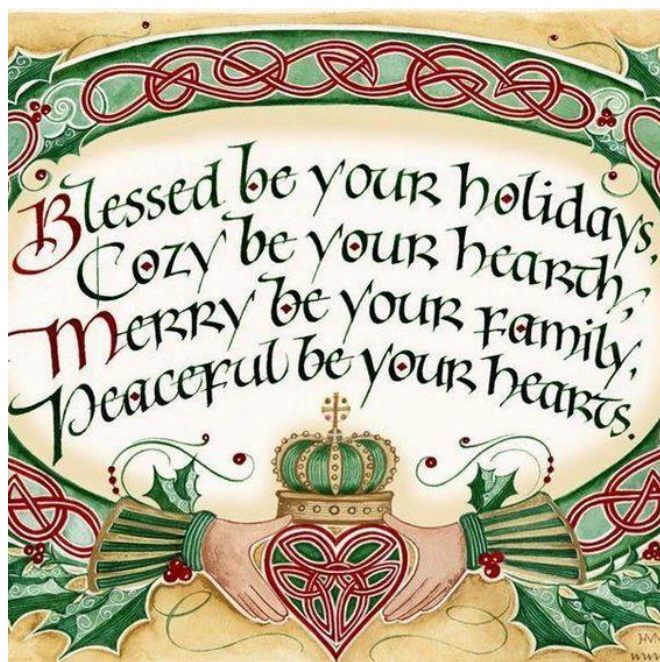


Ingersoll Pipe Band



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Celebrating 112 Years



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I am happy to report that the IPB successfully completed a busy schedule over the last two months of 2022. November began with Remembrance Day services and ceremonies and then the band progressed through the rest of the month into December to participate in Santa Claus parades, and Lighting of the Lights events.

Our members turned up whenever their own busy schedules and weather conditions allowed them to take part. These many events occurred not just in our home town but also across many communities in south western Ontario.

This newsletter will try to capture the pride and fun we had in representing our band and Ingersoll. I would like to thank all of our band contributors who sent photos and stories about the various happenings that they were involved in during this time. I look forward to receiving their submissions and including them here for others to enjoy reading.

Keep that in mind over the holiday break and save up your photos to send along for our first edition of 2023.

Your Editor – *Veronica*



Remembrance Day Friday November 11th

Pipe band members, Royal Canadian Legion members and veterans, Fire Department members, Town Officials, and Army Cadets assembled on Oxford St. by the Town Hall and proceeded from there south on Oxford to Ann Street. Here the group marched east to the corner of Ann and Thames St. S where the Remembrance Day commemoration moved into First Baptist Church for a church service. The service was organized by the Ingersoll and District Inter Ministerial Association. Following the service the band piped and drummed the parade members back to the Town Hall Square to the cenotaph for the Remembrance Day service conducted by Legion and Town officials.

Thankfully the rain held off for most of the outdoor service and we were able to support the legion in this very important annual event.



More Remembrance Day Moments



Some of our pipers and drummers participated in Remembrance Day observances at other locations. Pipe Sergeant Charlie and Drum Sergeant Lisa were at Royal Roads Public School; Piper Claude Roach played *The Lament* in Woodstock at Cedarview Retirement Residence; Piper Don was busy in Belmont taking part in that community's program, and, Piper Veronica played *The Lament* at Secord Trails Care Community residence.



Remembrance Day Thoughts



Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed in Canada since the end of the First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. I have always worn a poppy, but for the past two years I have also lined my walkway with poppies. I thought I would share a picture.

Every year I attend a Remembrance observation at a Cenotaph. I find it very meaningful. Both my Grandfathers were in the first World War. My paternal Grandfather enlisted at the London Armories having lied about his age when he was 14 years old. My Father was in the Second World War. My Uncle was also in the Second World War, but did not make it back to Canada. He died during the War and is buried in England. I have visited his Grave.

During a river cruise to France, Catherine and I were fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the First World War Vimy War Memorial and the Juno Beach Centre where Canadian Troops landed on D Day in the Second World War. I wish that every Canadian could have these experiences.

Doug Glover 2022



A Hero Lived Here

The Oxford County Library and the Ingersoll Agricultural and Cheese Museum took part this year in a program called "A Hero Lived Here". Four of the heroes profiled in this year's project include four distinguished past members of the Ingersoll Pipe Band. These include: Joseph Balfour, Gordon Cline, Mike Hominick and Arthur Presswell. If you click on the link below you will be able to read their mini biographies and their contributions to their community and country.

Next year they will include additional IPB members who served in the armed forces.

<https://history.ocl.net/.../Ingersolls.../A-Hero-Lived-Here>

A Hero Lived Here
Postcard Campaign

Oxford County Library and Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum have collaborated to keep the names and memory of Ingersoll service people alive. War veteran addresses have been researched and unique postcards have been created that share the name and story of an Ingersoll soldier who lived there - many of whom never returned home.

