



# Society Newsletter

## Brothers John & Dwayne Boughen host Ploughing Match on family farm Oct. 6, 2012

Last fall, October 6, 2012 a group of dedicated farmers from as far away as Wolfe Island came together at the Boughen farm at the north east corner of Dale Road and Highway 28 to compete on a piece of property where a similar match took place 100 years ago. This event was organized by the Northumberland Ploughman's Association.

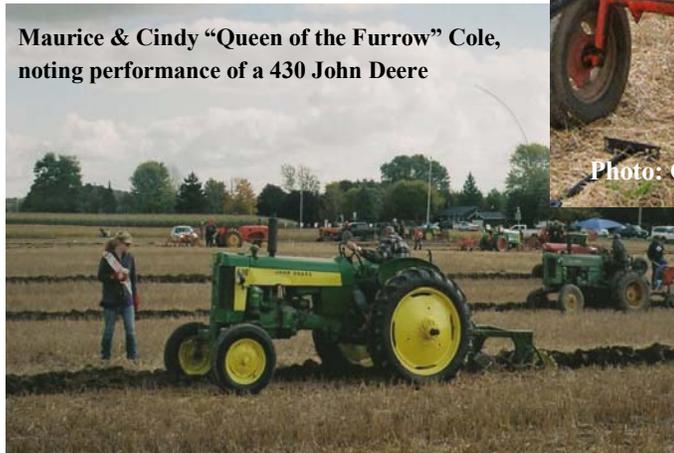
The farm, which has been owned by the Boughens since 1911, holds a special place in John's heart, shown here beside his brother, Wayne, to his right. And relating the long history of the property has been one of his special joys.

John's grandfather and namesake purchased the land from the Rosevear family. Earlier documents show that Nesbitt Kirchoffer, a two-time Port

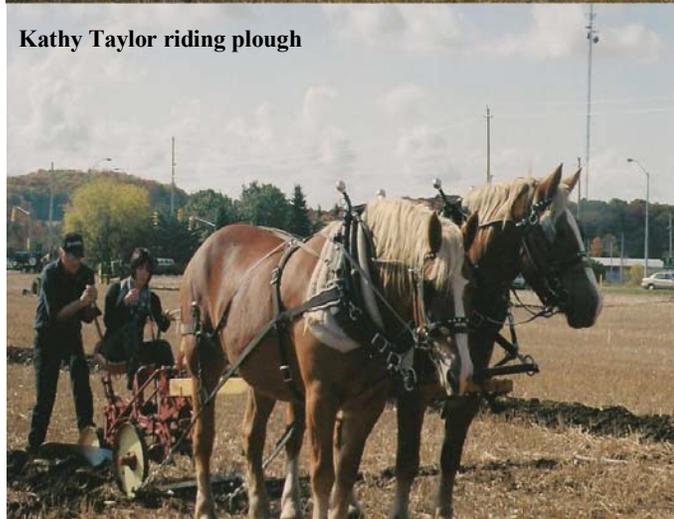


Photo: Courtesy Valerie MacDonald

Maurice & Cindy "Queen of the Furrow" Cole, noting performance of a 430 John Deere



Kathy Taylor riding plough



Hope mayor, owned the property in 1867, and before that in 1844, the sons of Barnabas Bletcher, Stephen and William, owned it. Barnabas originally rented the land as a clergy reserve, but there was no deed in place until 1835, John said.

John told *Northumberland Today* reporter Valerie MacDonald that the "legacy of the Bletcher family has almost been forgotten," yet in this very area they operated an inn and also a coach line from Port Hope, Bewdley and Peterborough.

They also imported horses in the 1800s when they were scarce and used them for racing. John intends to have an historical plaque erected to recognize their past accomplishments.

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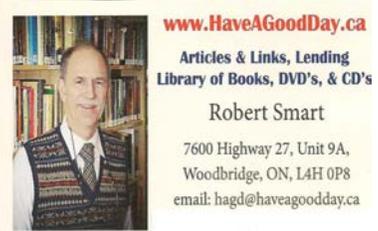
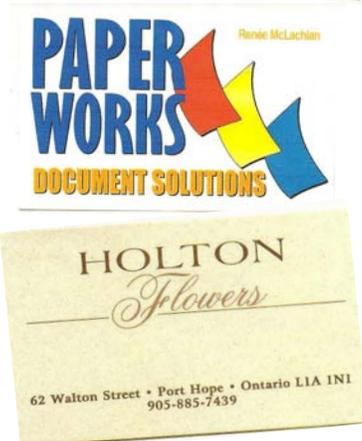
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# President's report



**PHDHS [former EDHS] is pleased to have the support of the following business members**



## Happy New Year to you all!

Well its that time of year to make contact with all our members through the *Society's Newsletter*. First of all, greetings from busy Florida. This year, however, marks a significant milestone in the Society's history, formerly East Durham Historical Society, established in 1963. Now known as the Port Hope and District Historical Society, 2013 will mark 50 years of public service to our community, preserving the past and recording significant community events for the future.

The Board of Directors is planning to hold the annual Heritage Fair on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at the Port Hope Lion's Recreation Centre, Thomas Street, Port Hope, Ontario. The event will happen from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of the PHDHS.

