

The Milford Fair Celebrates Magic Carpets

By Charlie Vincent

Every year, the Milford Fair Board chooses a theme for the Fair: sometimes it's a celebration of a piece of history; sometimes it's about who we are; and sometimes it's about where we live. This year our theme is a little different: it's about a magic carpet.

With imagination, magic carpets can take us anywhere to help us see and learn about anything we want. And we've got six of them, one right here in Milford, at 3053 County Road 10. It's called the *Ann Farwell Public Library* and it's part of the six-location single-library concept we have in the County. The library's a place where words and numbers are threads that weave a carpet that can transport us to old familiar places, and take us anywhere in the world of ideas and learning we might want to go – and even get us to places we didn't know existed!

Usually I write a brief first note on the theme for our up-coming Fair, knowing that more can be said in next month's *Mirror*. However, motivated by a love of books and reading that so many of us share, and learning early in life that a library *is* a magical warehouse full of information and a million things to be learned, I wanted to write a few more words than usual.

To get started, I spoke with Barbara Sweet, Library Chief Executive Officer, and Christine Renaud, Picton Branch Manager Outreach and Programming. And as one might expect when working with someone at the library, my knowledge, learning and imagination got a real boost.

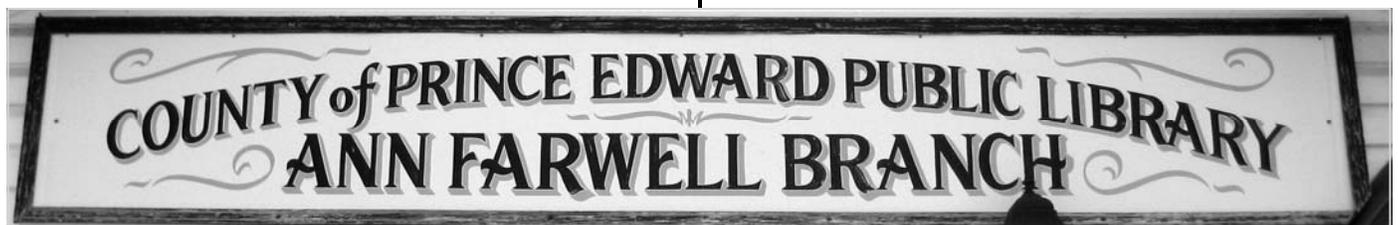
If one does the word-association game and says "library", probably most of us would respond

with "books". Which is right . . . and yet so wrong. The County library system does have some 80,000 items in its six locations, but that is just the start. The magic here is that no matter how small each of the buildings is, in many ways our libraries "play above their weight". They may not have the staggering 838 miles of shelves that the biggest general library in the world does (the Library of Congress in the U.S.), but they have the same power as it does to help any user reach out to the limitless world of knowledge and information and make sense of some of it.



The "logo" of the County of Prince Edward Public Library bears the slogan "It's more than you think". And ain't it the truth. So let's explore some of the ways that the library may be "more than you think". Before doing that, though, here are some statistics about our Library system to get us started. In 2011, over 2,700 people visited a branch every week. In the same average week, almost 500 used a computer workstation, over 1,500 visited the library's website, and some 1,800 used the open-access internet wireless connection to link their laptops into the Internet.

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Dear Editor,

Pete Johnson's letter (County Weekly News July 12, 2012) has an extremely nasty tone as evidenced by his suggestion that someone "should just shut up" because they are pro wind. There is a bigger picture here than whether someone may get a wind turbine on their property and I would suggest that Mr. Johnson's concerns about "lowered property values" are not looking at the big picture but motivated by self-interest.

The big picture deals with using nuclear and coal for our energy requirements. According to the summer/fall 2010 newsletter of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, "Health studies from Canada and around the world show an increase in leukemia cases, lung cancer, thyroid cancer, breast cancer and other serious illnesses, with both people who work in and live near nuclear facilities. Chemicals of concern include radon, the second leading cause of lung cancer (after smoking), and tritium, a carcinogen and mutagen. ...Canada releases large quantities of tritium but our use of nuclear energy continues despite this health risk.

"Coal is another cancer culprit, emitting the carcinogens chromium and arsenic. Ontario's Nanticoke coal-fired plant is the largest coal plant in North America and contributes to increased incidence of illness, including severe respiratory problems. According to the Ontario Clean Air Alliance, nearly 250 people die each year as a result of illnesses related to Ontario's coal plants. Most are in agreement that we need to find healthier sources to meet our electricity needs."