Watch your mailbox around Remembrance Day and get in touch if you receive a postcard by emailing Oxford County Library: localhistory@ocl.net or by leaving a comment on the Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum Facebook Page.

Oxford County Library Ingersoll Agricultural Museum



Alexandra Hospital News

Alexandra Hospital Foundation *Tree of Lights Ceremony*

Sunday, November 13, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this "in person" event outside the Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll for the lighting ceremony. A great family event!

Every \$10 Donation Lights Up A Bulb!

Lights may be lit "In Memory Of..." or "In Honour Of..." Loved Ones

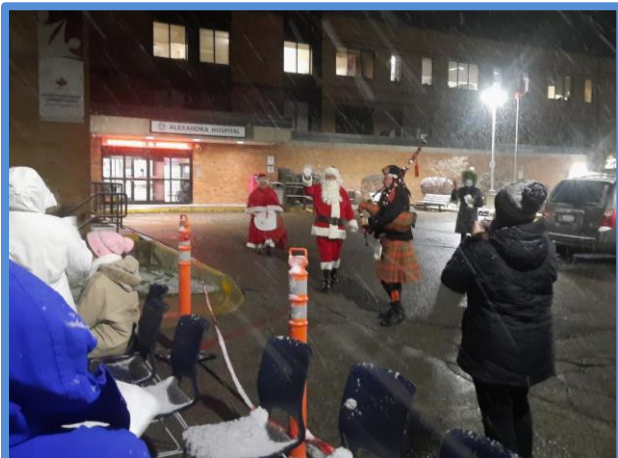
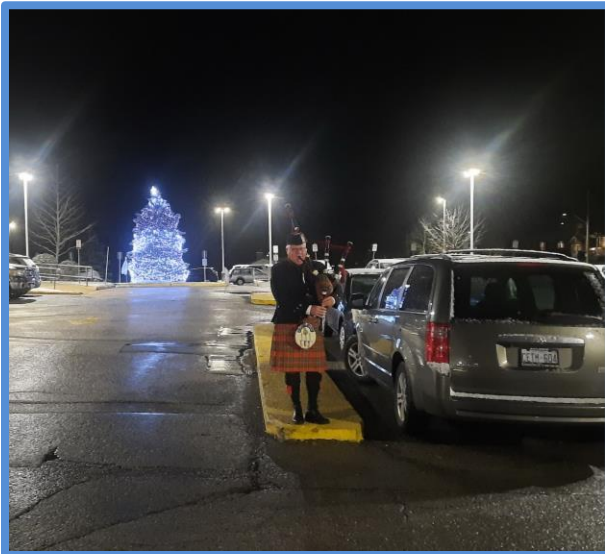
Canon Griffin Memorial Tree
\$50 "In Memory Of..." Bulbs Available

\$1,000 Stars Available

To Make An Online Tree of Lights Donation Go To
www.alexandrahospital.on.ca



Pipe Major Doug Collins took part in the Tree of Lights Ceremony on a very cold blustery Sunday evening at Alexandra Hospital.



[Alexandra Hospital Foundation Facebook Page](#)

On Sunday we had a lovely snowy kick-off ceremony to light the Tree of Lights! We were honoured to have Doug Collins from the [Ingersoll Pipe Band](#) join us and play Amazing Grace with the memory tree in the background. It is not too late to light a bulb in memory of or honour of a loved one. Click this link <https://bit.ly/3zXHjVq> to donate. All proceeds from this event will support the purchase of new medical equipment for Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll!



Ingersoll Santa Claus Parade November 19th



And Away We Go - First Santa Claus Parade of the 2022 Season for IPB

Saturday, November 19th - 11:00am

This year's theme: 'Favourite Holiday Traditions'

The first Santa Claus parade of the season was held in our home town and the crowds turned out in large numbers for the big event.

The parade was recorded by Rogers TV Cable out of Woodstock. If you didn't get a chance to see it in person you can either watch it on TV on Channel 13 if you are a Rogers' subscriber; or, you can click on the link below:

<https://www.rogerstv.com/show?lid=12&rid=15&sid=6598&qid=627889>

Ted Comiskey and his wife Sherry were the hosts and commentators of the parade.



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Sun, Dec 18	11:00 AM
Tue, Dec 20	7:00 PM
Wed, Dec 21	6:00 PM
Fri, Dec 23	9:00 AM 8:00 PM
Sat, Dec 24	10:00 AM 1:00 PM 3:30 PM

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Ingersoll Rotary Santa Claus Parade

Full coverage of the 2022 Ingersoll Rotary Club Christmas Parade

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Ingersoll Rotary Santa Claus Parade

Celebrate the holiday season with full coverage of the Ingersoll Rotary Club Christmas Parade.

Waiting in the Fire Hall for the Parade to Begin



Lots of smiles from pipers and drummers alike!

