

# Ingersoll Pipe Band Newsletter



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What can I say?!?! I am just not sure how we managed to get from the end of Newsletter #2 to the start of Newsletter #3? There were so many activities and events to report on, and the time just flew right on by. Your editor was wondering if she would eventually “catch up”!

Wow...what a summer the IPB had. Our two huge amazing events in August – our celebratory 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tattoo and our Reunion were especially noteworthy and memorable. They will be covered in a separate newsletter – an abundance of photos to share makes it more practical!

The other 10 parades and events will be covered in this newsletter. So happy reading and revisiting the beautiful weather memories we made as we approach winter (brr). Thanks again to all my photo and content contributors!

Your Newsletter Editor – *Veronica Jackson*

## Visiting Stratford Ontario – Home of Shakespeare – August 10<sup>th</sup>



*“Stratford Summer Music hosts an annual multi-week summer festival along with year-round programming, showcasing over 100 artists in a variety of events across indoor and outdoor venues throughout Stratford, Ontario. With a commitment to artistic excellence, the festival presents a diverse lineup of local, national, and international talent, offering performances across a wide range of musical genres. Stratford Summer Music aims to deliver world-class music experiences, bringing a level of quality typically found in large urban centres to audiences in our community.”*

<https://www.stratfordsummermusic.ca/>) And guess what .... **They delivered the world class Ingersoll Pipe Band!**

The IPB was asked to perform on the final day of the 2025 schedule along the banks of the Avon River near The Boathouse (**The Boathouse** is a family run business offering boat rentals, bike rentals and a beautiful riverside patio to enjoy lunch) as a warm up act for the Toronto based jazz fusion band “The Shuffle Demons” and we happily obliged.

We had lots of fun in Stratford (despite the very warm temperature) and made lots of new friends and fans!



Scenes from the Boathouse area



Click on the photo above to hear part of our performance. Comments on Facebook –

Love it. Stratford!!! An amazing place to live. Thanks Stratford Summer Music for another amazing selection of musical events. Barry

Absolutely love the pipes!

Well done ❤️

Love the sound of the bagpipes

Love this

Love the bagpipes!!! 😊❤️😭



## The Gathering of the Bands Kincardine

August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025



Gathering of the Bands - Let the pipers and drummers play! The Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band presented the 34th Annual Gathering of the Bands on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band once again thanked the community for many years of support by 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 all day.

Entertainment began at noon with visiting pipe bands and other musicians performing in Victoria Park. Then, at 8 p.m., the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band led the way for the Mass Pipes & Drum Parade through lakeside downtown Kincardine. This was a must-see experience for musicians and the spectators alike.



On our "luxury" bus rental – on the way to Kincardine from Ingersoll for a fabulous time with family and friends at "the gathering"! Click on the photo for some video footage.

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

12:00 Noon Start

MC –Norm Gauthier

Kincardine Community Concert Band

'Toronto All-Star Big Band'

Teeswater Highlanders Pipe Band

Clinton Legion Pipes and Drums

Ingersoll Pipe Band

Sarnia Legion Pipe Band

Eliza Jane Band

Brantford Pipes & Drums Joining on Parade

**Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band**

**Massed Band**

**8:00 PM**

**34 YEARS OF 'GATHERING OF THE BANDS'**

**76 YEARS OF 'SATURDAY NIGHT PARADES'**

**117 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY**



L to R – Jen (LPPD), Steve, and Bonnie-Heather (IPB)

**Can You Tell That We Were Having a Great Afternoon?**



**Lots of opportunities to meet up with friends from other bands such as the Pipes and Drums of Canada out of Orillia.**



Our bus driver from Badder Bus Lines kept us well entertained...quite a fun guy with lots of jokes for us. Great chefs in the park - lots of familiar faces like Jane Buckingham served up all the hot dogs one could eat and plenty of corn on the cob. Snare drummer Jane is a member of both the London Police Pipes and Drums and the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band. PM Scott Shaw and Piper Jen Tudhope from the London Police P & D also joined us in the park and on parade. As well we ran into fellow pipers from the Clinton Pipe Band who had travelled with some of our members to Holland in May. We appreciated sharing the company of lots of IPB partners, spouses, friends and family members on this beautiful Saturday afternoon in Kincardine.