The County has an opportunity to supply clean, renewable energy into the grid to help replace nuclear and coal and Mr. Johnson worries about property values. I totally disagree with you, Mr. Johnson, but unlike yourself I will not suggest that you "should just shut up".

Deb Hudson R.R. 2 Milford

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Outdoor Movie Night This Sunday

The Rec. Committee is sponsoring a free outdoor movie night at the fair grounds on Sunday, August 5 at 8:30 p.m. featuring the film "The Adventures of Tintin". There will also be free popcorn and drinks. In case of rain, the movie will be shown in the shed. Please bring your own lawn chair.



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The War of 2012!

(The third of a three-part series)

By Derek Wolfe

First, a thank you: On behalf of the Friends of Mariners' Park Museum and its staff I wish to thank all who attended the July 7th Fish Fry. I would like to think that our "call to arms" to help support the Museum and show Council that we are a vital part of the County and South Marysburgh helped to make the event so well attended. Just as likely it was the weather, a gathering with friends, cold beverages and a great serving of fish! Whatever the case - many, many, many thanks - the overflow crowd has been noted and you have served notice to Shire Hall that we all do make an effort to help ourselves.

My final article on the topic of helping us deliver a message to Council regarding museums and town halls etc., has to do with an event that is dear to my heart. On August 12th at 1:00 p.m. South Bay United Church will host the 88th Annual Mariners' Memorial Service. As PEC is essentially an island, one knows that the maritime history we have runs deep and strong. It is something that must be preserved, must be cherished and must be honoured. The men and women who first settled here had only the waters of PEC as their roadways and as a primary form of sustenance. The waters were not always kind to them - as the many cemeteries of the county can attest.

The following are some of the names of families who have etched their stories deeply into our maritime heritage: Wellbanks, Ackerman, Farrington, Hudgin, Dulmage, Hicks, Mouck, Bongard, Minaker, Whattams, Lancaster, Scott, Hinemen, Rankin, Frost, Ostrander, Lobb, Palmateer and McCormack. To be sure an incomplete list, with my apologies to any and all that I have overlooked. These early pioneers and their stories will be a focus of our service this year.

There are only two memorial services in Ontario dedicated to honouring our maritime heroes and heroines and their stories. Knox Presbyterian Church in Goderich, Ontario and South Bay United Church in PEC are all that remain to preserve this tradition. In February 2013 Knox will hold their 100th annual service and, as mentioned this year is our 88th service.

I would like you to help us keep this tradition strong, vital and alive. Be part of the preservation of our history. Joining us on August 12th will be members of HMCS CATARAQUI, the Ontario Provincial Police, CFB Trenton - 8 Wing, the Canadian Coast Guard Reserve and the Wellington and Picton Legions. An offering will be accepted. Following the service join us in the museum for light refreshments and a display of past memorial services dating back more than 70 years complete with photographs.

August 12th @ 1:00 p.m.
Mariners' Memorial Service,
at South Bay United Church.

More information can be found in all local papers or by calling Mariners' Park Museum at 613-476-8392 Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(Derek Wolfe is Chair of the Friends of Mariners' Museum)

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& Random Notes*

Whitewashing Mt. Tabor

Doug McGregor reports...

"If you have been by Mt. Tabor in the past couple of weeks and you feel an overwhelming urge to put your sunglasses on, there's a reason. Thanks to the Milford Fall Fair committee the fence in front of the fair grounds has been repaired and repainted in glorious dazzling white. Yes, that's right, your community volunteers braved steep terrain, poison ivy, splinters and blistering hot weather to get the job done. Special thanks to Bruce Dowdell, Larry MacDonald, Janna McCarthy who helped me. Thanks also to those who dropped by for moral encouragement."

Thank You!

From Val Logan...

A big thank you to all those in the community who have donated to the Milford Fair. Although we tried to get around to as many people as possible, if we missed you in our canvassing and you would like to give, please get in touch with any of the following people:

- Valencia Logan 613-476-5409
- Janna McCarthy 613-476-0240
- Jim McPherson 613-476-4823

Turbine Vote Results

For those who may be unaware, the results to the vote that took place on July 14th are as follows:

To the question, "Do you want industrial wind turbines installed in South Marysburgh like the ones proposed by wpd Canada and Gilead Power for their projects near Milford and on the South Shore?" 489 people voted 'No'; 51 people voted 'Yes'; and 2 ballots were spoiled and not counted.

In addition to the 542 people who attended and were eligible to vote, about 60 others either didn't meet the residency qualifications or didn't have appropriate identification.

This was a considerable undertaking and I would like to thank the volunteers who gave up

their Saturday to register voters and otherwise ensure that the vote ran smoothly. Your contributions were very much appreciated.