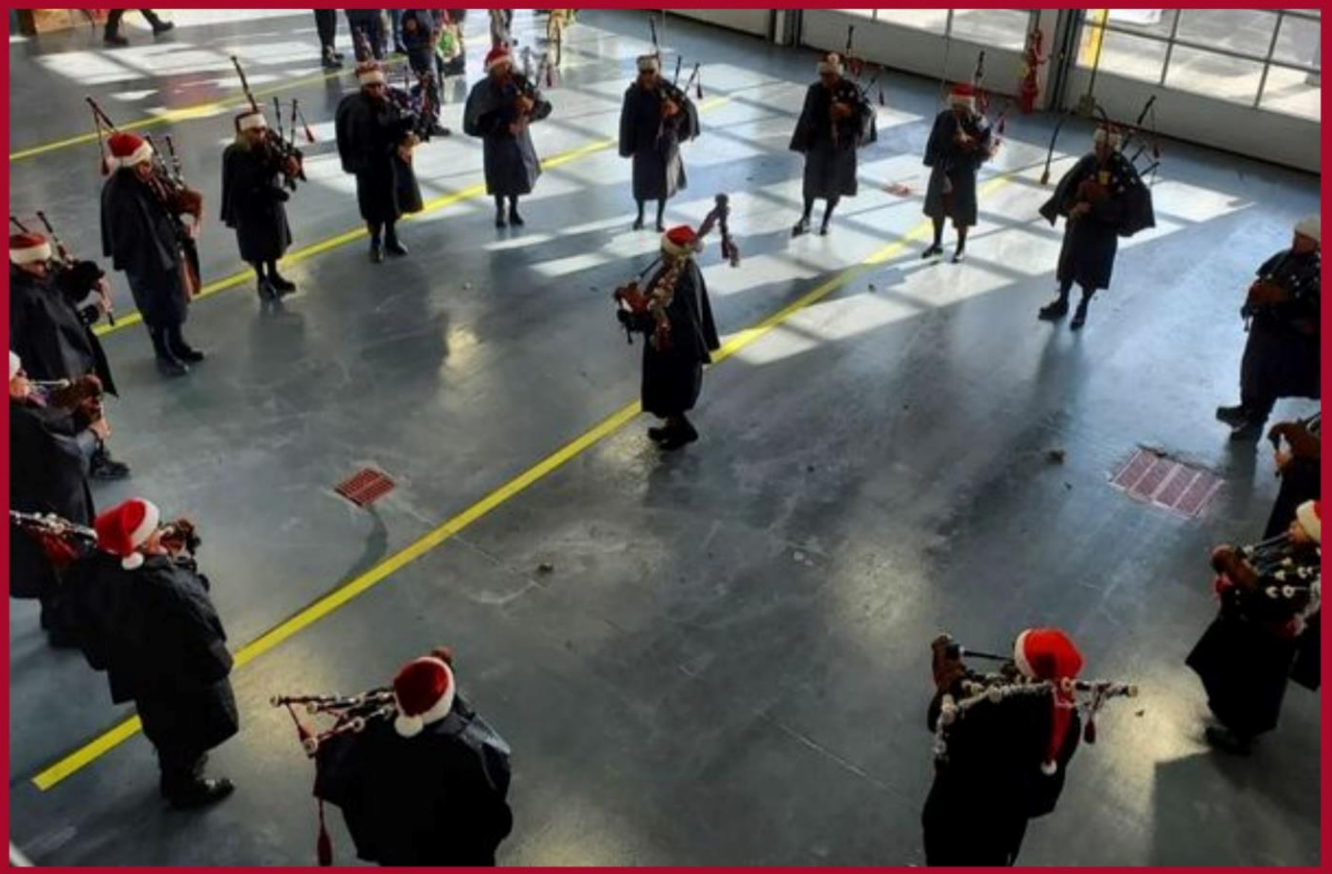


Pipers Lee and Bonnie-Heather are posing with PM Doug C – their first winter parade. “Oh what fun ...”



**Six drummers drumming and 1 piper (far right)!
Welcome back Drummer Freya (far left) from college!**





Top Right – Train Engineer Randy (retired Deputy Chief Paramedics from Brantford) and your editor, Veronica; Top Left- Drummer Aly decorating her snare drum; Bottom – Overhead photo shot from the catwalk in the fire station



Scottish Pipe Band Sustenance – Flasks of various shapes and designs; perfect for Nov. parades

Marching Down Thames St. S



From Facebook – The Rotary Club of Ingersoll

25th Annual Ingersoll Rotary Christmas Parade (2022)

Thank you to the talented Trish Roberts from Custom Concept Photography for the great photos!

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=IngersollRotary&set=a.507569618070362>

211 photos available to see the parade that followed us!

HÓ HÓ HÓ!

