

Ingersoll Pipe Band Newsletter



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Celebrating 114 Years



If you research the phrase, “Time Flies When You’re Having Fun”, it would appear that it could be attributed to Shakespeare or Albert Einstein or Alexander Pope. But does it really matter?! If you are a member of the IPB you know that time seems to fly every month whether an individual is officially “on parade”, or on vacation, or just hanging out with family and friends. Since our last issue went out in mid August, a lot of newsworthy events have

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occurred over the past three months. Parades of course, and, family reunions, picnics, weddings, and, trips abroad just to name a few things. Our photographers and reporters have been alert and ready to report on all of the above and in addition a few other occasions. Thanks to all the contributors who forwarded photos of events to me. It is very much appreciated.

As we enter the cooler days and nights of November, give thanks for all those late summer temperatures that we have enjoyed over the last month. Remembrance Day is just around the corner and then, it’s almost time to dust off all those Santa caps and prepare for the Santa Claus parades held across a number of towns, villages and cities. The IPB will be out in full force to celebrate with the kids – big and little. We are also looking forward to our second annual Ceilidh. It should be grand event with lots of music and dancing!

So as we prepare for the final two months of 2024, I hope you enjoy looking back at this past autumn. Your Newsletter Editor - *Veronica*



They're Coming!

Woodingford Lodge Woodstock – August 22nd



The annual IPB summer visit to Woodingford Lodge in Woodstock was well received by all the residents and staff of this facility. There was a great turnout of pipers and drummers. These visits are an important part of the band's commitment to the Oxford County community, and especially to those residents who are not easily able "to get out and about."



Gathering of the Bands Kincardine August 24th

The Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band presented the 33rd Annual Gathering of the Bands on Saturday, August 24th, 2024. This Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band would like to thank the community for many years of support, bringing together multiple pipe bands in Victoria Park, Kincardine - right behind the Welcome Centre at 707 Queen Street. This fantastic event ran all day from noon to midnight and admission was FREE!

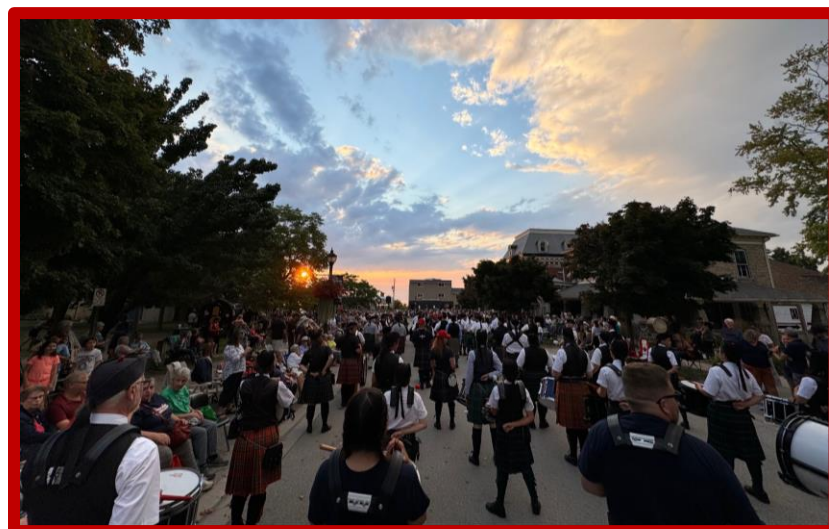
Entertainment as usual began at noon with visiting pipe bands and other musicians performing in Victoria Park. This year's bands included: the Kincardine Community Concert Band, the Toronto All-Star Big Band, the Teeswater Highlanders Pipe Band, the Clinton Legion Pipes and Drums, the **Ingersoll Pipe Band**, the Sarnia Legion Pipe Band, and the Eliza Jane Band

At 8pm the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band led the way for the Mass Pipes & Drum Parade through lakeside downtown Kincardine.



