

Guy Fawkes Bonfire coming Nov. 4

Celebrate 150 years of Canadian history with an old-world British tradition.

“Bigger and better” was the promise following the overwhelming success and massive attendance at the first-ever local Guy Fawkes Bonfire Night, held last year at the Orangeville Agricultural Society (OAS) Event Centre. It will run Nov. 4, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The event celebrates the capture and execution of Guy Fawkes in Britain in the 1600s for trying to assassinate King James I and blow up the Houses of Parliament. The very night of the foiled Gunpowder Plot (Nov. 5, 1605), bonfires were set alight all over Britain to celebrate the safety of the King. Since that time, the event is commemorated every year with fireworks and burning effigies of Fawkes on a bonfire.

Activities start at 4 p.m. with mini Guy making, a scavenger hunt, storytelling by the Dufferin Storytellers, entertainment by local musician Graham Maycock and the big bonfire at dusk. There will also be fireworks, from DW Fireworks, starting at about 7:30. The Feisty Jack will be back, expanding the food offerings and stations. Wellington Brewery will be serving local beer. Hockley Valley Resort will accommodate overnight Guy followers.

More information and tickets are available online at www.guyfawkes.ca