On Parade in Ingersoll



**On the home stretch, on Wellington St. heading towards Victoria Park Community Centre
(picture taken by John Rimington, Freya's Dad)**



Tillsonburg Santa Claus Parade

The afternoon of November 19th found us dashing from Ingersoll to Tillsonburg to participate in this town's annual festive parade.



By the time we set off at 2 pm it was becoming increasingly damp, cold and windy

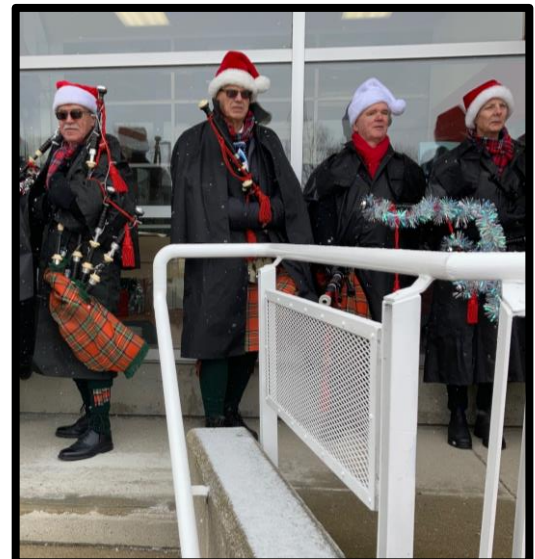
Some of our piping/drumming personnel from the Ingersoll parade were replaced with members who had not been available for the morning. The good news was that we still had a very sizeable number of participants to go on parade.



Drummers Freya and G Harold looking eager to head out



Trying to stay out of the wind behind the post office



Memories of Tillsonburg Santa Claus Parade 2022



Tillsonburg Santa Claus Parade

Santa Claus made a special trip to Tillsonburg right before Christmas, so they decided to throw him this special parade. Who knows who else showed up? We heard the Grinch was also in town.

Schedule on Rogers Cable 13 Fri, Dec 16 10:00 AM Sat, Dec 17 7:30 PM
Mon, Dec 19 8:30 PM Tues Dec 20 7:30 PM Fri, Dec 23 10:00 AM & 10:00 PM
Sat, Dec 24 9:00 AM 5:00 PM & 7:40 PM

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On Parade in Tillsonburg on Broadway Street and Glendale Drive

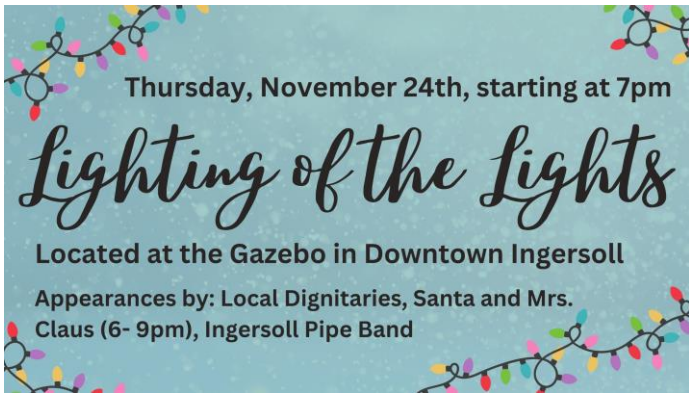


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Lighting of the Lights Ingersoll November 24th



We joined the Ingersoll Downtown BIA for the Lighting of the Lights ceremony at the Heritage Park Gazebo on Thursday, November 24 at 7:00 PM in downtown Ingersoll. 🌲 ✨

We marched down Thames St. S to the Gazebo where Mayor Brian Petrie, Santa & Mrs. Claus, and other special guests were waiting to welcome us.

We watched as the switch was flipped to turn on the fantastic light display on the tree at the Gazebo, and then we played a few more Christmas tunes before returning to the corner of Charles St. and Thames St.

The stores remained open until 10 pm with most of them offering terrific Christmas shopping specials.



Woodstock BIA Festivities



IPB Members were invited to play a few Christmas tunes at the Museum Square in Downtown Woodstock. We entertained the folks and especially children waiting to visit Santa in his house, and those who were waiting to take a horse drawn ride. On Friday December 2nd, PM Doug and Veronica played around the dinner hour for an hour. Just a might windy and nippy but everyone was in good spirits!



Aylmer Santa Claus Parade – November 26th



The IPB hadn't participated in the town of Aylmer's Santa Claus parade since 2019, so we were very happy to return. The weather cooperated – sunny and brisk but not freezing cold; excited children and parents were lined up on both sides of the main street, Talbot St. Pictured below: **Top Row – L to R – Bonnie, Claude, Nancy; Cheryl and PM Doug; Steve and Catherine; Middle Row – L to R – Don, Cheryl, Kelly, Al; Doug T, Winston, Harold, Wendy, Aly; Bottom Row – Ron and Lee; Doug C, Harold, Charlie, Don, Jack, Steve, Angus, Nancy, Cheryl**



After the parade band members were invited back to The Matthews' home for some nourishment prior to parading that same evening in Embro. Nancy prepared three different homemade soups for us to devour and there were fresh tea biscuits provided by Lois. An assortment of other goodies provided plenty of choice. It was a lovely repast and break between our parade gigs. Thanks, Nancy and Harold for your hospitality.