Band Photo from Kincardine 2024

Gathering of the Bands Kincardine



Photos provided by Harold and Nancy Matthews



Piper Jen Tudhope from the London Police Pipes and Drums joined the IPB in Kincardine

Dorchester Performance August 29th

Dorchester Terrace Retirement Living invited the band to visit and put on a mini concert in late August. The band was more than happy to accept the invitation and the residents were very appreciative of the live music. The following comments were posted on its Facebook Page -

- 🎵 "A big thank you to Ingersoll Pipe Band for a wonderful performance outside in our courtyard this evening, we loved listening as the sun was setting in the background! 🌅🎵"
- 🎵 "Thanks for sharing! What a treat for the residents and us too. Staff are always so thoughtful with their array of rec choices - wonderful!!Love the bagpipes!"



If you click on the photo above it will take you to a video that was uploaded to the retirement residence's page. Following photos submitted by Drummer Harold Matthews.



Drummers are ready!



Pipers at the ready as well



Heidi and Steve pose for a photo- 5 weeks to win they tie the knot!



Cheryl and Al with their granddaughters



The band poses for a group photo with one of the residents



Marching in to perform at Dorchester Terrace



Bayfest Parade **Port Rowan September 1st**

This is always a popular end of summer vacation parade for not just our band members but many families who camp or cottage in the Long Point – Port Rowan area.



Many fun activities take place during the week leading up to Sunday's parade and the sun usually shines on that special day.

The Legion (Branch 379 Port Rowan) invites the IPB every year to be its members escort and pipe and drum the veterans and members down the parade route. After the parade, the members extend an invitation to the band to stay and enjoy a social hour at their headquarters.



Here are a few photos that Piper Laurie Marson took prior to the parade when the band was arriving and enjoying some conversation prior to tuning up.



PM Doug, Eric and Cheryl



Mary Ellen, P Sgt Charlie and Joanne

On the parade route a newly formed pipe band also took part! Pictured below is the North Shore Highlanders Pipes and Drums from Port Dover.



The North Shore Highlanders which currently has 33 members including 24 playing members, started up in January 2024. We wish them well as they prepare for the upcoming parade season.

Richmond Good Old Days Parade Michigan September 8th

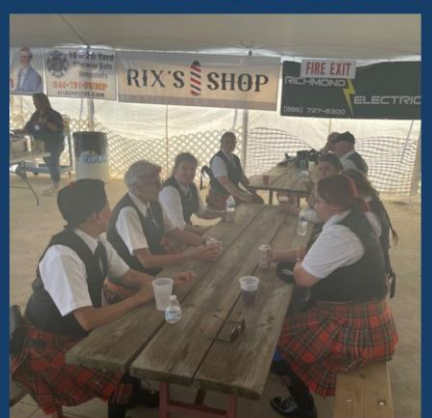
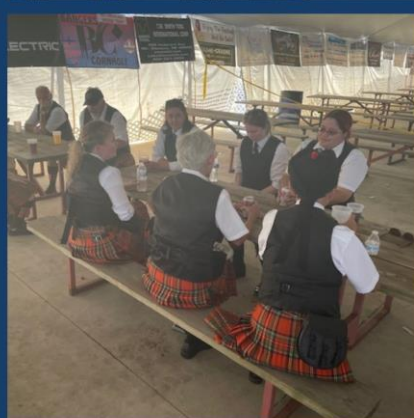


The sun was definitely out and shining on the Richmond Community for its 60th year of **The Richmond Area Good Old Days Festival**. It has been held each year since 1964. The Festival is in existence due to the local volunteers that run it, the non-profit groups that participate in it, the businesses that support it, and the cooperation of the city government and its departments, residents and thousands of visitors.

Every year the Ingersoll Pipe Band enjoys travelling to Main Street, Richmond to take part in this wonderful event. Our host continues to be Jamie Hooper who shares his backyard with the band for some relaxation, and "warm up" time prior to the parade. Jamie is a very gracious host who goes out of his way to provide beverages for us, lawn chairs, and a great atmosphere to enjoy the visit to this town. Jamie is pictured above with the band. Also in the photo is our good friend, Piper Christine Gutt of the Michigan Scottish Pipes and Drums Band.



More photos from Jamie's backyard, on parade and at the famous beer tent where the pipe bands gather to perform at the end of the parade. Also pictured above is Jamie's, neighbour Kim, who provided lots of treats to our band members as well.



