

Fund-raiser in Schomberg to honour D-Day achievements

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The contributions of a pair of local residents who were part of the D-Day invasion in World War Two are to be honoured at a special event in Schomberg Nov. 9.

The festivities, which kick off 11:00 a.m. at the Schomberg IGA, form a fund-raiser to recognize the deeds of local residents Bill Perry and the late Clarence 'Mike' Duggan.

The proceeds from the event are to go toward the purchase of two bricks honouring Perry and Duggan as part of the Juno Beach Project. The project involves the construction of a memorial building and museum to honour the Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force personnel who were assigned Juno Beach as their objective, June 6, 1944. Completion of the memorial is slated for 2003.

The bricks, to be inscribed with the individual's name, rank and regiment, are then to be built into the walls of the memorial building and museum. The Juno Beach Project is being funded in part by the sales of these bricks that loved ones and friends may purchase for individual service person-

nel.

The event is also being held to celebrate Perry's birthday, Nov. 8. For \$3.00, well wishers can get a piece of birthday cake and a coffee.

Both men were among those who charged ashore in the first wave of attack at Juno Beach. Perry drove a tank with the First Hussars of London. Duggan was a rifleman with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada from Toronto. Both were fortunate to survive.

In addition, wooden replicas of the bricks are to be presented to Perry and to Duggan's family at the Nov. 11 Remembrance Day ceremony service at the Schomberg Cenotaph.

Any monies raised that exceed the objective are to

be given to the Juno Beach general building fund in honour of all the men and women from Schomberg and vicinity who have served in the Canadian military.

Schomberg resident Norm Green, one of the organizers of the event, is pleased with the response thus far.

"It's been excellent," he said. "Schomberg's a great place to live. Everyone's been very helpful."

The Juno Beach project is a co-operative initiative of Canada and France to build a World War Two memorial museum. In July, 2000, the project was provided with five acres of ocean-front property by the town of Courseulles-sur-Mer on which to build the facility.

