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## Hockley: where even the Strawberry Festival is an antique

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Although the Hockley Strawberry Festival is only in its 13th consecutive year, run, more or less, by the same people, the fact of a spring festival in Hockley is 100 or more years old.

Established, as much as any tiny village in the 19th Century, in 1837 when John McFarlane bought property and created a grist and lumber mill by the Nottawasaga river,

and a hotel and homestead on the village site.

According to Jacques Brooksbank's (1923 - 2009) history of Hockley village, by 1863, the village acquired its name when a post office was established, after the owner of the Hockley Hotel, Thomas Hockley, who was "the principal businessman in the village at the time."

Although, when his mill burned down in September, 1863, Thomas Hockley left the area, having insufficient means

by which to re-build his property, the village and surrounding valley have retained his name.

Today, there are still several historical buildings and Thomas Hockley might have thought the place remarkably unchanged were he to visit it now. The prime exception to this, of course, is the Hockley General Store, an imposing building which replaced the original general store or the Driveshed, as it was latterly called.

Purchased in the late 1990's by Ian Wookey, whose family has owned a home there for many years, the building was replaced when it became clear the old building was in such a state of decrepitude so as to be beyond simple renovations.

Sticking to the tone of the village Mr. Wookey's new general store retains a cozy country feel, with old wood and log outdoor furniture. It is a natural stopping point for travelling clubs whether on bicycles, vintage cars or motorcycles.

The General Store and the complex of buildings associated with it have supported the Strawberry Festival to the

fullest over the years.

Well-known artist Laura Berry has her Gallery in the space adjacent to the general store. Ms. Berry, famous for her cottage scenes and teddy bears, has had a gallery in the village for several years now, as the only retail shop which belongs to her. There are several originals, many prints and any number of related souvenirs for sale in the gallery.

At the back of the general store's property, Esteem Fitness is housed in a one-storey building. Master of muscles and good tone, Fulvio Cubello offers a range of counselling services for your body: athlete coaching, "boot camp", cycling coaching - youth fitness programs and so forth.

At the front in a small century house, there is Des Jardin Spa and Salon: everything for spoiling: hairdresser, massage therapist, people who do mani-and-pedi-cures and facials.

Now in their 15th year in Hockley, Jane and Mark Bolton own and run the Hiding Inn Hockley Restaurant immediately around the bed in the road from the spa.

Their two sons, Ryley (15)

and Jesse (12), were born here and now work in the restaurant. Both are pleased to be involved with the family business, working and being paid the same wages as any of the other students whom the Boltons employ. Hiding Inn Hockley is a fine dining establishment,

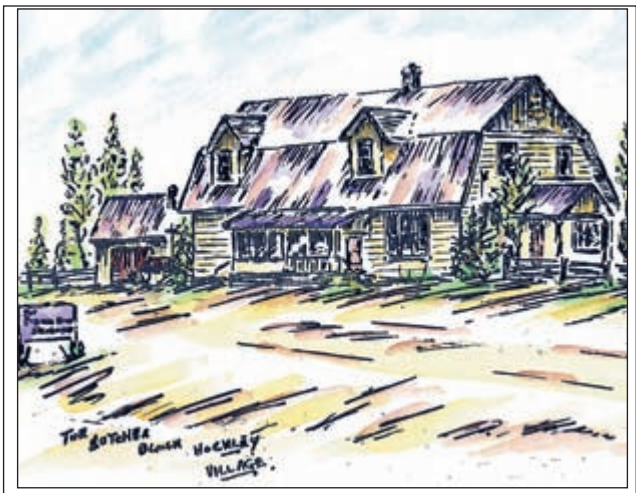
currently running a "fixed price" menu for the spring months which has proved popular with its customers.

To the south end of the village are the two historic churches. Sadly for the community, "Little St. Jimmy's", the Anglican Church of St.

James (built 1891), was been shut down this year after nearly 120 years of service.

Across the street, however, is Hockley United Church, which was originally built 1887 on Airport Road. It was cut into four pieces and

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Butcher Block Restaurant in Hockley Village

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## Northmen B's back in win column

By MIKE MALONEY  
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Orangeville's Junior B lacrosse squad put the breaks on a three game skid this past weekend as the MacMaster Pontiac Buick GMC Northmen put together a couple of solid performances to take 10-5 and 9-5 wins over London and Elora respectively.

