

# Sold-out Long Lunch a major success

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By Sue Dickens

**Events - Warkworth** - Visitors and locals at the tenth annual Warkworth Long Lunch were eating up the down-town picnic-like atmosphere with all the sights, sounds and smells of what was a sold-out event this year.

"This is our sixth year here," said Marie Birkett of Oshawa. She was joined by her friends Bonnie Cox, Lyla Allan and Maralyn Bell, of Oshawa and Whitby.

"We come to Warkworth three or four times a year just to browse," she added.

Today it was about enjoying the Long Lunch which is a tradition here on the village's Main Street with its red and white gingham table cloths on tables lined up end to end.

"We like the food and we like to poke around in the shops so it's a bit of an excursion for us," said Birkett.

It was the same for others who sat down to enjoy the feast on what was a brilliant sunny day.

Larry Dudley, of Warkworth, walked by with Leslie Blayney, co-owner of Camp Ho-Ba Chee.

"I love the village. I love the people that make this village," said Dudley with wave of his arm taking in the crowd.

"This is the second anniversary of our business today so we are celebrating two things," said Blayney.

For Perry Melzack, co-chair of the event, and member of the Warkworth Business Association (WBA), the day was a success.

The event is also a major fund raiser for the association.

"This community makes it very very easy to hold this event, what with the volunteers that show up to set up the tables and tents and of course BBQ-on-Wheels takes care of the food," he commented.

Co-chair Nancy Honey was busy helping one of the many volunteers, Carol Hamilton, in the town hall nearby; she was cutting and serving the many home-made pies.

"We started about 7:30 here this morning," she said, noting this is the first year she has looked after getting volunteers.

"The biggest challenge was believing it would all come together ... but everyone was right, it did," she said grinning, adding that the help from the volunteer firefighters setting up the tents was especially important.

For Stephanie and Paul Cudmore and their son Thomas, the Long Lunch is

something they don't like to miss.

"We live locally. We have come almost every year, with family. It's just a great day to get together," they said.

Lou and Katrina Beauchamp who have a place on Goldophin Road and a house in Oshawa were there too.

"We're spending more and more

time up here and in the community," Main Street.

he said, while admiring a work of art, a photo on canvas by local artist Clive Russell, which was on display on the

"It's a great thing for the whole community to get together and to do and it raises money as well," said Lou.



Co-chair Nancy Honey, left, helps one of the volunteers, Carol Hamilton, ready the trays with slices of the famous home-made pies that help make the Warkworth Lunch such a treat.



Leslie Blayney, co-owner of Camp Ho-Ba Chee, from left, joins Larry Dudley of Warkworth and Perry Melzack, co-chair of the sold-out Long Lunch this year, to enjoy the food and entertainment.

Photos: Sue Dickens



It was a sold out event this year with 600 tickets gone even before the event started. A few tickets were available the day of the Long Lunch but not many and they were sold by 1:30 p.m. This is a major fund raiser for the local Warkworth Business Association.



Nine-year-old Thomas Cudmore, a local lad, knows what he likes and it's a locally grown cob of corn, one of the tasty foods on his plate at the Warkworth Long Lunch. Photo: Sue Dickens

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**GREYDANUS, Aafke "Evelyn"** - Peacefully after a long struggle with cancer, on Saturday August 24, 2013, at Northumberland Hills Hospital, in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Peter Greydanus. Loving mother of Irene (Paul) Raycraft, Jack (Christine), Bill (Glenda), Owen (Lisa), Janet (Darryn) Shutt, Ian (Caroline), Tine (John) Buechler, and Lynn (Shawn) Greydanus-Smith. Cherished grandmother of Alicia, Julianna, Peter and Maria; Peter, Jodi and Jenna; Tony, Rhonda, Anita and Carla; Maryann, Mitchell, Michelle and David; Jordon, Leevi, Simon and Lolah; Jessica, Travis, Drew and Adrien; Yvonne, Robert, Jamie and Christine; and sixteen great grandchildren. Dear sister of Henry, Peter, Tine, Bill and the late Irene. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 27 from 6-9 pm. and Wednesday, August 28 from 10 - 11:30 am. at Brighton Fellowship Christian Reformed Church (corner of Percy St. and Main St.). A service will take place on Wednesday, August 28 at 11:30 am. A private family interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery. Donations to Ovarian Cancer Canada would be appreciated by the family. Condolences received at [www.MacCoubrey.com](http://www.MacCoubrey.com)

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