'Noise Receptor' Reports

From Karen Empringham...

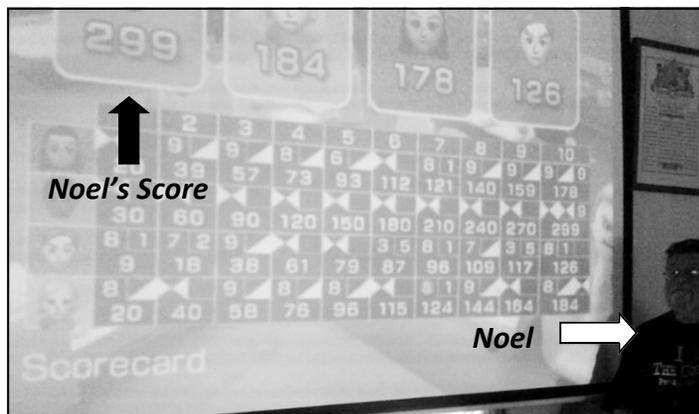
Using the report provided by White Pines for the proposed industrial wind turbine development in South Marysburgh, the County Coalition for Safe and Appropriate Green Energy (CCSAGE) now has the ability to provide individualized reports for each residence in the area. The report will show what noise levels can be expected at each residence based on your exact position and the position of all turbines near your residence.

If you are interested in receiving a report, please contact Karen Empringham at 476-4060 or by e-mail: karenempringham@hotmail.com or Eric Schenkman by e-mail: ericschenkman@yahoo.ca. It is necessary to provide your receptor number (or very specific municipal address) in order to pinpoint your residence.

Final WPD Public Meeting

The final public meeting that wpd Canada is obligated to host takes place on August 30th at PECL, 41 Barker Street in Picton from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you have any views about the White Pines project proposed for South Marysburgh you owe it to yourself to come prepared with any questions or concerns you may have, and to speak directly to wpd Canada representatives.



Congratulations to Noel Laine who bowled one pin short of a perfect game at Wii bowling in the Milford Town Hall on Thursday, July 19, 2012.

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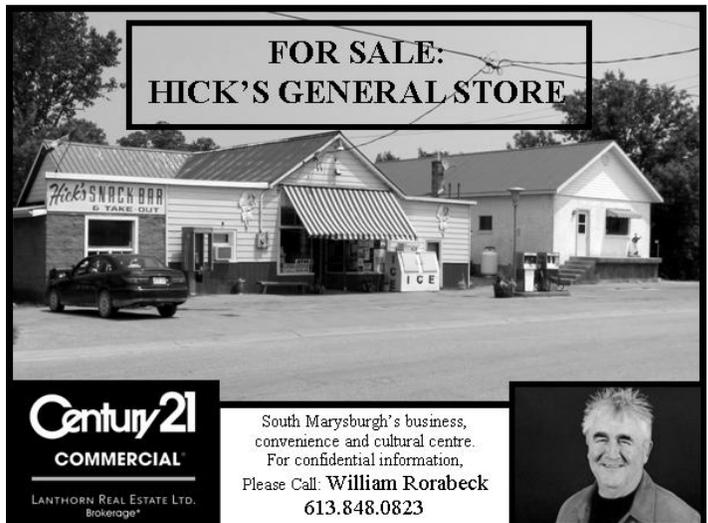


The Bev Walker and Des Marcille Short Story Contest

The winners will receive \$50.00 each and will have their stories published in the printed and on-line editions of the *South Marysburgh Mirror*. In addition, copies of the winning stories will be circulated to all the libraries in the County and on the Prince Edward County library's website.

To qualify, please submit your entry by email to themirror@kos.net in a recognized computer software program such as MS Word. Entries can be no longer than 2000 words and must include the writer's name, civic & email addresses, and phone number. **The deadline for entries is August 31, 2012.** All submissions must be previously unpublished, and the winners must agree to allow the *Mirror* to publish their work and distribute it as outlined above.

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Offering advice may be noble and grand, but it's not the same as a helping hand.

You know it's hot when...

1. the birds have to use potholders to pull the worms out of the ground.
2. Hot water comes from both taps.
3. The temperature drops below 90 degrees F and you feel a little chilly
4. You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 5:30 a.m.
5. The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter.
6. The cows are giving evaporated milk.
7. Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled aggs.

A rich Texan walked into the office of the president of a small Texas college and said, "I'd like to donate a million dollars tax free to this institution and I would like to have an honorary degree."

The president nodded agreeably. "That's not a problem. We can certainly arrange that!"