**Before we knew it, it was time for IPB members to tune up for our upcoming performance by the band stand.**





Photos of our performance and “official” band photo on completion of our performance.



Click on the photo to the left to view the YouTube Video of us playing two of our tunes “Jenny’s Bawbee” and “Mackays Farewell”.

The Ingersoll Pipe Band performs at the Massed Band event in Kincardine; video by David Dadson

## ***"Huge crowd converges on Victoria Park for 34th annual Massed Band event in Kincardine"***

By: [Liz Dadson](#) August 25, 2025 1579



**A huge crowd gathered in Victoria Park, Kincardine, for the 34th annual Massed Band event, Saturday afternoon.**

**It was warm, with a cool breeze, and there was a threat of rain, but it held off so people could enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music in the park.**

**"It was the most successful event yet," said John McManus, president of the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band which hosts the event as a thank-you to the community for its ongoing, unwavering support.**

**"The band is very appreciative of the community support, and we were pleased to see such a huge turn-out this year."**

**The entertainment began with the Kincardine Community Concert Band, followed by the impressive Toronto All-Star Big Band which has been in attendance for more than 30 years.**

**Also performing, were the Teeswater Highlanders Pipe Band, Clinton Legion Pipe Band, Ingersoll Pipe Band, Sarnia Legion Pipe Band, and the Eliza Jane Ceilidh Band. Later, the City of Brantford Pipes and Drums joined in the massed band parade.**

**Norm Gauthier did a great job as MC for the show.**

**McManus said the hungry crowd went through 3,200 hot dogs, 2,600 cobs of corn, 17 pounds of butter and 55 pounds of onions.**

**He gave a shout-out to all the sponsors of the event, and the many, many volunteers, for their ongoing support of this appreciation event. Special mention goes to Rob Parker of Bruce Beach who cooks the corn.**

**Following the afternoon of entertainment, the visiting bands formed up along Durham Market North, beside Victoria Park, to join the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band in the traditional Saturday Night Parade through downtown Kincardine. There were about 170 pipers and drummers taking part in the massed band parade.**

**Unfortunately, the rain that had been threatening all day, finally poured down just as the parade was lining up. And for the first time ever, the Saturday Night Parade headed out before 8 p.m. (about 10 minutes early), marching through the heavy rain to Quinn Plaza and then back to the park for a brief concert.**

<https://www.kincardinerecord.com/story.php?id=18732>

Photos and video from the rather wet parade down Kincardine's main street! The rain however did not dampen the spirits of the performers or the many hundreds of spectators.



If you click on the following link you will be able to see many of the IPB pipers and drummers as they made their way along Queen Street. <https://youtu.be/tTdtUdm55Z8>

Some special thank you notes to –

**Wendy Marshall** – our VP on the Executive Board for arranging the bus transportation

**Nancy Matthews** – our Attendance /Welfare assistant for getting all the goodies to eat on the bus both coming and going

**Doug Collins** – our Pipe Major for getting this “motley crew” of pipers and drummers ready for the Kincardine Circle

And last but not least, **Brian Fry**, one of the key organizers of the Gathering of the Bands who extends an invitation to Ingersoll each year!



## **“Good for The Soll” Ingersoll’s Music Festival August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*“On Saturday, August 23rd, Ingersoll’s Memorial Park was packed with enthusiastic festivalgoers as Good for the Soll returned for its second year. With ideal weather and a strong sense of community in the air, over 4,000 people showed up to enjoy a night of live music, local food, and hometown pride. Fans could be seen proudly sporting band tees and merch, ready to cheer on this year’s incredible lineup.*

*The free event started at 5 p.m. and wrapped up just after 11 p.m., featuring food trucks and vendors from across Oxford County. Festival founder Jay Panaseiko and his team were front and centre, welcoming guests and introducing each act.*

*“Of course, kicking it off we got Miss Conduct, One Way Streets, Charlie Edward, and then at 9:45, we have a legend. You are all in for an absolute treat,” Jay Panaseiko and team announced early in the evening.*

*One surprise of the night was a special performance from the Ingersoll Pipe Band, celebrating their 115th anniversary. .... The 2nd annual Good for the Soll was a huge success. A night full of heart, music, and community spirit. It’s safe to say this festival has become a highlight of the summer in Ingersoll.”*

- Kyrrah Smith, Woodstock Ingersoll Echo Correspondent



**What a wonderful recognition of our 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

Since the bulk of the band was in Kincardine on the same day, we promised the organizer, Jay, that we would have a representative mini band to assist with the opening of this huge concert event. Pipers Mary Ellen Muterer, Jane Muterer, Joanne Muterer and Christina Breen, and, Drummers Jerry Chevrier, Janet Watt and Dave Kincaid played a few tunes for the crowd gathered.

