



# About Town

Calling Out Around the World



Crier Dave Vollick meeting Her Honour Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, after a proclamation welcoming her to the Art Gallery of Burlington prior to her meeting with His Worship, Mayor Rick Goldring.



Bracebridge Town Crier Bruce Kruger at the Dorset Fire Fighter's Polar Plunge - Saturday, Feb 18th, 2017 at Lake of Bays, Muskoka. His granddaughter, Morgan Smith, is the flag bearer.



CANNING Nova Scotia - Details are coming together for an international town crier competition in the Annapolis Valley this September during Canada's 150th birthday celebrations.

Gary Long, official town crier of Berwick and Canning, is still looking for contributions from various municipal units, but he knows the town criers are keen to come.



Canberra, Australia's new town crier Joe McGrail-Batup has officially made his first cry. The hollering role was revived in 2011 for the first time since 1925 after a radio competition.

Mr McGrail-Bateup said he's looking forward to doing a cry at his 12-year-old daughter's school fete.

"I've been waiting for this moment since I knew about it in mid-December," he said.

"I've been practising with my daughter, and she'll go 'no dad, not right' and 'yeah that's good'."



Falmouth Town Crier, Gemma Garwood, has reached the finals of VisitEngland's Tourism Superstar 2017 competition and needs your vote to claim the coveted title.

She is one of ten finalists selected from nominations from across the country and as part of the competition, which is supported by The Mirror newspaper.  
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Nominated for the award by Visit Cornwall, Garwood, who at 32 is currently the youngest Town Crier in the UK, has been in the role since March 2016 and quite literally shouts Falmouth's praises while walking round the town making people smile.



Town Crier for Holland Michigan John Karsten proclaims:

"Search on the web..."international town crier day 10th July 2017".....I know it's a way off, but... SPREAD THE WORD...SPREAD THE WORD.....Thank you!"

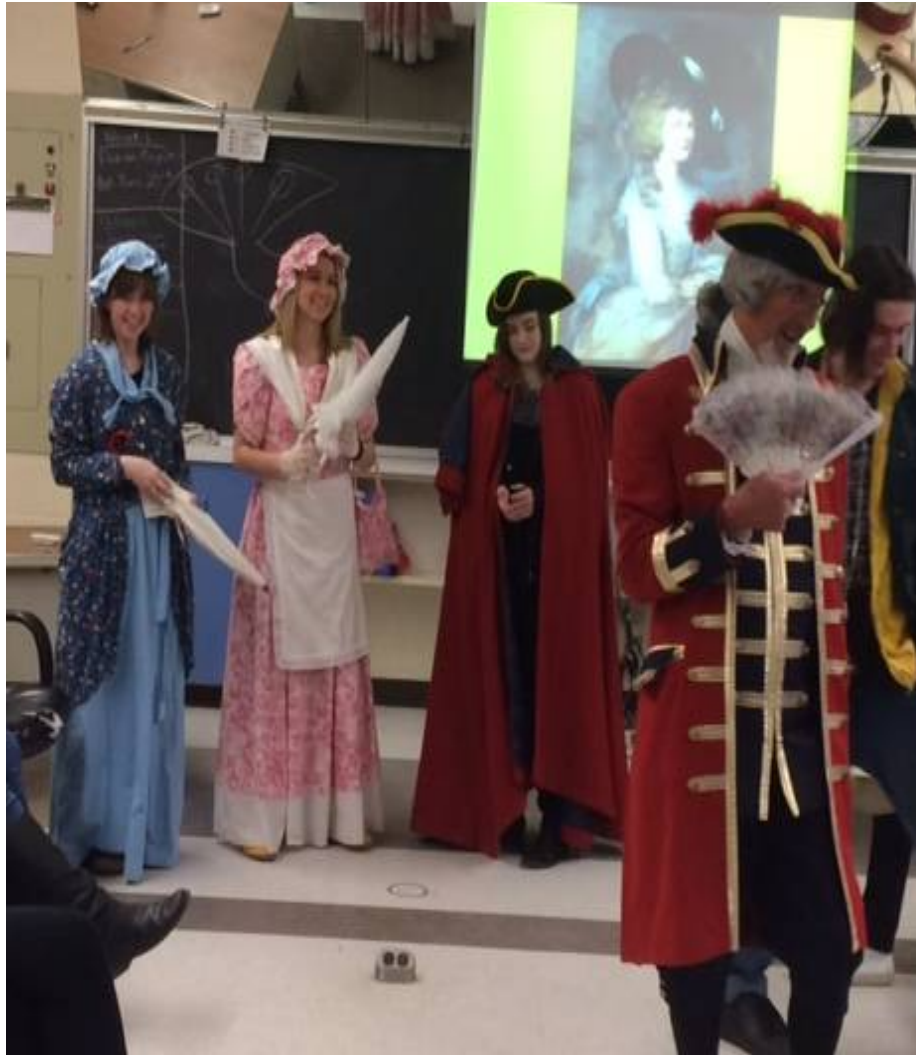


Port Colbourne Town Crier Tom Pekar, Lord Mayor Pat Darte and NOTL Canada 150 Committee member Dick Coyne join in the celebration at the cenotaph in Old Town as the clock strikes midnight for the arrival of 2017.





“Nine artists gathered at the Aurora Cultural Centre, part of the [Society of York Region Artists](#) event, to paint a portrait of a historically significant figure, of the Town Crier John Webster. John Webster was an interesting subject to start of with, unique character in unique decorum. And don’t forget the hat which does make him look like a town pirate, a few innocent comments I heard from children once. His stillness was perfect that day. Was he even breathing? On that day John Webster was a man of absolute stillness and silence, definitely contrasting his public appearance where he presents himself with elegance, rings the bell and loudly speaks during ceremonial openings.” - Living Aurora



Barrie Town Crier Steve Travers explaining to Barrie high school students how 18th Century women used their fans to communicate with each other. They had a secret code and could use their fans to communicate across the ballroom and tell each other what they were thinking, as often the orchestra was very loud and it was unseemly to walk through the dancers.

Criers Bruce Kruger of Bracebridge & MacGregor Tannahill  
(Bruce's grandson) escorted Warton Willie on Groundhog Day. I  
do believe an early spring was the prediction!



Remember Boys and Girls,  
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make his job easier by sending him your pictures, stories,  
and happenings!