

# PHOTO FEATURE

## Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade – Open House

The annual Fire Prevention Week Open House was held by the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on October 13th at the hall in Lower Onslow. There were demonstrations, tours of the hall and trucks, a smoke room, petting zoo and more. (Harrington Photos)



Sparky the fire dog gathered with a group of friends for a photo. Fire Fighter Blake Otterson (right) is pictured with his siblings (l to r) Morgan Jennings, Cassidy Jennings and Brittany Otterson.



Fire Fighter Andy Corbett talks to Jack Verheul and Egypt Andrews about various fire fighter equipment.



Mitchell Rector and Johnathon DeBay enjoyed visiting some of the animals in the petting zoo.



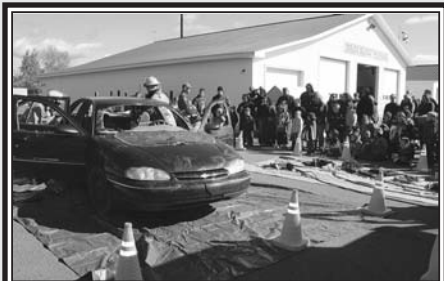
OBFB Treasurer Walter McElhinney takes Tom Shreve and his sons Coen, Ty and Jay on a fire truck ride.



Fire Fighter Andy Corbett shows Kyle McMillan, Emma McMillan, Charlie McMillan, Katie McNutt and Kenzie McLennan (l left to right) how a thermal imaging camera can be used to locate people within a smoke filled room.



Cameron Myatt accepts a prize from fire fighter John McCarron after his name was drawn for one of the door prizes.



A large crowd gathered to watch fire fighters demonstrate techniques used to rescue passengers trapped in a vehicle.



Fire fighters used the jaws-of-life to demonstrate how they could remove a car door if someone is trapped inside.

## Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Celebrated in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

Each year the Wentworth Valley Heritage One-Room School holds an annual Open House/Reunion, and in 2012 the Directors of this Schoolhouse planned an event to honour Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee for Her Majesty's 60th anniversary of Her accession to the throne in 1952.

Advertised as "All things Royal," and "Fit for a Queen ...or King," from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., this celebration invited those attending to come in Royal dress, make home-made Royal Crowns for entering a contest, be ready to assume the title of a Wentworth Queen and/or King for the day and welcome homage from their subjects, to bring an item to be submitted to a Royal Auction, participate in a Royal Barbeque, and to come to a surprise Royal Entertainment. It all promised to be a great Royal Day.

This Heritage School was once called the Wentworth Station School Section 14 because at that time the Valley was known for its busy train station. Trains stopped and hotels, stores, sheds for transport, business and industry thrived between Wentworth Station and the Northumberland Strait. The first School was built about 1871, later condemned, then built by Alexander Munroe in 1903 for \$540 and by 1927 was called the Wentworth Valley School Section 14. In 1959, all the Wentworth One-Room Schools, which taught students from Grade 1 to X1, closed and students were bussed to a local Consolidated Elementary School and by Grade V11 were bussed to the Pugwash District High School.

Carol Hyslop, Director/Secretary/Treasurer of the Heritage Schoolhouse, says the School is located on its original lot, is the only Wentworth One-Room

School still owned by the community and is maintained by the Wentworth Valley Community Hall Association and Friends of the Old Wentworth Valley Schoolhouse. In 2010 an addition was made to the back to install a kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Since the start of restoration work in 1995, the schoolhouse is used for meetings, birthdays, anniversaries, wedding receptions, and Ski Wentworth activities. Once a year a hike is made to High Head, the highest peak of the Cobequids in the Wentworth area. The building has Heritage Status with Cumberland County and is on the website of "The Nova Scotia Historic Places Initiative."

This year on entering the Heritage School, participants saw walls covered with Royal photos and emblems. From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. everyone had time for meeting and greeting and buying various tickets for Royal raffles, 50/50, and Royal door prizes. Bob Lafrance auctioned off items with Royal dignity. At 4 p.m. a Royal Barbeque Supper was served outside on the lawn near a brook where the Wallace River begins and near to the forested Cobequid Mountains. Workers at this Royal

Barbeque were Joanne Ferdinand, Stephen Ferdinand, Ryan Ferdinand, Ben Ferdinand, Laurel Adams, Wee Wana Sprague, and Jordan Sprague. The meal featured chicken, hotdogs, hamburgers, salad, casseroles, strawberry shortcake, punch, tea and coffee.

The Royal

Entertainment began at 6 p.m. with a welcome, and a song by the late Bob Hunt called "The Wentworth Song." The time came for the Crowning Ceremony of the Wentworth Queen and/or King of Wentworth to preside over their Wentworth subjects for this evening. Chosen were Queen Laurel Adams and King Andy Hunt who received a Royal Salute. Several people gave their accounts of actual encounters with the Royal Family and Queen Elizabeth in particular.

The audience voted for the best Royal Crowns. The winners were Carol Hyslop and Harold Barclay, a first prize tie, and Felicia MacKinnon, a second prize.

Musicians including Betty Curry, Peggy Patriquin, Shannon Letcher, Bob Hyslop, Herman Quinn, and Doug Martin provided entertainment. Royal door prizes were won by Janet Pauley, Georgina Patriquin, Ida Murray, and Hope Bridgewater. Royal raffle draws were won by Donna Tait (first prize), Joe Patriquin (second prize), and Doug MacDiarmid (third prize). The 50/50 draw was won by Greg Bridgewater.

Donors to the Royal raffle were Appleton Chocolates, Thompson's Berries, Emily's Tattie Wagon Take-Out and the Valley Inn.



Sisters Peggy Patriquin and Shannon Letcher perform songs at the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee celebrated at the Wentworth Valley Heritage Schoolhouse. (Carol Hyslop Photo)

## OPEN HOUSE

### Ski Swap, Craft Sale & Equipment Sale

**Saturday, November 24**  
**Ski Wentworth • 10 am - 3 pm**

**★ CSPS Ski Swap & Sale**  
 Looking for a good deal on used equipment? A portion of all sales go to the Canadian Ski Patrol System. Selling equipment? Drop off: Fri., Nov. 23 from 7-9 pm or Nov. 24 until 9 am

**★ Season Pass "NO HST" Sale**  
 Your final chance to save on a season pass! Must come to Open House to get the deal

**★ Craft Sale**  
 Local crafters, wreaths & more

**★ Ski Equipment Sale**  
 Cleve's, Aerobics First, Hub Cycle and Entity Board Shop will have new equipment for sale. Plus, reps from Salomon, Head, Burton and Rossignol will be here with the latest gear.

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