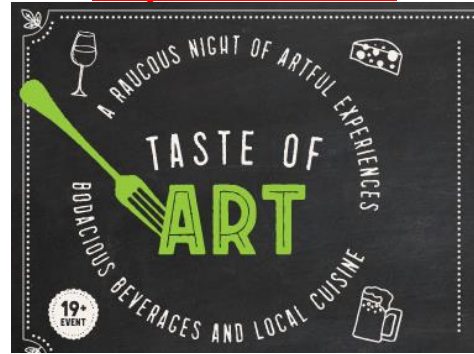
Thanks again, Harold and Laurie for the photos!

Battle of Britain Service **September 15th Ingersoll**

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 119 of Ingersoll commemorated the anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Along with Legion members, municipal representatives, and IPB members were present to honour past local heroes who participated in WW2. Dignitaries delivered speeches about the significance of the Battle of Britain. Following the ceremonies, everyone was invited back to the Hillcrest Legion for refreshments.



Woodstock Art Gallery **September 21st**



The IPB was asked to provide music as guests arrived at the Woodstock Art Gallery for an evening of art, culinary delights and entertainment. We were very happy to oblige and a mini band performed outside of the gallery at 449 Dundas St. Our performance was well received by guests entering the gallery and by passerbys. One of the highlights of the evening was having our PM Doug Collins play bass drum as our regular bass drummer and alternates were all unavailable. Mini band members all agreed that he did a very admirable job!



More Art Gallery Photos



Many of the photos above were taken by John Rimington, father of one of our drummers, Freya. Thank you, John for passing these onto us for the newsletter.

Taste of Art was originally launched in 2015, and is a major fundraiser to support the gallery's many educational and exhibit programs.



Warriors Day Simcoe October 12th



Brigadier-General returns to his Norfolk roots for Warrior's Day ceremony



Brigadier-General Ryan Deming returned home to be guest speaker at the Warrior's Day ceremony at the Norfolk County Fair on Saturday. He is seen here with Norfolk County Fair Board president Dan Taylor. PHOTO BY VINCENT BALL /Postmedia staff

The article below from the Simcoe-Reformer newspaper details the guest speaker for this annual event.

"The Canadian military is preparing for future challenges in a time of unprecedented global uncertainty", says Brigadier-General Ryan Deming. "While we enjoy the surroundings of the Norfolk County Fair, the great offerings that are here and the beautiful weather, let me tell you that we are living in a time of unprecedented uncertainty," Deming said Saturday. "The global impact of state on state conflict threatens our way of life." "That, combined with climate change, is making it more and more difficult for people to cope and survive."



Deming said the military is taking the necessary steps to be ready for whatever call may come be it at home or abroad.

Raised in the hamlet of Rattlesnake Harbour near Simcoe, Deming attended Nixon Public School and Delhi District Secondary School before graduating from the Royal Military College in Kingston. He has spent more than 31 years serving Canada and just over a year ago, was promoted to brigadier-general.

Deming returned to his Norfolk roots on Saturday to be the guest speaker at the fair's annual Warrior's Day ceremony.

In a wide-ranging speech, Deming paid tribute to the 6,000 people from Norfolk County who have served in the military since its founding in 1792. He also thanked the families and the communities who supported them."

To read the rest of the newspaper article go to the link below –

<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/brigadier-general-returns-to-his-norfolk-roots-for-warriors-day-ceremony>

The ceremony took place in one of the fairground auditoriums in Simcoe. The Salvation Army band from Simcoe also played a significant role in the service.

The IPB was honoured to pipe the colour party of the Simcoe Legion Branch #79 into the service and back out of the auditorium at its completion. Piper Mary Ellen played "The Lament" for the service and acted as our pipe major for the morning.



Warriors Day at The Norfolk County Fairgrounds



Thursday Night Practice at Tammi's



On Thursday August 15th, tenor drummer, Tammi Minoque and her husband, Larry Stafford, invited everyone to their home in Ingersoll for our regular weekly practice. We certainly enjoyed playing our tunes in the backyard and using their spacious deck for some visiting, conversation and refreshments. Thank you so much for offering the band members your hospitality. Kudos also to Jim Armstrong in assisting with the travelling canteen!



