be-ribboned horse muffins in a nice box. She was quite excited until she realized what they were, and then she burst into tears. So listen folks, be careful with my gift ideas.

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: A well-chosen word can speak volumes.

A married couple was in a terrible accident where the woman's face was severely burned. The doctor told her husband they needed a donor for skin grafts.

The husband agreed to donate but the only skin suitable was from his buttocks. Husband, wife and doctor all agreed to tell no one where the skin came from.

After surgery everyone was astounded at how quickly the wife healed and that she was more beautiful than ever.

One day the wife wanted to show how much she appreciated her husband's sacrifice. She said, "Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. How can I ever repay you?"

"My darling," he replied, "I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."

Life on the Farm

"Late again!" the fourth-grade teacher sternly said to little Johnny.

"It ain't my fault this time, Miss Russell. You can blame this 'un on my Daddy. The reason I'm three hours late is my Daddy sleeps naked!"

Now, Miss Russell had taught grammar school for thirty-some odd years. Despite her mounting fears, she asked little Johnny to explain.

Now little Johnny and trouble were old friends but he always told her the truth.

"You see, Miss Russell, out at the farm we got this here low down fox. The last few nights he done ate six hens. Last night when Daddy heard a noise out in the chicken pen, he grabbed his shot gun and said to my ma, 'That fox is back again, I'm gonna git him. Stay back.' Daddy whispered to all us kids.

"My Daddy was naked as a jaybird – no boots, no pants, no shirt. To the hen house he crawled. Then he stuck that double-barreled 12 gauge shot gun through the window of the coop. As he stared into the darkness with a fox on his mind, our old hound dog, Rip, had done gone and woke up and comes sneaking up behind Daddy.

"Then, as we all looked on, plumb helpless, old Rip done went and stuck his cold nose in my Daddy's crack! Miss Russell, we all been chasin' chickens since three o'clock this mornin'!"

How Cats are Like Women

- Cats do what they want.
- They rarely listen to you.
- They're totally unpredictable.
- They whine when they are not happy.
- When you want to play, they want to be left alone.
- When you want to be left alone, they want to play.
- They expect you to cater to their every whim.
- They're moody.
- They leave hair everywhere.
- They drive you nuts and cost an arm and a leg.

Conclusion: *They're tiny little women in cheap fur coats.*

Exit Lines:

I had lunch with a chess champion the other day. It took him 20 minutes to pass the salt.

Q: *What's the hardest part about skydiving?*

A: *The ground*

Consider: *If the enemy is in range, so are you.*

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HAPPENINGS AT ST. PHILIP'S
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By Canon David Smith

When you receive this edition of *The Mirror* it will be December so I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. May you and your loved ones experience much joy during this festive season.

However, as I write, my heart is in Narnia where it is always winter and never Christmas. In an hour or two I will be on the Mt. Tabor stage assisting the White Witch kill Aslan. An emotional scene to begin with but especially poignant when the murderer is my daughter and the victim is my wife. Needless to say C.S. Lewis's fantastical children's story has been a tremendous venue for discussion both at the Smith household and at St. Philip's church these past few weeks.

But it was the real life experience of C. S. Lewis and not a fantasy world that made me think about the true meaning of Christmas. To join in with the Narnia buzz around town, St. Philip's watched the movie *Shadowlands* chronicling C.S. Lewis's unlikely romance (soon to be performed as a play at Mt. Tabor). A confirmed bachelor, Lewis meets an unusual woman under very unusual circumstances yet falls deeply in love. Fittingly, his wife, Joy, brought a joy into his life that he had never experienced before.

Sadly, after only a few short years, Joy dies and Lewis is confronted with grief. It is a grief that shakes his beliefs to the core and forces him to reexamine many of his previously held assertions. When Joy came to visit, entered and shared in his life, his experience and appreciation of life was transformed through her love for him. Conversely, when he allowed himself to enter into her life stepping outside his safe and comfortable role as an Oxford professor, so he could love her, he was also changed.

I suppose this is not that different from many romances but in watching the movie I could not help but feel that Lewis experienced a depth of love that mirrors divine incarnational love, what we call Christmas.