It was a pleasure for the IPB to take part in this amazing event in our town! Congrats, Jay on such a positive experience and outcome for everyone.

**"Bayfest Parade Port Rowan August 31<sup>st</sup>"**



The annual Bayfest Parade is one of our favourite end of summer parade events. As usual, the weather was beautiful. Every year, Port Rowan hosts Bayfest, its annual Labour Day celebration which has been celebrated for more than 30 years. Originally known as Tomato Fest, the name changed to Bayfest in 2001. Bayfest features three days of activities, many for kids, with a fantastic parade Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. and fireworks at night.





Pipers Laurie above and Eric below

The parade awaits – tuning pipes, conversations, and meeting other pipers – Andrew Collins joined us from his summer home nearby to Port Rowan.



Thank you again to Canadian Legion Branch 379 who sponsors our band each year for this event.

## Glencoe Fair September 20th



The Glencoe Agricultural Society annually hosts the fall fair for Glencoe and the surrounding community. It is an event that dates to the mid-nineteenth century when each township had their own fairs which then united in the 1870's into a common fair held in Glencoe. Today the fair is always the third full weekend following Labour Day.

The last time that the Ingersoll Pipe Band appeared at the Glencoe Fair was September of 2019 so it was fun to return to this bustling well attended parade once again.

Thanks to Piper Mary Ellen Mutterer for taking over the "PM" duties at the parade and to Piper Steve Shepherd for taking charge as our tuner.



Next year Glencoe Agricultural Society will host its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade! Let's hope we get an invitation!



The London Firefighters Pipe Band also took part so we had a chance to visit with our neighbouring pipers and drummers.

## Woodstock Art Gallery September 20<sup>th</sup>

Once again, an IPB mini band was invited to entertain the many patrons attending the “Taste of Art” evening at the Woodstock Art Gallery. We played outside of the gallery as the guests arrived.



Our mini band was composed of Pipe Sergeant Charle, Drummers – DS Lisa, Dave, Jerry, Tammi, Heidi, and Winston, and Pipers – Mary Ellen, Steve, John, Ron and Veronica.



Pictured above in the centre of the bottom row, we have pics of some special guests who attended our mini concert – The Thomson Clan – Charlie’s sister-in-law, Helen, all the way from Scotland on the left beside Charlie’s wife, June; Charlie’s daughter Heather, and his granddaughter Isla.

## Taste of Art returns to the Friendly City



A silent auction attracted eager bidders throughout the evening.

A night of flavor, fun and artistry unfolded at the Woodstock Art Gallery on Saturday, Sept. 20, as Taste of Art returned for its 10th anniversary celebration. Hundreds of guests filled the Gallery from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., sampling mouthwatering dishes, sipping craft beverages, and enjoying live music in support of the Gallery’s fundraising goal—a new acquisition by acclaimed artist Shelley Niro. The evening kicked off with the stirring sounds of the Ingersoll Pipe Band before guests mingled among tasting stations. From wine-and-cheese pairings to rum tastings and seafood demos, the night offered something for every palate. Attendees also joined forces on an interactive community art piece, leaving their creative mark on the Gallery itself.

Laughter and music filled the air as Jack Redman Music and The Wright Stuff took to the stage. Guests paused for snapshots at the Petals 2 Posh photo booth before browsing the silent auction, where local businesses and artisans offered everything from branded goods to one-of-a-kind handmade treasures. The star attraction of the auction, a pair of battery chairs and a side table valued at over \$700 from Maglin Site Furniture, helped raise funds for the Gallery’s ambitious acquisition project. With semi-formal attire in emerald green, black, and metallics adding sparkle to the night, the community came together not only to celebrate a decade of success but to invest in the future of art in Oxford County. (RON YUZARK PHOTOS)

## Final News from Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>

While the IPB was in Glencoe marching down the Fair parade route, Piper John Lynes was in Woodstock piping at another very important event, the annual HIKE FOR HOSPICE. Participants of the 23rd Annual Hike for Hospice set off along the trail at Roth Park, led by the sound of John's bagpipes. The event brought together families, friends, and even four-legged companions to raise funds directly supporting VON Sakura House.