PS The popcorn served was absolutely delicious!
Thanks for the "take home" bags!

Annual Picnic at the Muterer Farm August 25th

A smaller number of band members and family and friends gathered for this year's picnic. Many of our members were travelling or had other commitments and couldn't make it to this traditional "end of August" event. From all accounts, the weather cooperated and a fine time was had by all. The usual horseshoe tournament was held as well as an energetic game of croquet. The pot luck was bountiful with many delicious dishes. Thanks to Mary Ellen, Joanne and Jane for organizing the event.



**Top Left – Dave showing his fine throwing form; Top Right –Jane and Mary Ellen checking the count
Middle – Left to Right – Linda and Charlie; Dave and Joanne; Barb, Jane and Pat
Bottom – Left to Right – Harold and Jerry; Rosie (the dog) looking for a hand out from Laurie; Kevin and Mark**

Thanks, Nancy, for sending these photos on for publication!

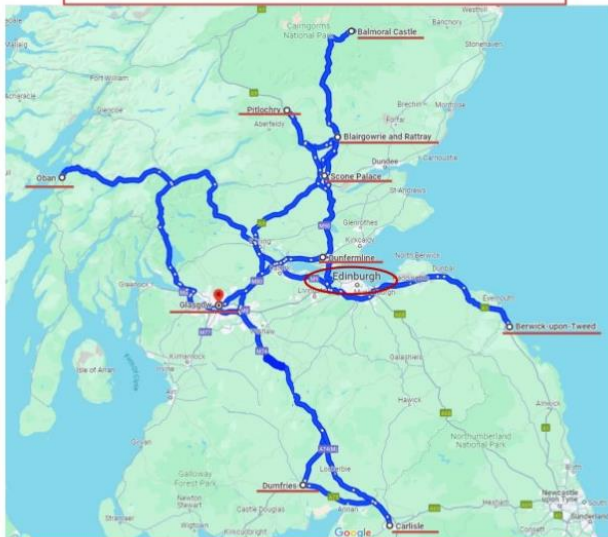
The Summer of 2024 Travels to Scotland



As reported in our last newsletter, four members of the IPB, who are also members of The Pipes and Drums of Canada band based in Orillia, set off for a two week trip to Scotland on August 22nd.

Departing from Toronto International Airport on a Transat flight, Doug and Lois Turvey, Doug Glover and wife, Catherine, and Veronica Jackson and twin sister, Verna Cuthbert, set off to fulfill a very busy, jam packed itinerary. Based out of the University of Edinburgh residences, Pollock Halls, our daily tours saw us perform in many locations within a 3 hour radius of our home away from home.

Pipes and Drums of Canada Tour Itinerary 2024



August 19th – Arrive in **Glasgow** travel to U of **Edinburgh** August 20th – Practice and Explore
 August 21st – **Berwick on Tweed** Civic Luncheon August 22nd – **Stirling**
 August 23rd – **Scone Palace; Dunfermline** Parade and Ceilidh
 August 24th – **Pitlochry** Parade and Civic Luncheon August 25, 26, 27th – Free Days to Explore
 August 28th – **Balmoral Castle and Blairgowrie** Parade & Dinner
 August 29th – **Oban** Parade and Dinner August 30th – **Dumfries** Parade and Civic Luncheon
 August 31st – Free Day and Farewell Party September 1st – Depart for **Glasgow** Airport

Also with us were 70 other individuals – pipers, drummers, colour party members, and lots of enthusiastic supporters. Many of you will recognize Scott Shaw (PM of the London Police Pipes and Drums) and Mark Dwyer (bass drummer of the LPPD) in some of the accompanying photos.

One of the highlights of the trip was performing at Balmoral Castle for King Charles III. We were the only band on the grounds of the castle that day and King Charles very graciously received us and spent several minutes after our performance speaking to band members and our supporters. We are still awaiting for photos from the King's Office as security was very tight and we were unable to take photos or videos without permission.

