Delta has come full circle!

100 years ago, the B&W railway was running excursion trips to a pavilion at the park and boats gave tours on Lower Beverley Lake for visitors from Brockville. At the Mill, the stones were turning and products were turned out for local farmers. Patrons perused the local news, sales and bargains in the DELTA PILOT. A variety of stores were all thriving, clients parked horses (at the drive shed) and went shopping in the business block. And then came the years of decline. War, larger industrial centers, cheaper production methods, and a variety of other changes left Delta in the dust.

At present day, tourism has been revived and is stronger than ever thanks to many volunteers. Lower Beverley Lake Park is now open for the season; plans are underway for the annual Delta Fair and for those who missed it at Thanksgiving, the wheels ground grain once again at the Mill. And now, Delta’s newspaper (1905-1908) has been resurrected and features news and announcements of local events in our Village.

To start out our season at the Mill and Museum.........

Celebrate Local Flavours: May 7th, 1-3pm
The Old Stone Mill National Historic Site is hosting the Local Flavours 7th season opening celebrations. Come on out and get the scoop on everything Local Flavours has to offer!

Mill and Museum opens for the season on May 21st.
Old Stone Mill National Historic Site and the Museum of Industrial Technology will be open daily from 10a.m. to 5p.m. until September 5th.

Brockville and 1000 Islands Doors Open: May 28th and 29th
The Old Stone Mill National Historic Site will once again be a part of this annual event celebrating history in the region. The stones will be grinding on the 28th.

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, June 14th at 7 p.m. at the Mill & Museum of Industrial Technology.

For additional information regarding programs offered by the Delta Mill Society, please visit their website at www.deltamill.org

Barbequed Chicken Anyone?

Did you know that the Delta United Church has the ability to BBQ up to 240 half chickens? Did you also know that we make the best salads and desserts to go with it? Well we can! Thanks to Paul Henderson, Arvin Riske, Gerald Phillips, Howard French and Dave Ross who created a barbecue on wheels that can go from location to location. Plus they will also cook too- so how good is that? If you would like the Delta United Church to BBQ at one of your events this summer, please contact the church @ deltaunitedchurch1@bellnet.ca or Pat Phillips @ harymary@ripnet.com
Delta Baptist Church, 24 King Street, Delta

In the early 1800’s as the Delta area was being settled, Elder Abel Stevens travelled about preaching in cabins and school houses. By 1811, a number of the Baptists in Delta joined together to form a Church. They began construction of what is now St Paul’s Anglican Church. After putting up the shell, they ran out of funds. The building could be used in the summer but they had to go to the schoolhouse during the winter.

Anglicans were also arriving in the area and they helped complete the building. By 1830, the interior was completed. Both denominations worshiped in this building until 1864. The Methodists also used the building from 1843-1862. For a time, the Baptists met in Philipsville. The current church building was erected in 1880 and was dedicated on December 1st of that year.

In October of 2010, Rev. Brian and Eva Wheaton arrived from the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia to serve as Pastor of the Delta Baptist Church. Rev. Wheaton’s background is in smaller rural churches and he looks forward to working with the church and community here in Delta. Eva provides small business support in the area of financial records, data management, and computer training. They have three grown children and are now proud grandparents for the second time. Brian enjoys gardening and Eva enjoys music.

Telephone: 613-928-2963   Email: deltabaptist@gmail.com

Delta Beautification Committee

The Delta Beautification Committee operates under the auspices of the Township of Rideau Lakes and is responsible for the beautification of our community. This committee consists of a small group of dedicated volunteers who over the years have been able to create and install the summer banners, build and maintain the gazebos, place park benches, plant flowers and help decorate the Village for Christmas.

In 2010, we were able to complete many projects in preparation for the 200th Anniversary of the Old Stone Mill. An Amur Maple tree was planted and dedicated along with a heritage plaque beside the Mill Shed. A second plaque was erected in Stone Mills Park to honour the 180th Anniversary of the Delta Fair.

This year, we are looking for your help in maintaining our flower plantings by “adopting a planter” to help keep them looking beautiful throughout the summer. While the township has a watering program and will water them 2 days a week, they need more care so if you would be interested in helping maintain the flowers, please contact Ruth Sheridan at 613-928-2092.

Please contact Cathy Livingston at 613-928-2796 if you are interested in joining the committee.
The Delta Fire Hall Museum

Cries of “Fire, Fire!” rang throughout the Village of Delta on March 5th, 1937. When flames broke out at Clive Halladay’s barber shop and began to spread to Sadie Kilborn’s Hotel, the only fire-fighting equipment, aside from the bucket brigade, was a hand-drawn, two-wheeled, chemical fire engine. This proved to be ineffective against a fire of such proportions. After gazing at the charred remains, a group of concerned citizens met that same day to draft plans for a Delta fire brigade. Within nine months, a 1937 Ford La France fire engine was purchased, a fire hall erected and a volunteer fire department formed.