“The event not only brought comfort and remembrance through a touching Tribute Ceremony but also achieved and exceeded its fundraising goal of \$100,000 in support of VON Sakura House. Hikers of all ages took part in the 1 km, 5 km, and 8 km routes, walking in memory of loved ones and in solidarity with the families currently receiving care. Following the hike, participants enjoyed a BBQ lunch, celebrating the community spirit that has defined the event for more than two decades.” Photos & Story by Ron Yuzark. The rest of this news story can be read at the following link -

<https://www.granthaven.com/files/ugd/a53e8e6db339bb4b5745cb988b5fc654dfc741.pdf>

A promotional poster for the 'Doors Open London' event. The poster features the London Heritage Council logo and text: 'London Heritage Council Presents: Doors Open London Sights, Sounds, & Stories that Make Our City'. It includes an illustration of an open book with various symbols above it. The event is scheduled for September 20, 2025, with military music concerts at 11:30am and 2:30pm, and interactive activities from noon to 2pm. Self-guided tours are available all day. Logos for 'DO DOORS OPEN LONDON', 'Canada', 'canada life', and 'London' are at the bottom.

Travelling back to Ingersoll from Glencoe via London, Piper Veronica Jackson decided to go to the **Doors Open London Event** at Wolseley Barracks. Tim Bertram, a re-enactment enthusiast, had sent out a message earlier in the summer asking for pipers and drummers to assist by providing music for the re-enactment soldiers who were taking part in the day's activities at the barracks. The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum was holding its annual open house. The Museum was excited to take part in Doors Open London organized by London Heritage Council. It wanted visitors “to learn about Canada’s military history through self-guided tours and interactive, family-friendly activities”. Self-guided tours were held and family activities and military music was highlighted.

## Battle of Britain Ceremony Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>



Members and Executives of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #119 held a Memorial Service on Sunday for the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Councillor Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence, Councillor Mike Bowman, Mayor Brian Petrie, and MPP Ernie Hardeman were in attendance. The Padre for the Legion, Rev'd Marty Keatings, took part in the service as well. The Battle of Britain was a crucial conflict during the Second World War, where Canadian pilots played a significant role in defending the United Kingdom against the German Luftwaffe. This battle, fought from July to October 1940, marked the first major defeat of Nazi military forces. The bravery and skill of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) pilots were instrumental in securing victory, showcasing Canada's vital contribution to the Allied war effort.



IPB Members attending included Pipers – PM Doug, P Sgt Charlie, Mary Ellen, Joanne, Angus, John, Don, Veronica, and Drummers D Sgt Lisa, Winston, Tammi, Adam, Jerry, and Kevin. The Salvation Army Band also took part in the service.

## Tavistock - September 29<sup>th</sup>



The IPB have accepted an engagement to play at the Maples Nursing and Retirement Home in Tavistock for their 50th Anniversary celebration.

The Maples hosts:

### Caressant Care 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



The Maples is proud to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Caressant Care! Join us on Monday, September 29 at 2pm for a celebration featuring the Ingersoll Pipe Band! Cake and refreshments will be served at the Maples following the performance. Help us celebrate this incredible milestone in senior care in Ontario!

**Event Highlights:**  
Ingersoll Pipe Band  
Cake & Refreshments  
Entertainment for All!

Monday, September 29, 2025

The Maples Home For Seniors  
(94 William St S, Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0)

We accepted their invitation and a mini band arrived to entertain residents and guests at the party.



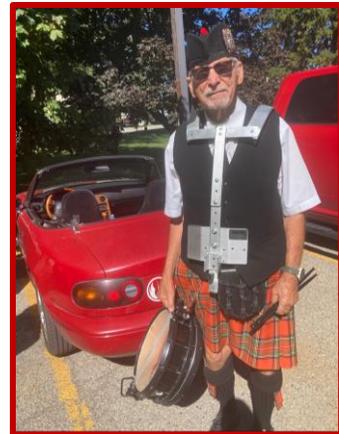
Our mini band gathered outside of The Maples main entrance. There was a very enthusiastic reception.