We were hosted at communities both in England (Berwick Upon Tweed) and across Scotland at larger cities and towns such as Stirling, Dunfermline and Dumfries, and smaller villages such as Blairgowrie, Oban and Pitlochry.

The weather was “temperamental” – some cooler days and rain but mostly we were able to escape the showers when we were performing.

Four “free” days were built into the itinerary so that individuals could go off and pursue their own personal travel schedules and passions. Some of the highlights were side trips to Rosslyn Chapel, Inverness, the Isle of Skye, Loch Ness, the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Castle, Stirling Castle, whiskey (scotch) tasting tours and so many more options.

We returned to Toronto on September 1st, tired but still exhilarated by all that we had seen and done as a group. It was indeed so much fun meeting up with all our fellow travellers at day's end in one of Pollock Halls many “common” rooms or at the ever popular local “uni” (university) pub – Arthur's.

Thank you to the Pipes and Drums of Canada for organizing this trip and helping us to see a part of Scotland that the average tourist would never experience.

Photos from "Out and About" in Scotland



Top Right – Catherine, Doug and Verna at Pollock Hall heading over for breakfast; Top Left – In front of Scone Palace, one of our concert sites – Scott, Doug T, Lois, Veronica and Doug G
Centre – L to R – Verna and Veronica with tour guide; Drummers at Pitlochry
Bottom Left – Mark on bass at Dumfries; small group photo in Dunfermline after performance and lunch; Doug T on bass in Dumfries



University Pub photos – pub named after the geographical feature Arthur's Seat (extinct volcano hill) located by University ; a lot of conversation and beverages and good food was enjoyed at this spot



Top Right to Left – Veronica in Dumfries, Doug T and Scott in Dunfermline; Doug G with other snare drummers Ian and Angela

Centre Row – L to R – band – final concert and parade in Dumfries

Bottom Row – Doug G and drummers in Berwick Upon Tweed; Lois in Dumfries; Verna and Veronica at Pearson

Below – Stirling Downtown - photos 1 and 2; Dumfries in front of the Nith River – Town of Robbie Burns Museum and Burial Site; Doug G and Catherine at Ceilidh in Dunfermline





Final Group Photos from Edinburgh

Over the years many IPB members (past and present) have travelled to Scotland with the Pipes and Drums of Canada. These trips date back to 2001. The list includes – Jack Habkirk, and wife Barb; Charlie Thomson; Stewart and Jane Watt; Nancy and Harold Matthews, and sons, Hamish and Alister; Laurie and Carole Marson; Jon Arthur; Catherine Stark and her mother Joanne Perry; Jerry and wife Jackie Chevrier; Veronica Jackson and husband, Martin, and her sister. Verna; Doug and Lois Turvey; and Doug Glover and wife Catherine to name just a few. Many friends and family members of the folks above have also travelled to the UK. The Pipes and Drums trips are organized by PM (Retired) Ross Baxter and Secretary Chuck Penny. The present PM is Chris Macdougald. The group meets from March to November once a month in Orillia. The next trip being planned is to Ireland in early August of 2026. Stay tuned for details as the plans are firmed up!



**Above - Our final group photo at the University
Below – Some of the folks at the final goodbye party**



More Travels in Scotland



“A Different Way to Visit Scotland”

