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The Hut honours Country musicians

The Hut was hopping with Old Time Country on Saturday, leading up to the presentation of the 16th annual Country Music Awards. This year’s recipients were Dave McBurney, Gordie Smith and Terry Sutton.

6th edition of Barter and Trade is fast approaching

The 6th edition of Kingsley Falls’ Barter and Trade event is back once more to give brand new life to old goods.

From October 21 to 23, Cascades and the town of Kingsley Falls are inviting the region’s citizens to come to the town hall (at 7 Tardif St) to barter and trade their goods in an event that celebrates sharing and reusing.

Barter and Trade has been gaining popularity every year, owing to its win-win philosophy. For every item you bring, another great find can be yours. No financial transactions are necessary.

The list of accepted items is long and includes clothing, dishes, toys, CDs and DVDs, sports equipment and accessories, electronic devices, small appliances, furniture, books and more. There’s just one requirement: All items must be in good condition or they will be rejected. Participants can bring their items and trade any time from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. A team of volunteers will be on hand at all times to keep the event running smoothly.

At a time when the sharing economy and second-hand economy are highlighted, Barter and Trade is in its full glory. Since it was first started, some 30,000 items have been brought to the event, while 22,000 have been brought home. Last year alone, 8,900 articles were received, of which 6,700 found new owners. Over 800 people participated over the three days—a record attendance. What’s more, all remaining items at the end of the activity are donated to regional organizations.

Harvest lunch for Potton’s children

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