L to R - Pipers Charlie, Veronica, Lois, Ron, Don and chauffeur/supporter Larry



L to R - Drummers Doug T, Tammi, Kevin, Winston



Another snare drummer – Jerry!

There were several presentations to the owners, and workers of The Maples by Oxford's elected politicians – the MP Arpan Khanna, MPP Ernie Hardeman, and Deputy Mayor of East Zorra-Tavistock, Brad Smith





The Maples in Tavistock is just one of several properties owned by Caressant Care. Caressant Care was founded in 1975 with a single long term care home in Woodstock, Ontario. Nearly 50 years later, the company has grown to 15 long term care homes and 10 adjoined retirement homes, serving over 1,500 residents.

After our concert, we were invited to join the residents and other guests to enjoy a delicious piece of cake and beverages. A lovely way to spend a sunny September afternoon!



## October 18<sup>th</sup> Founder's Festival Tillsonburg

**FOUNDER'S Festival**  
OCTOBER 18, 2025 | TILLSONBURG, ON

*Come celebrate with us!*  
Enjoy a full day of family fun celebrating the settlement that became the Town of Tillsonburg

**MEMORIAL PARK 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Opening Ceremonies**  
with Ingersoll Pipe Band (45 minute performance)

**Great Canadian Lumberjack Show**  
3 Shows | 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM & 4:00 PM

**Pioneer Experience Zone**

- Petting Zoo
- Wagon Rides
- Pottery, Woodworking & Forging Demonstrations
- Sapling Giveaway

**Market**

- 35 Vendors; 7 Food Trucks; 3 Authors

**PLUS these special events...**

**Scouts Pancake Breakfast**  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Lions Auditorium | 45 Hardy Ave.

**Commemorative Tree Planting**  
10:30 AM  
Annandale NHS | 30 Tillsonburg Ave.

**Fireworks in Memorial Park**  
Dusk (approx. 7:30 PM)

Visit [www.tillsonburg.ca/foundersfest](http://www.tillsonburg.ca/foundersfest) for details

The Founder's Festival in Tillsonburg celebrated the town's 200th anniversary, honoring its founder, George Tillson, and the history of settlement that began in 1825. The event featured family-friendly activities, historical experiences, and entertainment to bring the town's story to life.

- **200th Anniversary:** The festival celebrated the 200th birthday of the founding of Tillsonburg, which was originally called Dereham Forge.
- **Founder's Legacy:** It honored the vision and spirit of George Tillson, who cleared the land to build the first forge in 1825.
- **Community and History:** The festival brought the community together to celebrate its rich heritage through a day of historical experiences, entertainment, and local vendors.

The Ingersoll Pipe Band was invited to the official opening ceremony of the Founder's Festival. There were several speakers representing the Town of Tillsonburg, The Tillsonburg Historical Society, representatives of the Founder's Festival organizing committee, and other levels of government. Before our concert, it was explained to the audience the connection between bagpipes and the family business. The Tillson Pan Dried Oats packaging featured a Scottish piper!

### **Business Ventures of E.D. Tillson**

The son of George Tillson, Edwin Delevan Tillson began his business career in Tillsonburg in 1846 when he formed a partnership with Wright Barker and Charles Cody to construct a sawmill on Clear Creek. Through this venture, E.D. Tillson was able to acquire enough capital to build a second sawmill, and later was able to buy his father's mills and water-rights. By the 1860s, he was operating a sawmill, a grist mill, a planing mill, a sash-and-door factory, and even a store. Beginning in 1865, he expanded his operations to include an oat-mill and flour mill, and adopted new technological advances in milling, which included a shift from millstones to rollers.

Tillson's most well-known business endeavor was the development and marketing of the patented Tillson Pan-Dried Oats. Following a bout with typhoid, it was said a doctor recommended that he eat oatmeal after his recovery. However, as the food staple wasn't available locally, Tillson took it upon himself to build his own mill. Constructed in 1873, the mill produced 125 barrels of rolled oatmeal per day using traditional methods. Following a fire in 1878, the mill was replaced with a larger structure which incorporated Tillson's patented method of dry kiln-preparation, which greatly improved the processing and, more importantly, the taste of the oatmeal.