The rich man added, "An honorary degree for my horse. She carried me for many years and I owe her a lot. I'd like her to receive a Doctor of Transportation."

"But we can't give a degree to a horse!"

"Then I'm afraid I'll have to take my million dollars to another institution."

"Well, wait a minute," said the president seeing the million slipping through his fingers, "let me consult with the school's trustees."

A hurried trustee meeting was called and the board reacted with shock and disbelief.

One trustee snorted, "We can't give a horse an honorary degree no matter how much money is involved."

The oldest trustee opened his eyes and said, "Take the money and give the horse a degree."

The president said, "Don't you think that would make us look ridiculous?"

"Of course not," said the older trustee. "It would just be the first time we gave a degree to an entire horse."

Wisdom from children....

1. When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him.
2. Never tell your mom her diet's not working.
3. Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat.

A photographer was invited to dinner with some friends and took along a few pictures to show the hostess. She looked at the photos and commented, "These are very good. You must have a good camera."

He didn't make any comment but as he was leaving to go home he said, "That was a really delicious meal. You must have some very good pots."

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Exit line:

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That last point alone finally explained to me why there seemed to be a lot of literate “loiterers” hanging around outside of the Milford Library, carrying laptops. They, and you, can get on the internet 24/7 if you are near the library, even sitting in your car in the parking lot.

“*More than you think*”: While libraries have always been associated with knowledge and learning - with feeding the imagination, and with self-growth - the worlds of data and information have exploded and the ways of communicating it have evolved. The professionals and volunteers within our libraries (over 300 volunteers in 2011) have worked hard to develop new ways and adopt new tools to help us all gather in the increasing riches that are out there.

When asked why that was necessary, with Google and Wikipedia and the like available, Christine said, “Google is not an enemy of the library . . . we even teach people how to get on the Internet and use it.” At the same time, the library is building an increasing array of other more specialized data bases, and people at the library stand ready to match them to your needs and help you make the data bases work for you. In addition, there are all kinds of other reference sources and archival information.

“*More than you think*”: Beyond the more than 202,000 items circulated in 2011, the library provided 214 programs that almost 11,200 people attended. The staff are always on the alert for new program opportunities, and work to get people involved with developing and presenting them, as well as attending.

Here are just a couple of examples I’m pretty familiar with. My wife and I attended a six-week Spanish-language program at Bloomfield library before heading South. It was a lot of fun, and we learned just enough to ask for directions, get to the resort on our own if necessary, and be successful at ordering food and drink. Equally as special, we got to know a lot of other people with the same interest and intention, and that’s another thing that happens at the library: One meets people with like interests who help shape one’s knowledge and awareness. Another example is a group of about twelve interested people who meet once a week at Milford Library to polish up their conversational French.

And those are just two of hundreds of activities that are at work “under the radar” at our library branches. Not your *tasse de thé*? Mention your interest to someone at the library, and if there are enough people with the same interest, a new workshop could be looming in your future.

It’s not just about adults, of course. It’s about kids as well – new books, new magazines, new ways of getting ideas and information, and a continuous development of workshops for them, too.

Old thinking isn’t easy to change. For those who love ‘real’ books and their sensual nature – their weight, the smell of the pages, the sound when pages are turned, not to mention their ability to hold up windows when one would never think of using their iPad in the same way - there’s a constant dialogue about the “death of books”. Christine reminded me that when cameras were invented many thought that they would bring about the death of art. That didn’t happen, and there will always be room for real books. Along with that, there will be increasing room for e-readers; in fact the library has a number of Kobo e-readers available already loaded with libraries of books of their own.

It *is* more than you think. Associating libraries with books *is* correct – and yet so wrong, if that’s all you think libraries are about. We all have to change our thinking about the stereotypical library and the stereotypical librarian. She or he does *not* spend all their working hours saying “*Shhh*”, and they are not bookish ‘marms’ who have songs sung to them, like Marian in *The Music Man*. *Barbara Sweet agreed with me when the thought occurred to me that librarians are really brokers of knowledge and information, bringing together what’s ‘out there’ with what you or I need.*

Libraries are about helping individuals to learn, to grow, to see more, imagine more and do more. That’s good for each of us, and, taken together, good for our community. A library is more than books, it is, as Christine says, a community hub promoting continual learning. Through libraries, we are collectively made happier, more creative, more informed and ready for our next magic carpet ride. Join us at the Milford Fair to celebrate “The Library” and those who work there who stand ready to bring us together with the world of knowledge.

What Is A Pasty?

