

## Welcome to the January edition of the Hope Agricultural Heritage Club's new bulletin!

After a short break in December, I'm happy to be back in touch as your "*editor in chief*" and looking ahead to another great year of club activities.

There's lots to share this month, including highlights from our annual Christmas party, a reminder about our upcoming Annual General Meeting, and a look ahead at meeting and event dates for 2026.

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## HAH Club Annual Christmas Party Recap

Our annual Christmas party was a wonderful way to wrap up the year, with great attendance, plenty of conversation, and lots of festive spirit. Members enjoyed good company, festive refreshments, and even a special visit from Santa himself, who stopped by to hand out gifts and make sure everyone had been behaving (*we won't name names...*)! What a great night and a fitting end to another successful year.









## Generous Donations Presented at the Christmas Party

The Christmas party was made even more special by the presentation of several generous donations in support of the Hope Agricultural Heritage Club.





Walter Stapleton, with \$1000 from **Orono Tractor Club** and Gord Wilson, with \$1500 from the **Bewdley District Lions Club**, were on hand to present donation cheques to the HAH Club, recognizing our shared commitment to preserving local agriculture and supporting the community. These donations will go directly toward ongoing projects, equipment care, and improvements at the Antique Machinery Centre.

We are incredibly grateful for this support and the strong relationships we continue to build with fellow clubs! Thank you to everyone involved in making these contributions possible.

## Raffle Draw Winners (and a Christmas Day Tractor Rescue)

*In case you missed it:* the raffle draws were held at the Christmas party, and we're pleased to share the results below. Congratulations to all of the winners, and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to support the club in its endeavours!

- 1st Prize: Ford 8N Tractor** - Paul Ryan, from Bath, Ontario
- 2nd Prize: Children's Die-Cast John Deere Pedal Tractor** - Frank Van Rijn, from Omemee
- 3rd Prize: Laser-Cut Farm Scene** - Debby Mondok, from Cobourg

After the draw, the Ford found itself snowed in at the Garden Hill Market! With no one keen on hauling a tractor down salty winter roads, the winner wouldn't be able to pick it up until spring.

Enter our very own President, **Earl Ashby!**

Keeping an eye on the weather and road conditions, Earl seized the opportunity on **Christmas Day** to rescue the shiny Ford, load it into his trailer, and bring it home to his barn, where it can safely rest until spring! Thank you for your efforts, Mr. President!





## Looking Ahead: 2026 Raffle Draw Tractor

With last year's raffle tractor safely tucked away, planning is already underway for the 2026 draw tractor. The Board has selected a **Farmall Super A**, and members have already begun sourcing parts and giving it the attention it deserves.

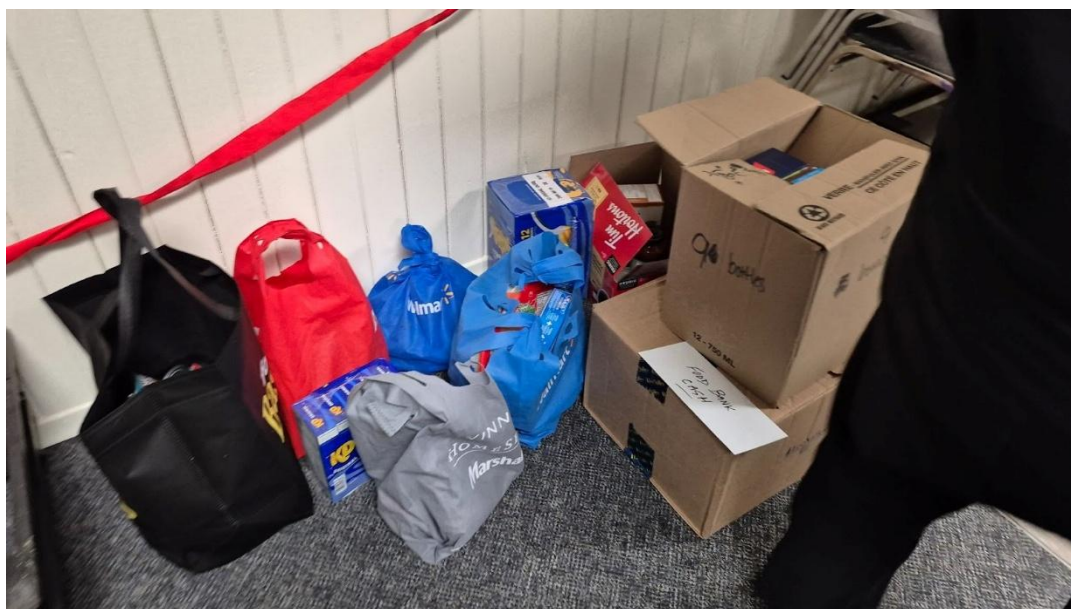
I'll be sharing updates and photos of the restoration progress. It's always exciting to watch another piece of farm history come back to life, and this one is shaping up to be a beauty under the care of our skilled members!