Firstly, love entered his life. He was surprised by Joy. He was gifted by her love. And when we worship the Christ Child at Christmas we are thanking God for the love we receive through His remarkable grace. We are surprised by joy that God would visit us, enter into our lives and love us even unto death so that we may have life eternal. We sing joy to the

world the Lord has come. Secondly, Lewis entered into a new world and became aware of an experience previously unknown, meaning he could say that he knew not only love but also profound sorrow. Mysteriously, Christmas is also about God in Christ entering fully into a new experience and profoundly being able to empathize with us, "For we do not have a high priest (Jesus) who is unable to sympathize with our own weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are." (Hebrews 4:15)

For me the best way to say thank you for Christ's incarnational love is to mirror Christmas in our daily lives. That is, to love and to truly enter into the lives of others while leaving the safe spaces we create for ourselves. This love is meeting and listening to people's stories. This love is compassion and action. This love is hope and sacrifice. This love is joy and sorrow.

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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
October, 1901

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Sun. 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Collier were over for dinner. Mirt had salmon boiled on potatoes.

Mon. 2 - I helped Whit finish drawing in his straw. It was quite muddy.

Tue. 3 - Change in the weather colder. Froze up hard last night. Whit and I went down to Picton to day to settled up with Boulter. Been pretty cold all day.

Wed. 4 - Whit came down to the Stone Mills. I rig up a place for my cow.

Thur. 5 - I sharpened up Flora's shoes on her hind feet. Mirt and I drove out to Dan's for the evening. Mr. Palmateer was there visiting.

Fri. 6 - I went back in the woods and piled up some wood. Last night finished up freezing the rest of Mirt's plants.

Sat. 7 - I drew out some wood. It was froze up hard but there wasn't any snow.

Sun. 8 - Rained most all day. Whit and Mary were over after noon and evening.

Mon. 9 - I went out to Dan's helped him pile up wood on Rorabeck. Pa and Ma were there and were just leaving for home.

Tue. 10 - I helped Whit cut stalks and straw. It was some cold. Mirt washed wind blew fresh.

Wed. 11 - Whit and I started in to cut stalks. A little stick went in and smashed up the machine. Then I went out to Dan's to helped him cut wood but Dan wasn't feeling very well and I come home again.

Thur. 12 - Whit got another cutter and we cut most of the day it was a lovely day.

Fri. 13 - Mirt and I went down to Picton Mirt got a new dress the roads were very muddy.

Sat. 14 - Rained all day long. I corked up some shoes.

Sun. 15 - We were some surprise this morning to see the ground covered with snow. I think it will make sleighing.

Mon. 16 - Mirt and I started for the Bay. After dinner we went down to Pa's stayed all night. Found the sleighing very good.

Tue. 17 - We went down to Mr. Spafford's found every body well. Along in the after noon Marsh Annie Mirt and I went down to William Heads to spend the evening we had a splendid time.

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South Marysburgh Agricultural Grants

The Milford Fair Board is excited to again offer two agricultural grants for South Marysburgh youths:

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Sarah's Research Notes

**Historical Information & Anecdotes
About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries.**

Mirt is having a dress made by Lillie Minnaker, perhaps for one of the many parties (December 13th, 18th, 19th and 26th). According to an interview with a thirteen year old dressmaker in 1898: "There was a lot of hand work...tacking and that carry on to do. All skirts had braid and binding in them. Sometimes we'd four times to go around a skirt (tacking, binding, braid and hem). Then they used to be six or seven yards wide a skirt, so you'd quite a bit of sewing to do"

Wed. 18 - I went down after Lillie Minnaker and fitched her up to Mr. Spafford's to make Mirt dress the day was cold and blustery.

Thur. 19 - I helped Marsh make a box for his sleigh. Lillie sewing at Mirt's dress. After dinner Mrs. L. Spafford Annie and I went up to Miss Denight examination.

Fri. 20 - I helped Marsh finished his sleigh box. And after dinner we all went down to Harry Shortt's Examination. It was very good.