(and how not to pronounce Worcestershire Sauce)

By Dave Larkin

Like most Air Force Navigators and Radio Officers, I frequently had to drive out West to take courses in Winnipeg. On the way as I passed north of Lake Michigan, I observed a strange phenomenon. The familiar hamburger stands started to disappear and be replaced by stands selling 'Pasties'. Eventually curiosity got the better of me and I just had to stop and buy one. To astonishment I was served a real genuine Cornish Pasty (aka Tiddie Hoggis if you live in Devon). And they sell them in corner stores and supermarkets. How did this happen? Well it turns out that many of the local mines were worked by immigrants from Cornwall, and Cornish Pasties are how they take their lunch. It is usually a turnover filled with beef, potatoes and onions, maybe carrots, but they also made two-course pasties, which had one end filled with fruit!

The miner's wife would bake it for him and put his initials on one end so it didn't get lost. The pastry had to be robust to stand up to the rigours of mining - some claimed that it was only good enough if you could drop the pasty down the mine shaft and retrieve it intact. No fancy flaky pastry here. Here's the recipe:

6 oz finely chopped tender steak
1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
1 small carrot, finely chopped
4 oz peeled potato, very finely chopped.
salt and pepper

8 oz of your favourite shortcrust pastry (omit any sugar)

Beaten egg or milk to glaze

Optional: a little beef stock, Worcestershire Sauce, Kitchen Bouquet - heresy but good.

1. Combine the meat, onion, carrot, potato and the seasonings. The result should be moist, use a little stock if need be.
2. Roll out the pastry and cut into four 7 inch rounds.
3. Divide the filling into four and place one portion in the centre of each round.
4. Damp the edges of the pasty and bring together at the top. Press firmly together and crimp.

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6. Bake in a 425°F oven for about 30 minutes or until golden brown. Serve hot, warm or cold.

Now for Worcestershire Sauce. I delight in watching American cooks trying to say War-sess-ter-shire Sauce. Sometimes I think the English only spell it Worcestershire to provide aggravation to North Americans. In the time I spent in the UK I never heard it called other than Woostershire Sauce, or, colloquially, just Wooster sauce. Think of the time and trauma that nugget of information is going to save you! Not to mention the wear and tear on your tonsils.

After the Cornish miners were well established in the Mid-West, they were joined by Finnish miners. As a result you will hear those of Finnish descent saying that the pasty is an old Finnish delicacy! However it makes an excellent meal - just at home on the dinner table as in the lunch box. My grandson, Connor, likes to take one to school for his lunch. Supposedly a true Cornish Pasty can only be made by a Cornishwoman, but you can prove that wrong.

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Nematode Worms

By George Underhill

Sometimes it's a bit difficult to come up with an article that will tempt you to waste your time reading it. How about this? A professor at the University of Washington is researching how different genes can affect constipation. To that end, he has been watching nematode worms go to the toilet. How are you doing at *your* job? On those occasions when you find that it is not particularly rewarding, give a thought to that professor who, presumably, *chose* to do this research. Of all the possible topics on which to spend a lifetime of study, he chose that one. It could not have been planned.

I spent five years studying forestry, then spent thirty working years in computers. This was not a field of endeavor in which I had long harbored a desire to work. It just happened. I have found, over a lifetime, that the big decisions, the ones that were life altering, just happened. I didn't plan them. Some random confluence of events transpired, and then I ended up doing something I never planned. If I hadn't been accepted at University in Forestry, I would have attended the Merchant Marine Academy at Buzzards Bay. Who knew?

When I interviewed for the computer job, the interviewer asked me about hobbies. I was in my final year of college, and my hobbies were partying and raising hell. I'm not terribly smart, but I was smart enough not to tell him that. I said I did crossword puzzles, thinking this was a semi-intellectual pursuit that was sufficiently innocuous not to get me in trouble, even though it was an activity I didn't actually partake in. A-HA! He thought; a logical mind. He will make a good systems engineer, and I was hired for that. I didn't know what a systems engineer was, but it was a job and I needed one. It turned out to be a lifetime career.

When we moved from the Big Smoke to Picton, it was because we wanted a week-end away from the kids, and the Quinte Board of Trade or someone like that had a booth at the Sportsman's Show in Toronto. Off we went for a week-end in Picton at the Merrill Inn, two places we had never heard of, and ended up spending the next twenty years here. No plan. We just ended up here.

Some people plan almost every element of their lives, some do not. When I am about to make a

major purchase like a car, TV, or Computer, what I should do is ask one of my planning friends, for they would have researched the purchase on the Internet, probably tested the product, looked at Consumer Reports, all that stuff. What I do is go out and buy something that appeals to me. Is it smart? Of course not, but that's what I end up doing.