Tillson's Pan-Dried Oats soon became the number one cereal in Canada and led to Tillsonburg being nicknamed "the Pan-Dried Town". In addition, Tillson's oats were soon internationally known with barrels of oatmeal being shipped to countries in Europe and South America, and even as far as South Africa. Due to its popularity, the mill would often run 24 hour shifts to meet the demands and is said to have produced upwards of 200 barrels a day. A large advertisement and marketing scheme also helped to ensure the product's popularity.





After our performance we were all invited back to Jack and Barb Habkirk's home which is situated about a two minute walk from Memorial Park where the Founder's Festival was held. After all that piping and drumming, we had all worked up an appetite and The Habkirks provided us with a delicious lunch. Barb had prepared enough chili to feed a small army so there was plenty to go around. Refreshments and dessert rounded off the menu! Thank you so much, Barb and Jack, for inviting us.



*The Habkirks*



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*Delicious Chili*

## Our Ceilidh October 25<sup>th</sup>

### Ceilidh Night Delivers Music, Merriment, and a Dash of Scottish Flair

*“Ingersoll was buzzing with Celtic spirit on Saturday, October 25th, as the third annual Ceilidh transformed the Pipe Band Hall into a hub of highland fun. From 7:00 to 10:30 p.m., 108 Wonham Street South played host to a crowd ready to stomp, sing, and celebrate. The evening kicked off with dazzling footwork from the Sim School of Highland Dance. Then The Ingersoll Pipe Band Ladies brought the house down with their rousing pipes and drums followed by toe-tapping tunes from The Paddy Stones. Guests didn’t just watch—they danced! Scottish Country dancing sessions, led by spirited local volunteers, had everyone moving. Between sets, attendees enjoyed a light lunch, sipped from the cash bar, and browsed a silent auction packed with tempting treasures. With laughter, music, and community spirit filling the air, the Ceilidh proved once again why it’s a fall favorite in Ingersoll.”* – written by Ron Yuzark, photojournalist for The Woodstock Ingersoll Echo and was posted on Ron’s Facebook page along with the following photos below. Ron did a great job in capturing the essence of this Celtic party!



This was our third annual Ceilidh and it was a great success just as the first two were in 2023, 2024. Our guests and members agreed that it was a great evening of fun, food and friends. Committee Members in charge this year were – Doug Collins, Nancy Matthews, Jim Armstrong, Tammi Minogue, Winston Kooistra, Mary Ellen Mutterer, and Veronica Jackson.

**Top Ten Highlights of the Evening** - 1) Our entertainers, The Paddy Stones (Rick and Dan) - the duo was amazing as usual and our patrons enjoyed singing along with many a tune; 2) Food and Drink -The lunch provided by Mary Ellen and her chef assistants (Joanne and Jane) was delicious – pulled pork, potato salad, baked beans, kale salad, dinner rolls and dessert squares were all top notch; as for “the drink” a wonderfully run bar was provided by our Canteen Manager, Jim Armstrong and his support team – Kevin, Adam and Tammi; 3) the Ladies Mini Pipe Band that performed a few tunes was fantastic! (your Editor is completely unbiased); #4 Sherry Sim<sup>23</sup> dancers from Sim School of Highland Dance were once again outstanding and displayed their dance skills with several different styles of Celtic dancing;

#5 The Scottish Country Dancing was enjoyed by both amateurs and experienced dancers alike. Thanks to our coaches, Alan and Diane Normand, who passed on excellent instructions to our IPB dancers who were then able to lead the dances in fine style. Also to Pipers Don, Jim and Doug C who played the tunes and Doug T who was our caller; #7 Our Silent Auction was a great success and thanks to our on site organizer, Wendy Marshall, the bids and distribution of items was efficient and resulted in a very positive atmosphere for both bidders and successful winners. We really appreciated the support of IPB Members Nancy, Tammi, Veronica, Ian and Heidi with running this event . Also a special thank you to all our members, family and friends who donated items to the silent auction. Without their support none of this would have been made possible; a shout out to Christina Breen who provided special lighting for the silent auction area; #8 Our Master of Ceremonies, Pipe Major Doug Collins, once again did an admirable job of moving the evening's program of events along; #9 The hall décor was very welcoming and colourful – thanks to all our volunteers who assisted with set up especially the Committee Organizers; #10 – Our Pipe Band membership for all the support you gave to this event – set up, clean up, doing dishes, and being available all night long to pitch in and assist wherever needed. You lads and lassies were amazing. John Lynes did a great job as our roving “in house” photographer and many of the photos that are on these pages were taken by John. Also thanks to my family members for submitting photos.