To honour the efforts of these determined citizens, the Fire Hall Restoration Committee has undertaken the task of restoring the fire hall on Mill Creek Drive as a museum. The 1937 pumper, photos, uniforms, equipment and other artifacts are now on display. We welcome donations of any memorabilia.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Committee and assisting us in preserving this part of Delta’s history can contact Jeff Findlay at 613-928-2885. People wishing to support this project through a monetary donation greater than $25 will receive a charitable tax receipt. Donors of $100 or more will have their name or that of a loved one inscribed on a plaque which will be displayed in the museum. Become a part of Delta’s history. Show everyone that the same 1937 spirit is alive and well in Delta!

St. Paul’s Anglican Church – 200th Anniversary Year

2011 marks the 200th Anniversary of the building that today is home to St. Paul’s Anglican Church. Located at 77 King Street, it is one of the oldest continually used churches in Ontario.

The associative values of St. Paul’s Anglican Church lie in its connection to one of the earliest residents of Delta, Elder Abel James Stevens, Senior. Elder Stevens was one of the first settlers in Delta in 1796, as evidenced by the areas original name of Stevenstown. Following the Revolutionary War, Stevens emigrated from Vermont to the area and is reputed to have been the founder of the community. In 1811, Stevens called a meeting to discuss the building of a much-needed Baptist Church in Delta. Construction of the church, which would later become St. Paul’s Church, began in 1811 under Stevens’ supervision.

To start off the yearlong celebrations, all three village congregations joined together on April 3rd and worshipped at St. Paul’s for a special Anniversary Service.

Photo (l-r)  
Pastor Brian Wheaton, Delta Baptist Church, Reverend Canon Karen Freake, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, and Reverend David Timpson, Delta United Church

Thank you to all who attended, and for all who participated in making this service a wonderful start to the 200th Anniversary Year.

Remember: The Deadline for the July/August Edition is June 20th  
Submit your Information Today to the Park Office!
DELTA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Sponsored by the Delta Agricultural Society

Our Village is full of people worth celebrating! They are our neighbours - people who care about others, adults who give more than they take for the betterment of the community. These caring leaders are found throughout the Delta area and they set an example for others to follow. Their contributions, as informal volunteers, make life brighter for us all. This award is intended to recognize the numerous unpaid, voluntary contributions made by an adult behind the scenes which provide extraordinary help, care and leadership to groups in the community over a long period of time.

Former Recipients
1997 – William H. Morris
1998 – Cathy J. Livingston
1999 – Lorna H. Pearson
2000 – Dennis B. Halladay
2001 – Nellie M. Carbin
2002 – Marie J. Flood
2003 – Vivian E. Morris
2004 – Heather Halladay
2005 – M. Patricia Phillips
2006 – Brenda L. Perrin
2007 – John Mac Tavish
2008 – Hazel W. Wykes
2009 – Howard E. French
2010 – Carl G. Willard

YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Sponsored by the
Ladies Auxiliary of Royal Canadian Legion #207, Delta and the Delta Agricultural Society

The Youth Volunteer Award of Excellence was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of Delta’s youth. The personal commitment of time and effort made by our youth are valuable contributions to the quality of life within the community.

The leaders of tomorrow are among the many youth volunteers of today!

Young volunteers eligible for nomination must be between the ages of 10 and 17 and have made a substantial and innovative contribution of time, leadership, initiative, originality and perseverance without remuneration to a charity, not for profit organization or an individual.

Former Recipients
2002 – Kristen Patterson
2003 – Andrew Willard
2004 – Emily Willard
2005 – Kaitlyn Simpson
2006 – Shawn Sudds
2007 – Olivia Patterson
2008 – Connor Perrin
2009 – Travis Perrin
2010 – Sierra Miller

Anyone can nominate a Delta or a R.R. #1, Delta resident (permanent/summer) for either one of the above noted awards. Former recipients are not eligible. Nominations are to be completed on an official form which is available by calling the Fair Office 613-928-2800 or Brenda at 613-802-3518

Closing Date for Nominations is June 17th, 2011

Nominations are to be placed in a sealed envelope and forwarded to:
Brenda Perrin, Committee Chairperson
723 C Daytown Rd
Delta, Ontario K0E 1G0

Celebrating a Birthday over 80 years or an Anniversary over 50 years?
If so, your special day can be included in the Delta Pilot and displayed on the Park’s lighted message board sign!
Delta Park Opens for the Season

Spring has sprung and it is business as usual at Lower Beverley Lake Park. Cottage / campsite reservations may be made by calling 613-928-2881. In-Park Canteen facilities will be open on Friday-Sunday throughout May and June. General public is welcome to visit and order from the canteen. Throughout the summer, events are held for the enjoyment of all campers and members of the general public.