**Raffle ticket sales for the 2026 draw will open soon.** Details on how and when to purchase tickets will be shared in a future bulletin and on the club website! ([www.hahclub.com](http://www.hahclub.com))

## Food Bank Donations

In addition to the Christmas celebrations, members once again showed incredible generosity by donating food and cash to the local food bank.

We're proud to share that **300 pounds of food and \$30 in cash were collected** and delivered by board member Jack Malfait—the largest amount the club has ever donated! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed. This is a wonderful example of the HAH Club's commitment to supporting our local community at large.



## Upcoming Annual General Meeting

Please mark your calendar for our **Annual General Meeting**, taking place on:

**Monday, February 2, 2026**

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Location:** New Hope United Church, 4651 County Road 2, Port Hope

The annual meeting portion is brief (about 10 minutes) and mostly informational, so please don't let the name scare you off! Afterwards, we'll continue with our regular meeting format. A guest speaker to be determined soon.

Doors open at 7 pm, and we encourage members to come a little early to visit and catch up.

## Membership Renewal

A friendly reminder that HAH Club memberships for 2026 are now due! The annual membership fee is **\$30 per year**, and there are several ways to renew:

### Option 1: E-Transfer (new & easy!)

You can now renew by sending an e-transfer to [member@hahclub.com](mailto:member@hahclub.com).

Please be sure to include your name and phone number in the message so we can match up your payment correctly.

### Option 2: Mail-in Membership Form

You may also renew by completing the **club membership form** shown below. This form is also on the last page of the most recent Horizon Newsletter (check your inbox - a printable copy was sent by email on December 18th), and mailing it along with your payment, to:

<b>2026 Membership Form. Fee - \$30/year.</b>
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Mail to: Membership Chairman Barry Adamson	
1020 Port Britain Rd., Port Hope Ont., L1A 3V7 – 905-885-2760 <a href="mailto:Bare@AProd.com">Bare@AProd.com</a>	
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### Option 3: In Person

You're also welcome to renew your membership by seeing any board member, who can accept your payment.

Membership renewal helps us plan for the year ahead - thank you for taking care of it early.

## Save the Dates: 2026 Meetings & Events

To help with planning for the year ahead, here is a full list of **2026 HAH Club meeting dates and special events**:

### Regular Club Meetings

February 2

April 6

August 25 - held at the Antique Machinery Centre in Canton

October 26

December 14 - annual Christmas party

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the New Hope United Church in Port Hope, with doors open at 7:00 pm. Meetings get underway at 7:30 pm.

### Special Events at the Antique Machinery Centre

June 6 & 7 - Open House

(June 7th includes the **annual Beef & Pork Buffet Dinner**)

September 19 & 20 - Open House

More details will be shared closer to each event.

## Tuesday Night Meet-Ups Resume

A friendly reminder that **Tuesday night meet-ups** at the Antique Machinery Centre have resumed after a holiday break!

Members are welcome to drop by on Tuesday evenings to lend a hand, work on projects, share stories, or simply enjoy good company! There's usually a treat or two to be had, as well! Whether you enjoy actively restoring equipment or just stopping in to visit, everyone is welcome!

Please note that during the winter season, meet-ups are weather-permitting, and details will be shared if there are any changes.

## **Stay Connected**

Thank you for your continued support of the HAH Club! Whether you attend meetings, volunteer your time, donate equipment, or simply help spread the word, your involvement plays an important role in preserving our club's mission and local agricultural heritage.

If you have stories, photos, or updates you'd like to see included in a future bulletin, you can reach out to me directly: [kelsey.jibb@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.jibb@gmail.com) (Kelsey Jibb).

We hope to see many of you on February 2nd!