So how about you? Have your big lifetime events been anticipated by you for many years? I see people highlighted in the media who say that they have wanted to be an actor (or dancer, or business magnate or something) since they were children. I kind of envy them because they seem to have a career direction in life while I just bounce around doing whatever I end up doing. It's the same with hobbies. I like woodworking, drawing, fishing, writing, hunting and other things, but I don't like them well enough to get good at them. I can't, and don't, participate in them five days a week. A mile wide and an inch deep, that's me. But, doggone it, I don't think I'm alone.

I'm just glad I'm not studying the toilet habits of nematode worms.

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Cohousing

by Donna Maas, Brian Beiles & Marianne Gallagher

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Enthusiasts everywhere call this different way of living 'Cohousing'. Although it may be a new term to some it describes the deliberate creation of a group of houses surrounding a 'Common House' and green property. These homes may range from separate houses to townhouses or even apartment units.

Owners share the Common House's considerable facilities as well as a supportive philosophy of living, and stress that cohousing is not another name for a commune or coop!

People who become involved in Cohousing want to build multiple houses that recreate the best of small-town neighbourhoods where privacy is valued, but the practice of knowing, sharing, helping and interacting regularly with neighbours is a must. There is a community within but still part of, the greater community in which they live.

Having a 'green' environment where trees, shrubs and gardens create a calm and welcoming environment is a priority with most such communities, and will certainly be part of the County group's plan.

In studying the 400 plus cohousing developments in North America, the local Pocket Neighbourhood Group (PNG) - a temporary working title for the County enthusiasts - determined that the most successful developments limit the number of house units to between 10 and 30. Residents usually own their private, fully equipped homes, but also own a share in the Common House's large gathering places, industrial sized kitchen, dining room, workshops, craft areas, guest rooms, laundry and more.

The residents gather regularly for meetings and projects and enjoy dinner together at least monthly and often weekly. This inter-action is an essential and creative part of Cohousing that encourages people to share ideas, resources, work and play.

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Grow Your Own

By Sarah Moran and Nancy Butler

Growing conditions were a bit tough in July; all the sun we needed but none of the rain. Perhaps it's time to get philosophical and not panic. If you're a 'glass half full' sort of person, you'll focus on the sun; if you're a 'glass half empty' sort of person you'll focus on the rain. Gardening and farming soon sort out which kind of person you are.

When you have your own vegetable garden you are much more aware of the challenging times the farmers all around us have had in recent weeks. Our Milford Fair consultants, Leona and Murray Head, in their long history of farming together, must have seen many dry periods and crops lost.

It seems, in fact, that this county of ours has always been known for dry conditions. In a piece published in Guelph in 1948 (in association with the experimental farms service, *Dominion Department of Agriculture*) this is what the experts had to say: "Over a fifty-year period it was computed that the drought frequency of Prince Edward County would be 34, making it the most drought susceptible region in Southern Ontario." They talk of conditions being sufficiently different from the rest of the province to warrant describing it as a separate area.

So there you have it, yet another way in which Prince Edward County is special.

In these special conditions, this is the time when you get to be a hero. After all, usually the vegetables are doing all the miracle work of growing big and beautiful enough for the Milford Fair all by themselves. Try to keep up with the golden rule of 1" of water a week. Keep your eye out for pests (they love stressed plants.) Keep any competition for water, like weeds, at bay. This is what it takes to be a county grower.

Our Milford Fair theme this year is libraries and archives. We thought you could help us create an archive of varieties specially suited to those County growing conditions that make us special. Let us know what you observe about varieties that have done especially well in hot, dry weather. Tell us what they are when you see us, or at the fair, or tell us at growyourown4thefair@hotmail.com. We will publish a list of varieties most likely to thrive here in South Marysburgh.

Keep up the good work of tending, protecting and nurturing your own plot of vegetable glories. We are looking forward to seeing them, and you, at the fair.



There was great fun at the Milford branch in July with two circus-themed events for children. On July 5th, Krista and Milé of Small Pond Arts taught brave young people how to stilt walk and Alex Weins shared her juggling pointers. The second event was a Penny Carnival with face painting by volunteer Camille Bettonville and games including mini putt, ring toss and a penny stacking challenge.

Coming up on August 7th, at 1:00 p.m. we have Racetracks Rule! Come build a gravity fed mini car racetrack of your own and challenge your friends to a race. On August 16th, drop in for a 'Fancy Nancy' *Aspiring Artist Tea Party*, also at 1:00 p.m. Fancy dress is encouraged!