Sat. 21 - About two or three inches snow. I went over to Picton from Mr. Spafford's Harry Shortt and Archie went over with me. Picton was more than crowded with people.

Sun. 22 - Mirt and I were to Nait's all night the wind blew a gale and drifted up the roads home. We walked from Nait's down to Mr. Spafford's and Mirt was pretty tired when she got down there.

Mon. 23 - I was up home helped Pa kill the bull. And then went out to Sarah E. Rorke. Mirt Annie and Marsh were there. Also we had a good visit.

Tue. 24 - Mirt and I came from Mr. Spafford's up to Pa's the weather was some softer. We went down to Rorkes again at night.

Wed. 25 - Christmas. All were home to Pa's to eat their Christmas dinner. It was a lovely day and the sleighing was fairly good. We all enjoyed our selves fine. And wonder if we will all be alive to spend another Christmas together. Then after dinner along towards

night all but Annie Maud and Nelse went out to the Carman the church was filled and a good time was spent. Proceeds \$3.00

Thur. 26 - Mirt and I went up to George Lewis Collier's from the Carman last night stayed all night. They had a dinner the next day that is the 26. Jake and Lib Philip McCrimmon and Maud were there and so we had a good time. After dinner Mirt and I went down to John Dulmage to a party. Went down with a sleigh load. Archie and Hilton took the load.

Fri. 27 - Well we came home we had a grand good time while we were down at the Bay. And was glad to get home again. Bobs was over to Mr. Collier's. I went over and got him he was pretty hungry.

Sat. 28 - This has been a lovely day wind has been South. Snow can't last long if we don't get colder weather. I have been helping Mr. Collier build a barn yard fence.

Sun. 29 - Rained most of the day. Mirt and I were alone all day. Went over to Whit's for tea.

Mon. 30 - Helped Mr. Collier finish up the barn yard fence it was a lovely day.

Tue. 31 - Mirt and I went out to Jake's. Wind blew a gale and turned very cold. Sleighing is very good.

Rack of Lamb

By David Larkin

I was complaining to my wife about lack of inspiration for this column - I seem to be finding it harder to come up with good new recipés. But Wednesday is the day for three generations of our little family to get together for a family meal, and I happened on something good. I wanted to cook lamb but couldn't find the cut of lamb I had in mind. But I remembered that Metro had brought in some racks of lamb, so I settled on that. I didn't have a recipé for rack of lamb persillée, on which I had now decided, so I scanned the internet for inspiration. None of the recipés there were quite what I wanted but they were helpful. I decided to base the dish on Herb and Cheese-Crumbled Rack of Lamb from an Australian Women's Weekly Cookbook, making the alterations to include the parsley.

2 cups stale white breadcrumbs

4 cloves garlic, crushed

1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese

A handful of fresh parsley

A pinch of dried basil

A pinch of dried rosemary

1/2 cup olive oil

2 racks of lamb with around 6 cutlets each.

Paste of 2 tsp. dry mustard and some white wine

If frozen, allow the lamb to thaw and bring to room temperature. Blend or process the breadcrumbs, garlic, cheese, herbs and oil until pureed.

Place lamb in large oiled roasting dish. Paint the meat side of the lamb with the mustard/wine paste. Press the breadcrumb mixture onto the meat side of the lamb. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes. After about 15 minutes check the lamb and if necessary cover it with foil to prevent the breadcrumbs over-browning. The lamb should be on the pink side, but if you are not happy with that, then cook a little longer. Slice the chops off to serve. There should be enough for four people.

This dish exceeded my expectations and was quite a hit with the family.

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Our first Christmas House Tour was held in 2010 and was very successful. This will be the 5th consecutive year for the tour, and its reputation is growing within the County and beyond our borders. Last year over 300 tickets, at \$20.00 each, for the self-guided tour, were sold.

This year, we aim to have eight or nine old or new or renovated buildings on the tour, each one decorated according to the tastes of the owner for the holidays. It is becoming a very popular Christmas event, and we also see it as a way of drawing attention to the value of our built heritage in the County. We have a very exciting list of properties on the tour for this year, which will take place on Sunday, December 7th, from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

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