



Mrs. Eva Elliott and Mrs. Isabelle Oswald, both descendants of the Elliotts, one of Chesley's first families, unveiled the stone monument on Saturday afternoon at Elliott Park, which gives a brief historical narrative of the park.



Howard Krug, a life-long resident of Chesley and recipient of an Ontario Bicentennial Medal, and Reeve Durk Botma together planted Ontario's Bicentennial tree, a white pine, in Elliot Park, Saturday afternoon.

Royal visit a special memory for local youth

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DOBBINTON — Jason Wolfe expected to see Queen Elizabeth wearing her crown and jewels and was a bit surprised to see her wearing a hat instead when he recently met her.

The modest nine-year-old from RR 1 Dobbinton says meeting the Queen on the Royal Canadian Tour at Amherstview, near Kingston, wasn't the most exciting thing that's ever happened to him because Christmas is always more exciting.

But the Queen is certainly the most famous person he has ever met.

Wolfe presented her with a hand-drawn picture of the Ontario flag on Sept. 27. He patiently waited while his mother Linda anxiously hoped he would get a reply from the Queen because she had asked him if his name was on the back of his art work.

When a thank-you letter arrived last week from the Queen's lady-in-waiting on her Majesty's behalf, Mrs. Wolfe said she was probably more excited than her son.

The Wolfe family was one of the Bruce County families invited to attend the Royal Visit Agricultural Picnic at Amherstview. Mrs. Wolfe said the family was invited because her husband Murray is president of the Bruce



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Jason Wolfe with his royal souvenirs

County Soil and Crop Association.

They were standing so close to the Queen Mrs. Wolfe was able to catch her eye to indicate her son had a gift to present and when

the Queen nodded in approval security guards let him through the barrier.

Jason said he doesn't remember what he was thinking as he approached the Queen because he

nervous, but he does remember she spoke to him first asking his name and age.

"She said 'hello, what's your name,' but I don't think she asked me anything about the picture,

except if my name was on it," he said.

"After that I started to backing up because I was nervous. She was nice and friendly. She was pretty ... I thought she'd be older."

Mrs. Wolfe, an avid fan of the royal family, said she told her son he should make a gift for the Queen because she "just felt he'd be lucky enough and small enough to slip through to give his flag to the Queen and there were only 2,000 people on the lawn that afternoon."

Jason was drawing flags on his chalk board one afternoon from a book cover of Canadian stamps he had won in an art competition sponsored by Canada Post last June, and decided to put the Ontario flag stamp on paper for the Queen.

"It was the easiest one I could draw. I drew the Union Jack on the chalk board but I didn't transfer it to paper," he said.

When asked about becoming an artist and drawing pictures for other famous people, Wolfe declined comment and said he'd rather be a farmer.

He said he'll always remember the Queen's visit and think of her as the "Queen of Canada."