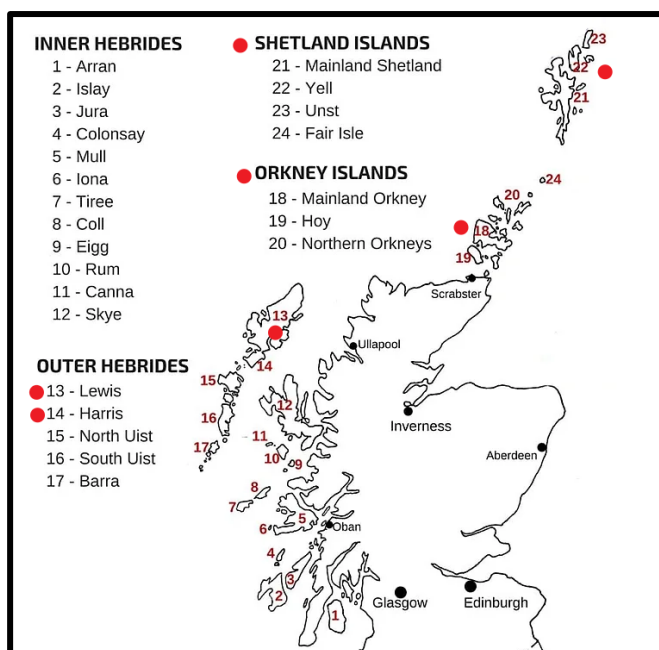
Drummer Jane Watt is no stranger to travelling around Scotland. When her husband, Stewart, was alive they made trips to the World Piping Championships in Scotland, travelled with the Pipes and Drums of Canada groups, and did touring on their own.

This year Jane and her sister-in-law, Carolyn, travelled together to Edinburgh and used that city as their launching point for a very remarkable journey.

Your newsletter editor asked Jane to provide us with a brief overview of her trip! This is what she has submitted –

“This year’s trip to Scotland was divided into two quite different activities, touring some islands and attempting an 80 mile long distance hike.

For about two and half weeks, Stew’s sister, Carolyn, and I toured Shetland, Orkney, and Lewis and Harris.



We loved the rolling hills, Viking sites and the lovely village of Lerwick in Shetland, and the WW II history, blackhouses and standing stones in Orkney. We even went to Flett’s Butchers, overlooking the Island of Flotta, now inhabited only by sheep.

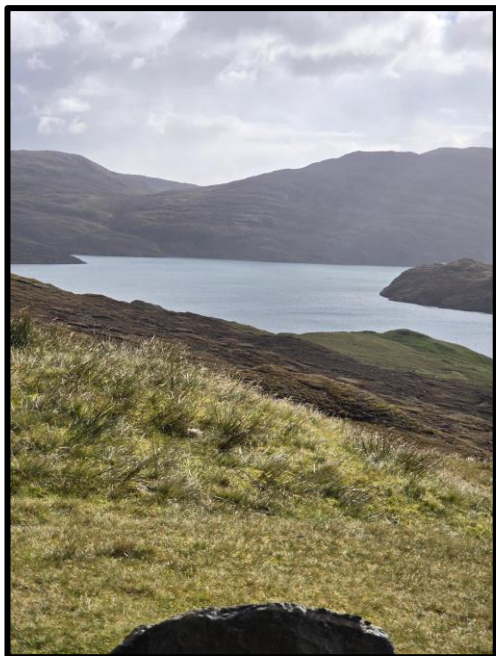


The main character of the British TV series. “Shetland” is DI Jimmy Perez. Jane snapped a photo of the house used by Jimmy in the series while touring Shetland.

In Lewis and Harris, the scenery was spectacular, including Caribbean-type beaches which we saw from the car in wind and freezing temperatures.

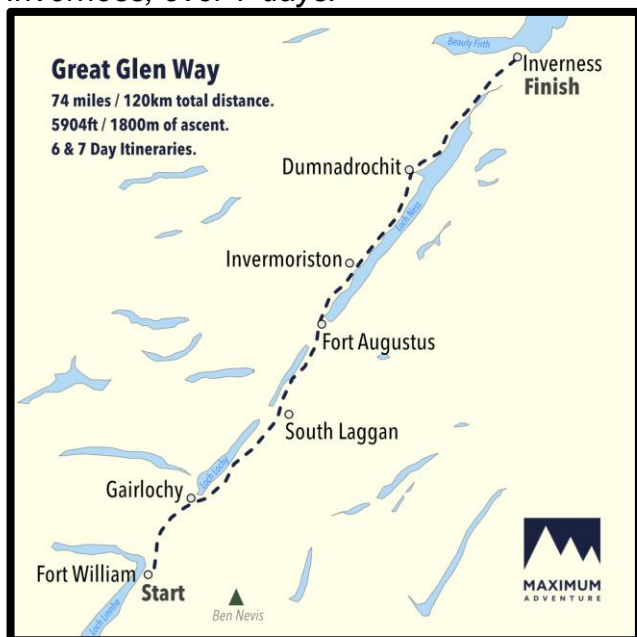


Jane looking just a little wind blown!