**Top Row – L to R – Aly and Harold; Don and Doug C;
Middle Row – L to R – Catherine, Rosie, Nancy; Aly and Veronica
Bottom Row – Al and Cheryl; Steve (demonstrating how to look “posh” with the Queen’s mug!**



The IPB Family Gathered Around The Table



Chef Nancy



**Gathered around the table:
Bonnie-Heather, Lee, Doug T, Winston,
Claude, Jack, Barb, Steve, Angus**



**Warming up the pipes for Embro once we
were warmed up!**

Embroid Evening Parade November 26th

The evening parade saw the band lose a couple of members from the afternoon parade in Aylmer but we also gained some – welcome aboard Pipers Christina, Liam, Lois, MaryEllen, Joanne and Jane, and, Drum Sgt Lisa McPherson. It was one of our largest groups for all the parades.



Pictured above warming up at Matheson Park before heading out on the parade route. Once again the community really got behind their parade participants and the Lighting of the Lights the same night in Embro. The Embro Zorra Community Centre welcomed Santa and the Grinch after the parade.



More Embro Pics – on the ground & from the air



Night time photos always present a problem but how cool is the top photo taken by a drone!



Piper Catherine Stark's dad, Larry Perry, took a video of us at the Embro parade. If you click on the link below you can see and hear us as we step off at the beginning of the parade. Thanks, Larry and Joanne for cheering us on!

<https://www.facebook.com/IngersollPipeBand/videos/52108853296802/>

Springfield Parade December 3rd



Perhaps this 2022 parade was the windiest parade of all! Thankfully the parade route through this charming little village was not that long, so as we headed into the Westerly winds we knew that by the parades's end, the winds would be blowing us back to the start.



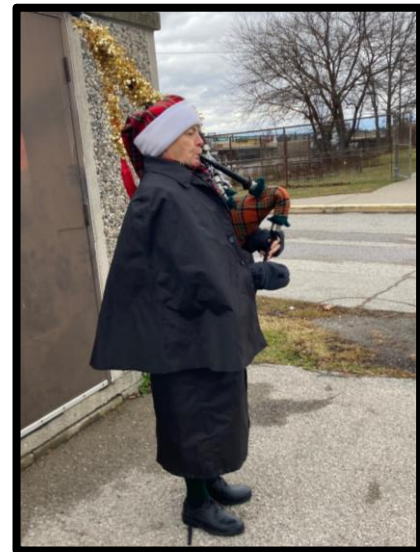
Waiting in the shelter of the school to tune up.



An ominous sky overhead as Jim warms up



Pipe Sergeant Charlie



Nancy looking for shelter as well



Waiting patiently for PM Doug to tune our drones

Oh what fun! Piping & Drumming Santa to his fans!

Malahide is a municipal township in Elgin County in SW Ontario, Canada. Malahide Township was named for Malahide Castle in Malahide, Ireland, birthplace of land grant administrator Colonel Thomas Talbot in 1810. The village of Springfield was incorporated as a separate municipality in 1878. The current municipality was formed in 1998 through an amalgamation of the original Township of Malahide, the former Township of South Dorchester and the former Village of Springfield. The Ontario Police College is located in Malahide, at the site of the former Royal Canadian Air Force Station Aylmer, a training facility. The township comprises the communities of Candyville, Crossley-Hunter, Copenhagen, Dunboyne, Fairview, Glencolin, Grovesend, Jaffa, Kingsmill, Lakeview, Little Aylmer, Luton, Lyons, Mile Corner, Mount Salem, Mount Vernon, Ormond Beach, Orwell, Port Bruce, Seville, **Springfield**, Summers Corners and Waneeta Beach.



Hanging out at the Malahide Fire Hall in Springfield post parade with "the dogs"... hot dogs and Sparky the fire dog! Ron looks like he worked up an appetite on parade. Lois, Doug G, Winston & Don are chillin' while your editor is posing with Sparky.