May 21 Karaoke 7:00 p.m.
May 22 Bingo 2:00 p.m.
June 4 Bingo 7:00 p.m.
June 18 Euchre 2:00 p.m.
June 18 Bingo 7:00 p.m.
June 25 Kid’s Crafts 10:00 a.m.

Visit our website for a listing of the most current 2011 camping www.beverleylakepark.com

Recreational Youth Ball
Youth between the ages of 4-14 are invited to come out and play ball once a week at the Delta Ball Diamond.
Players will need a glove and running shoes. Levels of play from T-Ball to Coach Pitch to regular play will be offered. Parents are encouraged to come and have fun right along with their kids!

For more information, please contact Rob Henessy at 613-272-0160 or Brad Banks at 613-359-6333.

Ball Canteen Construction Completed at Lower Beverley Park

Construction of the new canteen / washroom building was completed in November. This new barrier free 20’ x 30’ framed construction will be used to support the revitalization of ball activities within the Delta Community. The facility was made possible through a partnership between the Seasonal Campers’ Recreation Committee, Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation and the Park Management Board.

Partnership donations were received from Joyce Morley, Treasurer of the Lower Beverley Lake Park Seasonal Campers’ Recreation Committee, in the amount of $5,000 while CFDC Director Ian Johnson presented a cheque totaling $34,300. Park Manager William Morris accepted the donations on behalf of the Management Board.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Beverley Senior Citizens’ Club #460
- Meeting at the United Church Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month (except during July August). Pot luck meal at noon followed by a meeting. New members are welcome to attend!
- Euchre party every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Delta Fair Office.

Community and Primary Health Care
- Mobile Primary Health Care Unit is managed by a nurse practitioner and support staff and offers health care to all residents with a priority for those who do not have a primary physician. There is no fee for this service which is available on the first Tuesday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Delta Library Parking Lot.

Delta Athletic and Recreation Society
- Ball hockey on Friday evenings between 6 and 9 p.m. Call Wade at 613-359-9935 for information
- Horseshoe Tournament on June 18th at 10 a.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Doubles start.

Delta Baptist Church
- Bible Study held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
- Choir Practice is held every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. New members welcome!
- Evening service featuring “Faithful Friends” on June 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Delta Food Bank
- Open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday at the United Church Hall.
  Call Claire at 613-928-2761 for information.

Delta United Church
- Evening Church Service held on the last Wednesday of the month starting with a meal at 6:00 p.m.
- Choir Practice is held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. New members welcome!
- Mother’s Day Brunch on May 8th from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. Proceeds in support of Youth Summer Camp
- Fiddlers’ Service featuring the Glengarry Youth Fiddlers will be held at 11:00 a.m. on June 5th
- Church Service and Picnic on June 12th at Lower Beverley Lake Park at 11:00 a.m.
- Father’s Day Brunch on June 19th from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. Proceeds in support of Youth Summer Camp

Good Food Box
- The Good Food Box offers fresh fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices for all community members. Payment is required on the 7th of the month and pick up is on the 3rd Tuesday. Call Claire at 613-928-2761 for information.

Robertson Cemetery
- Annual Cemetery Service will be held on Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. at the Cemetery on Lower Beverley Lake Park Road. Rev. Brian Wheaton will be officiating.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207
- Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
- Euchre party is held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- Chicken barbecue on May 28th at the Legion Hall between 4-6 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 Ladies Auxiliary
- Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul’s Anglican Church
- Yard and Bake Sale will be held on May 21st starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Country Dance at the Fair Hall on May 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. featuring Bettin’ the Farm with Steve Curtis. A light lunch will be served. Tickets are $10 per person. For information, please contact Doug or Claire at 613-928-2761

Contact Information
LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD
William Morris, A.M.C.T., Park Manager or Cathy Livingston, Vice-Chairperson of the Management Board,
146 Lower Beverley Lake Road, P. O. Box 130, Delta, Ontario K0E-1G0
www.beverleylakepark.com or Email: bevlake@ripnet.com

SUNDAY SERVICES
Baptist Church 9:30 a.m.
St. Paul’s Anglican 8:30 a.m.
United Church 9:15 a.m.