We are inviting the members and public to participate in the celebrations, and if you wish to set up a table to display collectibles, hobbies or any interesting items of your own personal choosing be sure to contact Cal Morgan at 905-797-2291 or email him at: **cmorgan@eagle.ca** with your name, phone number and desired interest.

When we get home in March, I will contact all those who have contacted us and make sure we have sufficient tables to accommodate everyone. The Board — and I personally — would really like your participation in the Society's **50th Anniversary Celebrations**. And there is no charge for tables!

The Society sends deepest sympathy to the family of Marjorie Kenton, a Lifetime Member of the Society, who passed away October 14, 2012. She was faithfully involved with the Society over the years as President, and other activities, including an active role in Dorothy's House Museum. Special thanks to the

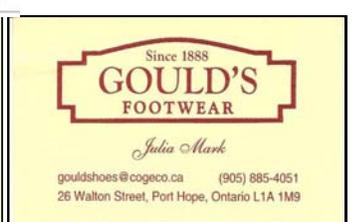
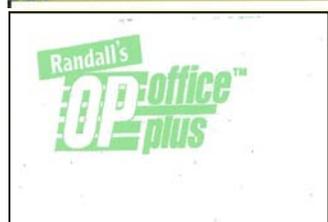


two new business members and supporters: Burnham Family Farm Market and Marleen Campbell Catering.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 50th Anniversary on Sunday, April 7, 2013.

Sincerely,

Joan Ashby Parrott  
President, PHDHS



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Ploughing Match**

**Ladies serving at local Ploughing Match held on Hillcrest (Boughen) Farm, Now Dalecrest, Lot 2, Con. 3 — November 5, 1912**

According to Allan Carruthers, Northumberland Ploughman's Association spokesperson, approximately 40 competitors registered for the Ploughing Match and came from such places as Wolfe Island, Lindsay and Sutherland.

One of the local entries was Terry Linton of Roseneath, who did his Ploughing with a team of horses. Some owners came from as far away as Barrie, competing with their antique tractors.

"Qualifiers in various categories will compete in this year's International Ploughing Match being held in Perth County," Carruther's told *Northumberland Today's* reporter, Valerie MacDonald.

Bewdley Lions' President Gordon Wilson was pleased to have the opportunity to cater to the expected 200 to 300. It was just another chance to show off their new concession trailer which the organization had custom-made a year or so ago.

Speaking with him for this report for our Newsletter, Gordon said they are always looking for new opportunities to serve groups such as the Ploughing Match last year to raise monies for the Club, adding they were also seeking to enlist new members.

**Story of "The Box" will be featured in the April edition.**



Photo: Courtesy Harvey Boughen Family

Left to right: Maud Holdsworth, Vergy Morton, Lillie Holdsworth, Nellie Macklin, Vina Morton, Addie Bell, Maud Kennedy, Winnie Hutchison, Lena Raby, Lilly Holdsworth, Velma Wragg, Mary Raby, Winnie Culver, Mrs. Rowden, Mrs. Addie Boughen, Ethel Boughen.

**Bewdley & District Lions Club members stand beside their new Concession Trailer ready to serve competitors and visitors — October 6, 2012**



Photos: Courtesy Joan Parrott

Left to Right: Cathy (Good) Wilson, Gordon Wilson, President, Cathy (Gray) Wilson, Sylvia Anderson, Jack Hallowell

# Remembering Marjorie Kenton

March 28, 1921—October 14, 2012

**M**arjorie (Douglas) Kenton passed away last year, October 14, 2012 at Extencicare Port Hope, after spending a number of years residing with her daughter, Leslie Schroeder, in Port Hope. Before that she had been a resident of the former Hope Township and married to the late Rolf Kenton.



An organist at the Perrytown Anglican Church, Marjorie was also a Lifetime member of the Port Hope and District Historical Society (former EDHS) and served a term as President for 1990-1991. According to another former president, John H. W. van de Wall, it was her late husband, Rolf Kenton's "astute financial management" that put the organization on a secure financial footing "for years to come."

**Butterfly Tag & Release with Don Davis, Lecturer and Teacher from Toronto, August 25, 2012. It was another exciting turnout by the young and not so young.**



Top Left, Davis explaining the nature of things to inquisitive visitors. Right: MP Rick Norlock and MPP Rob Milligan cutting the annual Butterfly Cake. Faithful Lifetime Members Pearl Cann, Ona Gardiner & Geraldine Smith

## Events Calendar 2013

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Public meetings will be scheduled on basis of opportunity and when needed. Such meetings will be held at the Ganaraska Conservation Authority Meeting Room, 2216 Hwy 28 North, Port Hope, ON

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### Sunday, April 7, 2013 Heritage Fair

This event will be dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of PHDHS (Formerly EDHS, 1963)  
Location: Lion Centre  
Thomas Street, Port Hope, ON

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### Wed. , May 15, 2013 Annual General Meeting (Show & Tell)

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### Membership Rates

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| Single   | \$15.00 |
| Couple   | \$25.00 |
| Business | \$40.00 |
| Lifetime | \$75.00 |

Stories, or story ideas, are always welcome. Email: [cmorgan@eagle.ca](mailto:cmorgan@eagle.ca)