Destination Woodstock Santa Claus Parade Dec. 4th

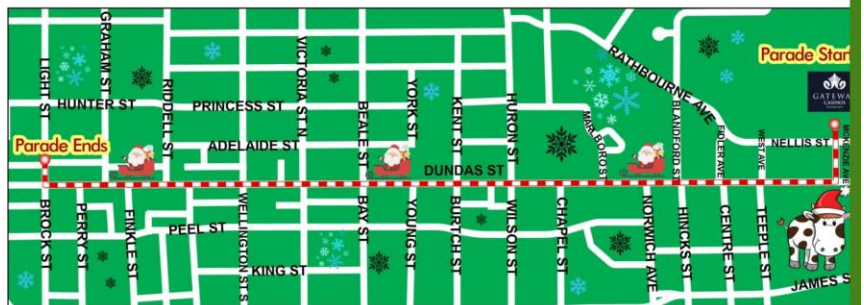


City of Woodstock Christmas Parade



Santa Claus Parade Route

Sunday, December 4th 2022 @ 2pm



It was bright and sunny in the “Friendly City” of Woodstock on parade day. Thanks to Bonnie-Heather for taking some of these photos for our newsletter prior to stepping off. The parade was held on a Sunday so it replicated the one from 2021 but the date for next year is still up for discussion and the organizers are possibly going to go back to a Saturday format.

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Sun, Dec 11	11:00 AM
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Woodstock Santa Claus Parade 2022

Coverage of the 2022 Woodstock Santa Claus Parade

6:00 PM Coverage of the 2022 Woodstock Santa Claus Parade

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Woodstock Santa Claus Parade 2022

If you missed the parade or want to see it again the parade will be shown on several dates on Rogers Cable TV Woodstock or click the link below the photo.

<https://rogerstv.com/show?lid=12&rid=15&sid=6595&gid=628921>



The band stopping for the cameras to play “Jingle Bells /Good King Wenceslas” – a winter parade favourite



Destination Sunday Night December 4th – Belmont

CELEBRATING BELMONT'S

20TH
ANNUAL



Sunday, December 4, 2022
6:00 pm

Parade Route

Starting at 6:00 pm from Belmont Farm Supply proceeding north along Belmont Road and ending at Washburn Street.

Food Collection

Along the parade route, our Volunteer Fireman will be collecting non-perishable goods for an area food bank. *Your support is greatly appreciated.*

Come listen to the music provided by:

Ingersoll Pipe Band, The Mocha Oriental Band, Golden Harp Steel Band, The Tomato Soup Band

Bottle Drop Off:

Saturday, January 7, 2023
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Parking Lot at Balanced Wellness & Country Pizza

Interested in having your own float? Making a Donation?

If you are an organization, business or family who would like to participate in the parade or make a donation, please contact any of the following committee members:

Peggy Cameron • 519-644-0956

Julie DaSilva • 519-644-2681

Leigh Mauer • 519-319-1188

We wish to thank our community for your continued support of our local parade.

Belmont always holds its Santa Claus parade on a Sunday evening and usually it is cold and sometimes very damp. This year it stayed dry and our IPB members who were able to take part in this fun little parade were able to stay warm and toasty inside the Community Centre & Arena prior to stepping off. Thanks, Nancy for taking some pics for us including the selfie!



The Final Santa Claus Parade – Sat. Dec. 10th

An Innerkip Tradition - Right down Blandford Street from the Corner Farm Market to Innerkip Presbyterian Church. The band was out in force to celebrate the final 2023 parade event. Even Father Christmas (aka Pipe Sergeant Charlie) showed up ready to march down the main street. Afterwards there was a celebratory supper at The Wing House. Thanks Pipers Don and Charlie for passing these photos on!



Time to Party – The Annual IPB Xmas Party

Everyone – members, learners, family members, and friends – were very excited that we could hold our “annual” December party this year. The last opportunity to do so was in 2019. We gathered at the band hall for a delicious meal prepared by Julie Cook and her team (Eat Your Heart Out). Of course no meal would be complete without haggis which some of our members assembled and prepared earlier in the week.

On the next few pages we will try to show you some of the highlights of the dinner, the awards presentations and our entertainment – games and music!





Piping in the head table, address to the haggis, guests, our catering staff



Band Awards

President Doug Glover and Mary Ellen Muterer organized the presentation of special awards to members.



PM Doug Collins presented **Most Improved Piper** award to **Ron Marshall**. (The Most Improved trophy is also presented in memory of a past bandmember who passed away in a traffic accident - The Donald McLeod Memorial trophy). As well Doug presented Ron with **The Clint Legacy Memorial Trophy** (highest mark in an individual piping competition at a highland game competition)



DM Gail MacKay presented **Wendy Marshall** with the **Most Improved Drummer** award. Wendy also competed at the Embro Highland Games in the tenor drum category.



President Doug Glover presented The **Bandsperson of the Year** to two deserving members who tied when the vote count was tallied. Congrats, to **Nancy Matthews** and **Doug Collins**.



Mary Ellen Muterer presented **Drum Major Gail MacKay** with his **70 year Membership** pin. Gail began drumming with the band on parade in 1957. What an achievement!

Since we had no opportunity to present membership pins over the last couple of years, there were several to present. Mary Ellen, our band records keeper, has been keeping track of all these accomplishments.