Activities are happening at other branches of the library as well, all of which are listed on the events calendar at the library's website at www.peclibrary.org.

A very special event on Saturday, August 18th is a free magic show at the Regent Theatre by Quebec's extraordinary Jean Deshais. Join the library's Summer Reading Club and you might even win a one-hour magic workshop with this great magician following his show!

Many of the special events and programs at the library are brought to you in part by funds raised by various Friends of the Library groups.

The library is thrilled to be featured this year at the upcoming Milford Fair and this means we can certainly use the help of Library Friends, both old and new, in helping us prepare for the occasion. The Friends of the Ann Farwell Branch welcomes new members, and anyone interested in contributing to the community in this way is invited to contact the library at 476-4130 or 476-5962.

In closing, the library would like to thank Dianne Walker and the Milford Tai Chi group for their recent donation to the library. The money will be used to improve the entrance to the library, specifically the railing, which is in need of replacement. The metal on the handrail was a temporary measure installed a few years ago to prevent further deterioration of the wooden rail, but this is now in need of upgrading.

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As the summer continues, so do the clubs at the branch. The intermediate French group continues to meet each Tuesday at the library at 2:00 p.m. and all are welcome to join in. The evening book club invites new members to join them as well. The club meets the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions, want to order a book, or have any comments about the library, we invite you to contact us. E-mail: crenaud@peclibrary.org or call the branch at 476-4130.

Looking forward to seeing you in the library soon!

Library Hours

Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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The County PNG reports that typical Cohousing communities can be home to intergenerational mixes of singles, couples, elders and families with children. In the County, however, there seems most interest among retirees who are very concerned about downsizing and the advantages of aging in place.

In addition to its social benefits, Cohousing offers a refreshingly democratic arrangement where would-be residents participate in the planning, design and development of the project. Being of one mind on environmental issues, everyone involved endorses environmentally friendly construction options as far as finances will permit.

Once it is up and running residents would have a voice in the ongoing management and maintenance of their community.

With the evolution of the Cohousing concept over the last thirty years, there has been a trend towards smaller individual houses, often ranging from 600-1,200 square feet in size, while at the same time Common Houses have grown significantly in size as residents realize that it is more fun to do things together than on their own.

The Common House really serves as the hub of the community, and its space replaces much of the space that we think we need at home.

In an effort to determine the costs of the project, the County PNG has been actively consulting with architects, municipal officials, and real estate agents. Trying not to reinvent the wheel, they are also taking the advice of already established Cohousing communities seriously. When it comes to finances, the cost of Cohousing is typically close to market value, but an exceptional bonus is that for their money residents also share ownership in the Common House.

A small number of subsidized units do exist in some developments. These help Cohousing planners to include some lower income participants and they also encourage the financial participation of various lending sources. In general, Cohousing clusters have excellent resale value, with waiting lists for some.

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Back by popular demand.....

The Milford Fair Square Dance



Thursday, September 13, 2012

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Shed at Mount Labor

\$5.00 per person

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For several months now the local Pocket Neighbourhood Group of volunteers has been exploring the possibilities of creating this kind of small, sustainable, not-for-profit Cohousing community in the Picton area where people would be environmentally responsible, and would know, interact with, and care about each other.

Feeling that building a Cohousing community would be a creative and worthwhile response to the social, economic and environmental challenges of our times, participants would start with a small project that could be expanded over time. They also foresee the possibility of different categories of membership with different financial arrangements. To learn more about Cohousing, we encourage you to consult the Canadian Cohousing Network website (www.cohousing.ca) and to view their excellent short video.

For more information on our project, or to become actively involved, please call us at: 613-471-1016 (Marianne) or 613-476-9001 (Brian), or email us at pocketneighbourhood@gmail.com.



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Milford Fair Footnotes

The Parade

We'll be celebrating the "library" theme in our parade. We look forward to the usual ingenuity people bring to their participation in the parade. Why not dress yourself or your children, if you have them, as your favourite book characters? Or as your favourite book? I understand that a costume is being made symbolizing a bookmark, and suppose that the creator is now looking for a very tall, thin person to put it on. That's just the beginning. We look forward to what you create.