After a couple of days in the Highlands, Nancy Mathews flew in. We spent a day with her, in St. Andrew's and the fishing villages, before Carolyn returned to Toronto.

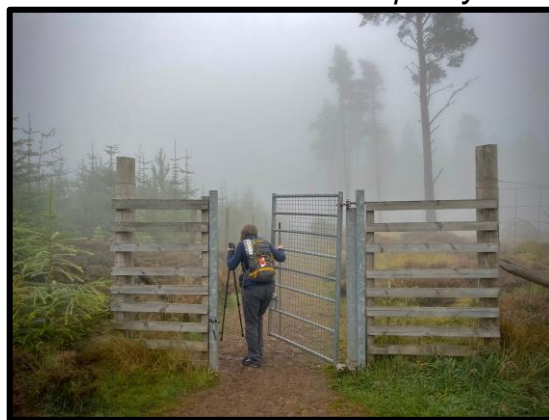
Nancy and I readied ourselves to walk the Great Glen Way, from Ft. William to Inverness, over 7 days.



We stayed in B & B's each night and our luggage was moved forward for us while we were walking. We only needed to carry a day pack with water, snacks and whatever gear we needed for the day. Our shortest day was our last 7.5 miles into Inverness, and our longest was about 15+ miles. The elevation varied but there was a lot of climbing.



One day we climbed UP almost continuously from 9:00am until 3:00pm. If I were ever to do this again, I would train harder for increased cardio capacity.



We saw amazing scenery and even the foggy days were beautiful. We ate wild blackberries that we picked each day. We saw unfamiliar birds and Nancy taught me about mushrooms! I have not eaten so much nor slept so well since I was a teenager! Jane

Some Photos from Jane's Scottish Adventure



These photos are some of the many that Jane sent onto a list of friends and family as she made her trip through Scotland with first her sister-in-law, Carolyn, and then bandmate and friend, Nancy Matthews.

Post Script - A note from Jane – *“If anyone wants to read the backstory on the trip to Carolyn’s trip to the hospital in Edinburgh, or, Nancy turning into a full- fledged Jacobite!, or, more details of where we went and what we saw, you can request an electronic copy of the either whole trip report or of the hike report by sending me a message at rampant3@hotmail.com.”*

Many thanks Jane for sharing this very unique story and photos of this amazing Scottish adventure! And, by the way, Happy 80th Birthday, that you celebrated earlier this month!

Family News

A Matthews Family Reunion was held in Manitoba at the end of July and into the first couple of weeks of August. Alistir, Nancy and Harold's eldest son, and, his girlfriend, Sanne, who reside in Australia, flew into Canada and met up with Harold and Nancy, and, their youngest son, Hamish and his girlfriend, Rachel.

A "family reunion" was planned near Erickson, Manitoba where Hamish and Rachel reside. Built into the family reunion was a very fun and adventurous trip to Churchill, Manitoba. Of course, the Matthews mantra "have croquet mallets will travel" was followed and the game went with them to "The Keystone Province".

Alistir and Hamish both learned piping under Wilson McBeath's tutelage at the IPB Hall. They were very accomplished pipers and we miss them when we are on parade! Photos below were taken at Churchill and at Otter Lake.



"I may not always be with you, but when we're far apart, remember you will be with me, right inside my heart." — Marc Wambolt, "Poems from the Heart"

More Band Member News

Zorra Township



Piper Angus Thomson piped at the official opening of the new pavilion in Zorra.

From the Heart FM Radio website - The covered pavilion was funded by Zorra Township, several community groups, and a \$90,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

EMBRO - You might have noticed the new pavilion if you visited the Embro Zorra Community Centre recently.

It's a 40' by 80' covered structure and the Township says it will be a fully accessible space for the community to hold sporting, cultural and social events.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last Wednesday(August 14) with Mayor Marcus Ryan and Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman in attendance.

Hardeman is happy to see this community-initiated project come to fruition.