Jack Habkirk, who was unable to attend the dinner, was recognized for **45 Years** of being a member in 2022.



Winston Kooistra and **Ron Marshall** received their **15 year Membership** pins. Also mentioned was **Jane Watt** who was not present but also reached 15 years in 2022.



Claude Roach was presented his **5 Year Membership** pin by Mary Ellen.

Mary Ellen then moved on to the presentation of **Membership Award pins for 2021.**



Nancy Matthews, Lisa McPherson, Veronica Jackson, and Jerry Chevrier (not present) were given their **10 Year Membership** pins.



Christina Breen, Doug Turvey and Jim Armstrong received their **5 Year Membership** pins.

Last but not least, Mary Ellen then moved on to the presentation of **Membership Award pins for 2020.**



Joanne Muterer received her pin from her sister recognizing **35 Years** with the IPB. Wow!



Doug Glover was presented his **10 Year Membership** pin by Mary Ellen. Also recognized for 10 years was **Steve Shepherd** (who was absent due to surgery).

Honorable mention was made to **Bill Allen** who would have received his 55 years in 2020. (Bill passed away in October 2022)



Pictured above is Harold Matthews presenting **Christina Breen** with the coveted trophy for “**Making the Best Shot**” at the croquet tournament organized by Harold at the August IPB Picnic. (Even though it rained early in the day, and the Horseshoe Tournament had to be cancelled, the sun came out after supper and allowed the croquet tournament to be played).



President Doug explained that there was no recipient this year of the much esteemed **Cruiser Trophy** because everyone on parade behaved themselves and there were no significant errors that would have ranked up there to have warranted a band member's name to be engraved on this trophy. Maybe next year?!

Well done everyone on their personal achievements and thanks again, Mary Ellen for looking after the Awards part of our evening's entertainment.

Entertainment

First of all, a big thank you goes out to our canteen supervisor Doug Turvey and his assistant, Kevin MacKay for ensuring that we had several beverages to accompany our meal. During the course of the evening, we also had various types of entertainment – puzzles, games, red cup ping pong challenge, jokes and fantastic music.

What follows are a few photos of all the action –



Trying to get the grey cells clicking!



Puzzling!



On Stage Tonight!

Several of our members are very accomplished musicians on several other instruments besides the pipes and drums. Nancy acted as MC for this portion of the evening and introduced three of our group who demonstrated their vocal and guitar skills.



Claude Roach performed a couple of melodic songs for us on his amplified acoustic guitar.

Lana Coghill did a variety of songs, some sing-a-long for the audience, and she was ably accompanied by Winston Kooistra on his drum.

Charlie Thomson entertained us not only with some lovely tunes but also some very funny jokes.



Nancy acting as our MC Eliza having some fun and clapping along to the music with Veronica

A Travel Report from Pipe Sergeant Charlie and His Trip to Scotland

In our last issue, Charlie gave us a very interesting travel report about his time in the Hebrides. In this short essay he is giving us some insights about Largs where he also hung out in the fall.

“Largs, a brief history of a North Ayrshire seaside town”

Here is a short history of the town of Largs.

After my last article about my bicycle trip to Scotland, I mentioned that my trip started and ended in the town of Largs, I have been asked about the town so here is a brief history of this historic and desirable destination.

Largs is a town of 12,000 people, approximately 30 miles or 50 Kms from Glasgow and its ancient Gaelic name is " An Leargaidh " which means " the slopes"

Modern day Largs developed in the 17th century when Sir Robert Montgomery built the ancient Kirk (Church)

of Largs in 1636 but there is evidence of civilization in the area dating back to 3,000 B.C.

One of the more historical events to occur in the past was the Battle of Largs which took place between King Haakon Haakonson of Norway and Alexander III of Scotland in 1263 when King Alexander was only 23 years old.

The Norwegians were attempting to claim sovereignty and a fleet of about 160 Viking ships were moored just off Largs. On September 30th, during particularly stormy weather, several of these boats were driven ashore just south of Largs. On October 2nd when the Norwegians were trying to salvage their boats, the Scottish army, led by King Alexander III arrived. For several hours fierce fighting took place resulting in the Norwegians retreating to their moored vessels and eventually sailing off.

In 1912 a monument was built to commemorate the battle; this monument is a half scale replica

of a similar tower built in 1012-1100 at Brechin. These towers were built as bell towers, treasury or refuge as you may notice by the door's location approximately 10 ft off the ground. These refuge buildings were accessed by a retractable ladder.

The monument itself, known as the Pencil Monument, is 57 feet in height with a diameter of 10 ft at its base and 8ft at its top. The stone used for the tower is whinstone with the top part made from red sandstone. Each year in September Largs hosts a weeklong Viking Festival at the end of which a boat burning and firework display takes place.