With the playoffs on the horizon, the Northmen were in need of a win after posting a pair of back-to-back losses to Owen Sound last week.

Hosting London at home Saturday, Orangeville got off to a quick start against the Blue Devils when Graham Bryan opened the scoring with his unassisted goal just

over a minute into the game. Dustin Caravello made it 2-0 just 22 seconds later with assists from Ace McNutt and Greg Moccelli.

London hammered back with two of their own to tie the score by the 12:34 mark only to have Caravello twist the twine on the power-play with two seconds left to play in the first period.

Off the top of two,

the tit-for-tat continued as London got to Curtis Rydall for a pair to take what would be a short-lived lead for the Blue Knights.

Needing some inspiration, the Northmen veterans stepped up and showed the way.

Jake Thompson fed a perfect pass down the floor to Frankie Collins coming off the back door at 9:17 to even it back up at 4-4 before McNutt slide a sidearm shot to the bottom corner of the London goal after making his way out from behind the London net.

Driving down the lane through traffic, it

was McNutt again, this time taking a pass from Moccelli to make it 6-4 in favour of Orangeville heading into the final 20 minutes of regulation time.

London scored early in the third to draw within striking distance, only to have the Northmen again turn up the heat.

Scoring his third of four, Caravello bounced a perfect shot to five hole on the power-play—followed by Andrew Stoner with his first of the night and Collins with his second—before wrapping up the scoring at 14:02

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NORTHMEN B captain Frank Collins finds himself about to get all wrapped up by the London defender in Junior B lacrosse action at the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Complex this past weekend.  
Photo/MIKE MALONEY

## JV Outlaws de-claw Eagles

It was a weekend on the road for both the Pee wee and JV Outlaws squads.

Playing in Brampton on Saturday, the Pee wee's were in the hunt for their second win of the season.

Hoping to pick up where they had left off the week before, when they had trounced Halton 38-0, a confident Outlaws team took to the field only to have the equally determined Bulldogs grind to a 18-12 win.

Penalties played a key roll in the win for Brampton with Orangeville being assessed over 75 yards in penalties. "You cannot win a game with 75 plus yards in penalties called against you - it takes the wind out of your sails" commented coach Mike Lepore

after the game. He was quick to tip his hat thought to his defensive squad, "They played a good solid game and came through for us when needed."

The next game for the Pee wee Outlaws is this Sunday afternoon when they host Tottenham at 12:30 p.m. on the field at Westside Secondary.

Looking to improve their season record to 3-1, the Outlaws JV team trekked south to Martingrove Collegiate for a match up against the Etobicoke Eagles last Saturday afternoon.

Led by veteran QB Sam Hogenhout and the running back tandem of Norm Craig and Liam Smith, the Outlaws offence came out firing on all cylinders, quickly jumping out to a 20-6

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ROUNDING FOR HOME. The season is well underway for teams of the Orangeville Minor Softball Association. On Tuesday night it was Orangeville Lions Club and Ginny Anderson Royal Lepage taking to the junior diamond at Idlewyld Park in 8/10 house league play.  
Photo/MIKE MALONEY

## Kings lead league

The Orangeville Kings continue to make the most of strong pitching and timely hitting, extending their 2009 Intercounty Fastball league record to 6-0 with wins over Arthur and Hillsburgh last week.

Playing at home on Tuesday, it was the second meeting of these two clubs this season and just as they had in the first, Orangeville controlled the game from start to finish.

Jeff Donaldson had one of the hottest bats on this night, knocking out a two-run homer

while counting for four RBI's.

Pitcher Joel Pegg would also chip in with a three-run shot over the fence later in the game. Pegg also went the distance on the mound for Orangeville as the Kings rolled to a 11-1 final score.

The next night it was on the road for a rematch with the Hillsburgh Stallions.

Pitcher Scott Gordon was in the zone as he struck out 14 batters while only giving up two runs. Rich Long was the go-to guy this night, going three for

four at the plate to cash in four RBI's on the way to a 8-1 win for Orangeville.

The weekend found Orangeville getting tuned up for the ISC II regional qualifier in two weeks. Playing at the Mitchell Mets Tournament, the Kings dropped a squeaker to Glencoe Astros, coming up on the short side of a 1-0 decision on Friday night.

Saturday morning, they turned the tables by edging the Waterloo Hallman Twins 4-3 in a nine-inning thriller only

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