



Long Lunch celebrates traditional country flavour

ham covered tables aligned end-to-end brought the traditional country flavour of a village picnic to downtown Warkworth's Main Street for the ninth annual Warkworth Long Lunch.

"I've been coming here as long as it's been on," said Pat Kinch of Warkworth, who was there with her daughter Kat and her family now living in Vancouver.

Her granddaughter, twoyear-old Brynn Eddie, could be seen later taste testing some of Helen King's cherry pie with her dad.

The country celebration saw young and old sitting down together to enjoy a meal with some new tasty foods including toupie ham and tri-colour pasta salad along with the traditional favourites, baked beans, corn on the cob, horse radish and pickles, and of course some of Warkworth's famous pies.

Latecomers for tickets lined up for what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day.

The queue was long but everyone patiently waited their turn to enjoy the venue in this small village whose Long Lunch has become such a big attraction.

"I think we may be over 500 now so that's really good," commented co-chair Meirion Jones.

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We're targeting 550 to 600 in ticket sales," he added.

Nearby Molly Garvey,

five, grabbed a cob of corn while sitting next to her grandma, Colette Bell of Warkworth.

"Molly is visiting and just loves the corn," said Bell with a big smile.

"It's fantastic today. How could we have asked for more," said co-chair Kim MacNeil who was busily going from one table to another. "People are really positive and there's people here that haven't come to this before," she added enthusiastically.

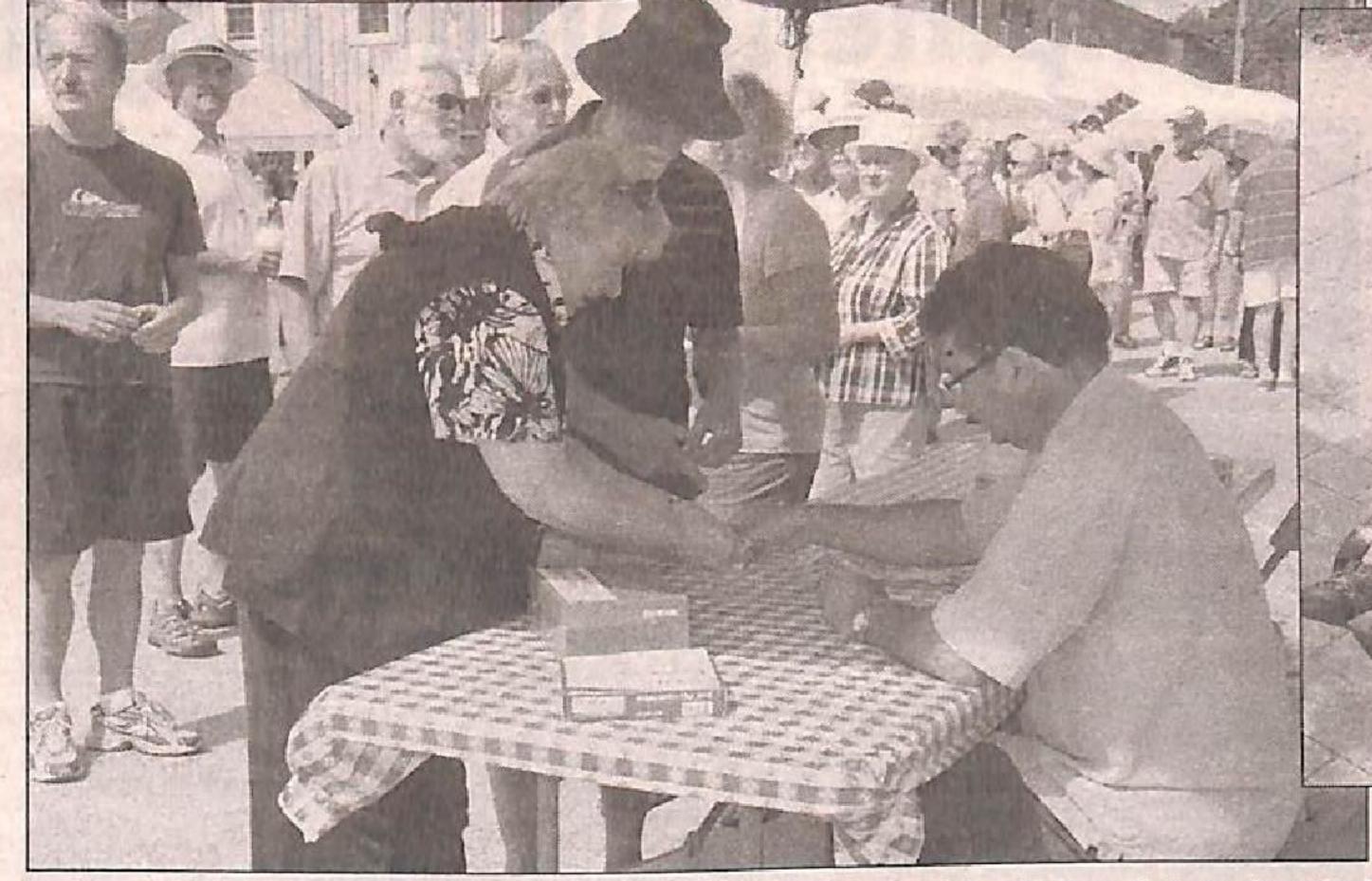
"I have one person who said they saw this a year ago and wrote it on their calendar, and got tickets a couple of months ago," she said, trying to remember exactly where the people said they are from ... they're from away," she commented laughing.

It was just that kind of a day filled with good food, good friends, laughter and music.

Entertainment was provided for the first time at this event by The Fade Kings who played live R&B, blues and jazz as well as classic rock. The group is from the Quinte area.

Art by local artisans dotted the Main Street too as lunch-goers ambled by to admire what was on display.

Eric Wright, an artist from Bailieboro, was completing



The lineup of people buying last-minute tickets to the Long Lunch was, well, long, but people waited patiently for their turn. Brenda Partridge helps out at the ticket table manned by another volunteer Jim Cohen who owns Trentmendous, a downtown business. Photo: Sue Dickens

an oil painting of some building on Main Street.

it for a year and thought I would finish it today," he lunch.

told EMC.

His impressionist style "I started it last year, left painting, a work in progress, attracted passersby at the

Summing up the day he told EMC, "It's great to be here, such nice people, it's a good experience and lots of

Look mom, it's cherry pie! Brynn Eddie, two, decided to poke her finger into Helen King's cherry pie, for a taste test but thought mom, Kat Kinch, should try it first. The family was visiting and her grandma Pat Kinch of Warkworth was nearby. Photo: Sue Dickens