During World War 2, the Hollywood Hotel was designated HMS Warren. A conference was held there between June 28th and July 2nd, 1943, under Lord Louis Mountbatten. It was known as the ' Field of the Cloth Gold" because of the number of high-ranking officers taking part. The decision that the invasion of Europe would take place in Normandy was made at this conference.

"Magnus the Viking": this Viking sculpture was created to commemorate the 750th, anniversary of the battle of Largs, and presented to the town in 2013. The giant statue is 16 feet (5 meters) tall and was named Magnus in honour of the first Patron of the Viking festival.

Largs doesn't have the fast-food outlets we are so used to here, but retains the traditional restaurants, tea rooms, pubs and fish and chip shops. Which just adds to the pleasant atmosphere of the town.



"Magnus the Viking"



Charlie and his brother, Malcolm, before Charlie did his cycling tour



Charlie and his nephew, Craig after the trip

In conclusion, I would just like to thank everyone for a successful 2022, and wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy prosperous New Year.

P/S Charlie

Reporting in on The Vanier Cup



On Saturday November 19 Catherine, myself, Aunti Jo, Anisley and Catherine's friends from North Bay, Elizabeth and John went to the Vanier Cup, the Canadian University National Championship Football game. Unfortunately, Western was not in the game, being eliminated by Laval in the Mitchell Bowl. We cheered for University of Saskatchewan instead. Both Saskatchewan and Laval had a lot of fans there. The game was a sellout, with extra stands brought in, although I think most of them were in the Beer Tent. The Football Gods smiled on us as the weather was 9 degrees and Sunny. Not like the -4 degrees and cloudy when Aunti-Jo and I went to the Mitchell Bowl in London.

It was a very good, exciting close game, but Laval eventually won 30 to 24 after being behind 17 to 4 at Halftime. – Doug G

IPB Hallowe'en Antics – Charlie of Course



Update on The Golspie Dairy

In October, Ron and Wendy Marshall invited IPB members and other friends to come and check out the progress that the new family run dairy business had made since our last report in April. Golspie Dairy, is a family farm and cheesemaker on the outskirts of Woodstock, and has installed a state-of-the-art milk vending machine at its new dairy processing plant. Marja DeBoer Marshall, Ron and Wendy's daughter-in-law, and their son, Laurence are the folks in charge of this venture. It was a fun afternoon seeing the impressive work that has gone on behind the storefront.



**UPDATE – GOLSPIE DAIRY opened on
Saturday December 18th!
Retail Hours: 10am-4pm
Self-Serve: 10am-8pm**



Chores. Chores and More Chores

Thankfully we have lots of band members, learners, family and friends to help out!



Missing from the action shots – window cleaners- Harold and Veronica

Farewell Time

Our Quartermaster Scott Munro is leaving the band as he has other things afoot. He and his wife Janie are building a home in Alberta where they will be much closer to their two sons.



Here is Scott's message to the IPB:

*"Hi everyone in the IPB family!
Well, we're all moved into our condo in Guelph and it seems like winter decided to show up as well!
I wanted to thank everyone for welcoming me to the family.
I remember walking in the front door of the hall and the first person I met was Nancy (the real Nancy, not the Naughty one) and she asked if I was here to pipe. When she found out I was a drummer, she told me that was ok and I was still allowed to come in. I felt right at home.
I can't believe it's almost 3 years since we played the gig at the Dickens for Robbie Burns night and then Covid hit and the rest is history.
I wanted to say a big thanks to all of you as it was great to get out and play with you.
What a great bunch.
Good luck with your busy upcoming schedule, stay warm and keep in touch!
Best regards,"
Scott Munro*

Good luck, Scott with the big move which we hear is happening in the spring of 2023. Keep us updated on how the new house build is going!

Oh my...Santa Massacre?

Doug G sent along the following Christmas theme pictures and story from London.



"As part of our Christmas lights, we have an eight foot tall inflatable lighted Santa. It is a fun thing that the neighbours on our one block street do. There are 14 Santas all down the street. Unfortunately during the day, when they are deflated, it looks like there was a Santa massacre."



Frosty Pipers & Drummers



Meanwhile, in Belmont, The Gales had a couple of musical magical snowmen on display (actually from 2021 but maybe more in 2023?)

Real Frosty Pipers & Drummers & A Potpourri of Items



Piper Catherine Stark on parade with her other band, Paris Port Dover on November 19th (same day as the Ingersoll Parade). Catherine is on the far left, third one back in the row. Smart cookie ... wearing her piping cape!



Christmas Party Haggis Makers – post clean-up - Mary-Ellen, Charlie, Doug C, Doug T and Gail. The haggis was delicious! Next up, haggis making in 2023 for The Robbie Burns' Supper.



And speaking of Burns' celebrations, one can never have too many scones (especially the delicious ones that Dorothy Longridge prepares and bakes)

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Fun pic sent on by Nancy! And the cartoon to the right, thanks, Merilee

Season's greetings



Some Christmas Bagpipe Humour!