"It's great to see the result of the hard work that went into the planning and fundraising for this wonderful space. With the help of the provincial funding, Zorra Township has been able to create another accessible space for the community to enjoy."

This project would not have been possible without a \$90,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in addition to other funds from the Township and several community groups.



Chevrier Reunion



Drummer Jerry Chevrier is pictured above (fourth from the right) with his sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren at a recent gathering in Oshawa in September. Jerry is a valued member of our drum corps and holds the distinction of being the eldest snare drummer! Jerry got hooked on drumming when accompanying his grandkids to lessons and practices at the IPB.



News from Golspie



Wendy and daughter-in-law, Marja, busy working in the Golspie Dairy Cheese Shop

Congratulations to all The Marshall Family on their recent achievements –



They are celebrating two first place wins at this year's Royal Winter Fair Cheese & Butter Competition!

Crowdie once again took first place in the Fresh Cheese category and St. Oda took first place in the Bloomy Rind category.



They are honoured to have been nominated in the [@woodstockchamber](https://www.woodstockchamber.com) Business Awards in the Agri-Business category.

George Duncan



Members of the IPB mourn the recent passing of Piper George Duncan. George was an active member of the band from 2008 to 2018. His wife, Eleanor was also a piper with the band. From his obituary - *"Family had a special place in George's heart. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Eleanor; children Catherine (Ken), Rob (Jennifer), and Susan (Jeff) and his wonderful grandchildren, Abbie, Gillian (Mark), Callum, Ceilidh, Emma and Graham. In addition to the joy of time with family, he enjoyed playing the bagpipes in the Ingersoll Pipe Band, wood-working, flying his drone over the family cottage, leading Bible Studies and sitting with his fishing rod on the beaches of Amelia Island during the winter."*

A few members visited with George, Eleanor and family members a week before his passing. He was very grateful for our visit and obviously loved being entertained with some of his favourite tunes.



"George Duncan, a cherished husband, beloved Dad and Grandpa and friend of so many, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2024 at the age of 81."

Wedding Bells

On October 5th, two of our members, Tenor Drummer Heidi Raposo, and, Piper Steve Shepherd exchanged matrimonial vows in front of family and friends at a lovely outdoor service at The Matthews home just outside of Ingersoll.



Piper Catherine Stark piped the bride “down the aisle” to meet the groom; Laurie and Carole Marson were their witnesses; Nancy and Harold Matthews acted as hosts; and, several band members just got to sit back and celebrate with the happy couple.

The band hall was the location of the dinner and reception, and Heidi and Steve and their team did a superb job of transforming it into a lovely banquet hall. Thanks to some of our members who assisted with the bar service and the refreshments. A grand time was had by all who attended. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd!

Other Band News

As reported in other editions of our newsletter, many of our band members are also members of several other pipe bands in south western Ontario. Here are a few photos of some of the fun that they have been having lately on parade and performing at events with these other bands.



Members of the London Police Pipes and Drums and the London Fire Fighters Pipe Band took part in a massed band in Wortley Village in London on October 26th. This is an annual event to celebrate Hallowe'en. Some familiar faces from the IPB included Pat Potter, Carole Marson, Nancy Matthews, Doug Glover, Jane Watt, Aly Banasazak, Harold Matthews, Laurie Marson, Steve Shepherd, and Neil White.



Cheryl McEown with the St. Thomas Police Pipes & Drums at Wednesday night practice at Elevated Park



Catherine Stark attending the Dundas Pipes and Drums practice getting ready for a special event.



Member of the London Police Pipes and Drums in Ottawa on September 29th to take part in the 47th National Police and Peace Officers Memorial service. IPB members that attended this year were Laurie Marson, Carole Marson, Doug Glover, Charlie Thomson, and Veronica Jackson.



September 20th the London Police Pipes and Drums had the pleasure of performing for the “Jordan’s Run the Runway” .“Jordan’s Run the Runway” run and walk event is inspired by Jordan Strickland and the funds raised support YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth. This year’s Run was held at Fanshawe College Norton Wolf School of Aviation and Aerospace adjacent to London International Airport (YXU).