Bringing cows – er, coals – to Newcastle

In a spin on the old saying, the Fair Board is bringing a different kind of cow to 'cow country'. This one's mechanical, and you don't ride it . . . you milk it. To quote the Dairy Farmers of Canada, who created the cow and display, "A lot of families are not aware that the milk they drink everyday and at breakfast actually comes from a real cow on a farm in Canada. The Dairy Farmers of Canada's, *From Farm to Table Experience*, strives to educate families about life on a farm, the dairy process and how their milk gets from Farm to Table. Families are able to interact with Moonica, a life-size mechanical cow, making the learning process fun." The whole thing should be fun. You 'pros' out there can critique the anatomical accuracy of the cow (one thing better than the original, I presume, is that its behind doesn't leave anything behind). Kids can play with the interactive aspects of the display, and futurists can speculate whether or not this is what will be out in the asphalt pastures fifty years from now.

Milford Fair Square Dance

This year the Milford Fall Fair will again kick off on the Thursday night, September 13th with a Square Dance at the Mt. Tabor shed from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The dance will feature music by fiddler and local celebrity Josh Colby and his family. Tickets are \$5 each, and water and soft drinks will be available. This was a surprisingly fun night last year and is a great kick-off to one of the best weekends of the year in South Marysburgh. So please come on out and join us and help us re-establish this tradition but be prepared for great time and a fun work-out.

Bingo

There will be Bingo this year, with a twist. It will be "Library Bingo", and it's being created by library staff. I can't imagine what the prizes will be!

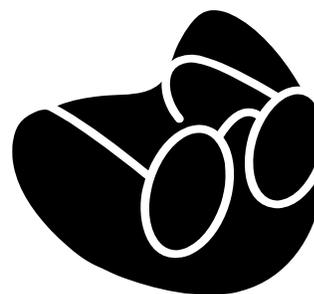
The Food Booth

As with every year, here's an early request for donations of sandwiches, wraps and pies (except cream pies) for the food booth. In accordance with health regulations, we ask that donors put their name and telephone number on the wrapping of whatever is donated so we know where the good stuff is coming from. The Fair Board has decided that there will be no cooking in the food booth (no hamburgers, for example, since they are available elsewhere), so lots of donations would be gratefully received. If you have any questions, get in touch with Sandy Blackford at 613-476-6041 who is looking after the Food Booth this year.

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Mid-Summer - and the living is easy

Summer time and the living is easy - remember the song? All that planning, weeding, watering and thinning out has paid off. We can eat fresh veggies for the summer and aren't they just the best? What can be better than a fresh dug potato boiled in its skin and slathered in butter? Or new peas in cream sauce? Or fresh dug carrots just lightly steamed with a bit of orange juice and honey over them? Can you tell, I haven't had breakfast yet. And while you're eating all these food things you can sit on your deck surrounded by the flowers you've planted and dead headed and propped up. Now that is country living.

As happens every year at this time, I'm a year older. Wasn't too bad turning 60 but 61, heck that's on the way to 70. Takes some getting used to. Never been 6.1 tenths of a hundred before. Never will be again, for that matter. The sand is getting squeezed into the narrow part of the hour glass. And I keep discovering new things. I like to listen to U2 and Sting. I even like Metallica. Sure I still listen to Bach and Mendelssohn and from time to time, the 3 three tenors. There's still a 16 year old kicking around in my head and I guess - no I hope - that kid will always be there, even with all the uncertainties that go with that age. Now if only the old bod was a bit younger. Ah well, can't have everything.

I feel a bit like Dickens this summer. "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times," probably misquoted a bit but you get the point. Can't believe how blue the sky has been of late, how bright the stars are at night, how pretty the flowers, how many birds there are and how happily they sing. Now if that isn't a grammatically incorrect sentence I've never seen one. But it is amazing how a little adversity makes you appreciate the people and things around you.

Speaking of the things around you (and how's that for a segue?) I've heard several people say that it's hard to be interested in the township now that it no longer exists. Sure, as a unit of government, the Township of South

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Music at Port Milford

Music at Port Milford, an international chamber music camp, will open its tenth season at the farm on South Bay on August 1. About 40 musicians, age eleven to eighteen will spend up to three weeks with a distinguished faculty, singing and playing in the barn and under the trees, as well as participating in all-round recreational activities.

They will sing at two Sunday church services in the Pictou area. The public is invited to visit the camp and also invited to the following concerts.

August 14, Friday - in the historic and acoustically excellent Pictou Town Hall for what has become an annual and enjoyable event by the students who are all outstanding musicians. Admission free. 8:00 p.m.

August 20, Thursday - The Annual faculty concert. Not to be missed. Also at the Pictou Town Hall at 8:00 p.m.

August 13, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Crystal Palace, Pictou, a GALA VIENNA NIGHT. Viennese music by the faculty, with waltzes, polkas, refreshments, demonstrations in costume and a chance to have a fling on the newly restored floor of the Crystal Palace.

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