**Additional Photos of Members, Guests and Entertainers**





According to “Google AI” this is what happens at a Ceilidh –

- **Music:** The night is filled with the sounds of Scottish folk music, often led by fiddles or the distinctive skirl of the bagpipes.
- **Dancing:** Attendees participate in traditional group dances like the eightsome reel, where people clap, spin, and move in time with the music.
- **Community:** It's a social event where people come together to celebrate. The atmosphere is often described as joyful and energetic.
- **Traditional elements:** Sometimes, a wee dram of whisky is enjoyed, reflecting a key part of Scottish culture and hospitality.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Ceilidh at the IPB hall definitely met all the criteria!**



## Around The Band Hall and Members' News

### TREATS

In September, Lois Turvey sent me an email with an interesting story . This is what she wrote –

*"Hi Veronica,  
I am forwarding some pictures that you may want to use for your next newsletter - I know you will be crying for material! :)*

*Our neighbour, Sharon, works for Mars Canada. Mars had what they called "Purpose Day", where they put together small gift boxes and asked employees to present them to someone who "inspires moments of everyday happiness". This happened just after our 115th Anniversary Tattoo, and Sharon thought we deserved this gift because we inspired and gave happiness to so many people, not just that day, but every time we perform.*

*We will bring Sharon's gift to the band hall on Thursday night." Lois*

So indeed, Lois and Doug did bring the goodie box to the band hall and needless to say the treats all quickly disappeared! Thanks Sharon, for thinking about the IPB and your neighbours!

**On behalf of the Mars Wrigley Canada team based out of Bolton, Ontario, we put this package together to thank you for Inspiring Moments of Everyday Happiness and making our community brighter!**

All treats are pre-packaged. Please enjoy responsibly and check ingredients if you have allergies.

In the event you wish to calculate an exact amount, please remember to use #CHedeythePW@EgleyCanada



### FOR SALE

At the recent silent auction, one of the items that went up for sale was a flask that had belonged to a former long time member, Wilson McBeath, who was in the band from 1937 to 2019 when he passed away. At one point, Wilson could be seen driving around town in a very sporty 1979 Midget.

When he decided to retire from driving his MG, he sold it to Past pipe Major Jack Habkirk. Jack bombed around Tillsonburg in this fun little car and now he has decided to take a step back and put it up for sale.

Jack wrote to your editor and said –  
*"Another one of Wilson McBeath's former possessions is up for sale. The 1979 MG Midget is ready to go. Would you please put it in the newsletter?"*

So here are some photos of the beloved MG and who knows, maybe someone within the IPB will purchase it and it will stay in the family!



Wilson with the car at the Embro Games 2015

## **The London Fire Fighters Pipe Band – Champions!**

While most of us were in Kincardine having a very fun day, for some of our members it was a very long, competitive day! With one competition remaining from the PPBSO's schedule to determine individual and band champions from an entire spring and summer's roster of events, three of our IPB members headed to Almonte to compete at the North Lanark Highland Games. As mentioned in previous editions of this newsletter, we have some pipers and drummers who enjoy the thrill of competition and they belong to various other bands as well as being IPBers. Those who are members of the LFFPB include – Pipers – Jim Armstrong, Doug Collins, Eric Hobden, and Drummers – Lisa McPherson and Aly Banasazak- Brown. Tenor Drummer, Graham Carroll, who has a close relationship with Ingersoll, is also a competition player with London. Dave Kincaid bolsters both bands when we need help!

The great news is that the LFFPB placed second in Almonte and had enough accumulated points to win the Overall BEST Band in the Grade 5 Competition for 2025! Amazing news and congrats to all the members of the London Fire Fighters Pipe Band.



**Pictured above in Almonte - Eric, Aly, Jim and Graham**



## The London Police Pipes and Drums in Ottawa September 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>

*“On Saturday September 27th and Sunday September 28th, 19 members of the London Police Pipes & Drums (LPP&D) proudly accompanied members of the London Police Service to the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial in Ottawa. It was a fantastic weekend weather wise and a great weekend to remember those Police and Peace Officers who have sacrificed their lives in the service of others. Thankyou to the London Police Service and London Police Association for including our members in this solemn ceremony.” – Pipe Major Scott Shaw (London Police Pipes and Drums)*



Members of the Ingersoll Pipe Band who made the Ottawa Trip included Pipers – Steve Shepherd, Nancy Matthews, Laurie Marson, Veronica Jackson and Drummers Harold Matthews and Neil White

Several of these parades we have completed at “press time”!

So far the IPB has piped and drummed in Ingersoll (twice – once for the parade and once for the Lighting of the Lights ceremony downtown); Woodstock; Aylmer, and we have the following to go to – Port Stanley, Springfield, Belmont, and Innerkip.

Additionally, some of our members pipe with the “Scots O’Mocha” Shrine Pipe Band and this group will be at West Lorne, Parkhill and Straffordville.

There will be coverage of all our events in the year end newsletter.

The Woodstock, and Ingersoll parades are rebroadcast frequently on Rogers Cable TV or can be accessed through the company’s website Links are listed below for YouTube.



# 2025 SANTA CLAUS PARADES

<b>FRI NOV 14</b> CHATHAM - 6:30 PM GLENCOE - 7 PM	<b>FRI DEC 5</b> BLENHEIM - 7 PM CLINTON - 7 PM
<b>FRI NOV 21</b> ST. MARY'S - 7:00 PM	<b>SAT DEC 6</b> ARGYLE (LONDON) - 11 AM NORWICH - 11 AM SPRINGFIELD - 1 PM DUTTON - 5:30 PM PORT BURWELL - 6 PM LUCAN - 6 PM EMBRO - 6:30 PM THEDFORD - 6:30 PM
<b>SAT NOV 15</b> INGERSOLL - 11 AM BAYFIELD - 11 AM WALLACEBURG - 5:30 PM EXETER - 6 PM LONDON - 6 PM WOODSTOCK - 6PM TILLSONBURG - 6 PM POPLAR HILL & COLDSTREAM - 6:30 PM	<b>SUN DEC 7</b> FINGAL - 2 PM STRATFORD - 5 PM BELMONT - 6 PM
<b>SAT NOV 22</b> HYDE PARK - 10 AM STRATHROY - 1 PM AYLMER - 2 PM ST. THOMAS - 6 PM GODERICH 7:15 PM	<b>FRI DEC 12</b> THORNDALE - 7 PM
<b>FRI NOV 28</b> PORT STANLEY - 7 PM TILBURY - 7 PM	<b>SAT DEC 13</b> STRAFFORDVILLE - 10:30 AM ILDERTON - 5 PM INNERKIP - 6 PM
<b>SAT NOV 29</b> WINGHAM - 11 AM LISTOWEL - 5 PM GRANDBEND - 6:30 PM WEST LORNE - 6 PM OTTERVILLE - 6 PM FOREST - 7 PM	<b>SAT DEC 20</b> MOUNT ELGIN - 6 PM BURGESSVILLE - 7 PM
<b>SUN NOV 30</b> PARKHILL - 5:30 PM	<b>SUN DEC 21</b> THAMESFORD - 6 PM
	<b>TUES DEC 24</b> DORCHESTER - TBD

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### Woodstock Santa Claus Parade Broadcast Schedule on Rogers TV Cable 13

- Saturday, November 23 at 5pm
- Sunday, November 24 at 4pm and 8pm
- Monday, November 25 at 5pm
- Wednesday, November 27 at 5pm
- Friday, November 29 at 5pm
- Saturday, November 30 at 10pm
- Sunday, December 1 at 4pm

### Ingersoll Rotary Christmas Parade Broadcast Schedule on Rogers TV Cable 13

- Saturday, November 23 at 4pm
- Sunday, November 24 at 5pm and 7pm
- Tuesday, November 26 at 5pm
- Wednesday, November 27 at 9pm
- Thursday, November 28 at 5pm
- Saturday, November 30 at 4pm
- Sunday, December 1 at 8pm

Additional air times are also available on our Rogers TV Woodstock website at rogerstv.com under Schedule.